

56th ANNUAL

Queen LAURA KETCHER

# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



May 10, 2003 Stilwell, Oklahoma





#### "We're Your Kind of Bank

Serving Adair County and Surrounding Areas
Since 1931



P.O. Box 512 Stilwell, OK 75960 (918) 696-7745 Member FDIC

#### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

I am honored to welcome you to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival. The first Strawberry Festival was held in May of 1948 and it has continued to be an annual event each year since that time.

On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Stilwell, I would like to thank the many participating organizations, the City of Stilwell, the Adair County Officials, and this year's corporate sponsors for the donations, hard work and assistance in making this years festival possible.

The festival is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and allows the club to raise money that is donated to youth activities in and around the community. The club takes great pride in making these donations and for your assistance and participation we again say thank you.

We hope that you enjoy the Strawberry Festival as much as we enjoy having you here. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the food, fun, entertainment, and fellowship.

Once again let me welcome you to our community and thank you for joining us in celebrating the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival.

Robert St. Pierre

Robert St. Pierre President, Stilwell Kiwanis

## Personnel Consultants

"Stilwell's Jumpin' Little Job Joint' For all your employment needs, stop by and see Christi and Debbie. You'll be glad you did!!!



116 West Division



Christi Griffin Stilwell, Ok. 918-696-5658

Debbie Hodges

Personnel Consultants
"Staffing With A Personel Touch"

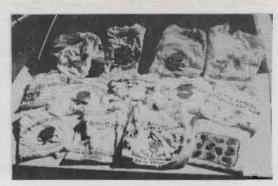
#### 2003 FESTIVAL BOOK DEDICATION



This years 56th Annual Strawberry Festival Booklet is dedicated to J. L. Hallford who has been a member of the Stilwell Kiwanis Club for the longest number of years of any present member.

J. L served as president of the club in 1968 and has devoted many hours thru the years to make the club's projects successful,

He runs in the 5-K "Run for the Berries" every year, In the picture to the right are the T-shirts he has received the last 13 years for participating in the run.



# Hart Funeral Home and Monument Company

Serving Adair & Cherokee Counties

Sam & Lisa Hart: Owners
Your only home-owned Funeral Home

Three Locations to serve you

TALEQAUH 456-8823 1506 N. GRAND (HWY 82 NORTH) STILWELL 696-6996 HWY 100 WEST

WESTVILLE 723-5422 MAIN &MARKET

#### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

56th ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, MAY 10, 2003

#### Wednesday - Saturday, May 7-10

The Miller Spectacular Carnival featuring exciting rides and midway games begins on Wednesday. Set up behind Cherokee Nation Industries at highway 59 north and 51 east, easy access and parking is available. All ages will find entertainment each night till Saturday's close at 11 p.m.

The Stilwell Roundup Club sponsors the Strawberry Festival Rodeo each night at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Rodeo Grounds located one mile north of town on Highway 59 north.

#### Saturday - May 10

7:00 a.m. Second Street is closed form the north end to highway

100 west on the south. Division Street is closed from First Street to Fourth Street. No cross traffic is allowed.

8:00 a.m. 5-K Run for the Berries (check in/start line at First

Christian Church on Second Street)

8:30 -- 10:00 a.m. Local Entertainment at the Bandstand on Division and

Second Street

10:00 a.m. Strawberry Festival Parade on Second Street (9 a.m.

check-in on north end at Ed's Auto)

Following the parade the queen coronation ceremonies will be held at the bandstand.

12:00 -- 1:45 p.m. Entertainment: - Pake McEntire

2:00 p.m. Awards and Auctioning of the Champion Berry

Growers

After Berry Auction Friends of Library quilt will be Auctioned

3:00 p.m. Free servings of Strawberries and Ice Cream

Local Entertainment

All Day—Arts and Crafts booths open on Division Street and surrounding areas. Food booths and various other venders all around town. Horseshoe throwing contest at 3rd and Olive St. – 3 on 3 basketball at Division and 3rd St. – Pow Wow at Maryetta School grounds – Carnival – Quilting Contest.

Evening- All School reunion, Stilwell High School - Rodeo - Strawberry Ball

#### - CORPORATE SPONSORS -

Duff Thompson DBA Arkansas Valley Petroleum R&B Sales, Inc. Lakeshore food Systems, Inc. J & L Motors Whalo

## STILWELL KIWANIS CLUB 2002-2003 OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

ROBERT ST. PIERRE, President

ROBERT CRITTENDEN, Vice President

JIM PANTER, Secretary

CHARLES CROZIER, Treasurer

#### **KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS**

Larry Adair
Alan Adams
Betty Barker
Liz Brown
Drew Carson
Jim Carson
Lynn Carson
Chad Catron
Sean Catron
Reggy Cox

Robert Crittenden

Stanley Crittenden
Charles Crozier
Robert Crozier
Mike Doublehead
Jimmy Eubanks
Marty Green
J. L. Hallford
Gary Johnson
Ralph Keen
Hiram McFarland
John McPhail

Jim Panter
Larry Rowan
Gary Snowden
Robert St. Pierre
Mike Taffer
David West
Mike West
Mike Wininger
Roger Wood

#### **AAA Abstract**

Welcome to Stilwell!

118 West Olive Street

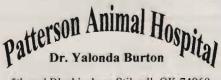
Phone (918) 696-2770

#### Amedisys Home Health Care offers services such as:

- > Skilled Nursing
- > Home Health Aides
- Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy
- > Social Workers



(918) 696-4666



5th and Blackjack — Stilwell, OK 74960

(918) 696-5867



Small & Large Animals Medicine & Surgery Available After Hours



Nancy Garrett Insurance

Farmers Insurance 118 W. Olive Street Stilwell, OK

(918) 696-3371

#### 2002 Strawberry Festival Queen

Miss Breanna Walker served as the 2002 Strawberry Festival Queen. She is the daughter of Greg and Dian Walker and the granddaughter of Bill and Pat Eaton and Jim and Sally Walker. Breanna is a senior at Stilwell High School.

Breanna will be graduating as valedictorian of the senior class. She is also very actively involved in numerous clubs and organizations at Stilwell. This year Breanna was President of the Junior Arvest Leadership Board, President of Fellowship of Christian Students, Vice-President of the Senior Class, Vice-President of Student Council and the editor of the yearbook. She was recently chosen for the President's Leadership Class at Northeastern State University where she will be attending this fall.

Breanna has enjoyed her reign as the Strawberry Festival Queen and hopes that she has made a positive contribution to her community. It has been a life time experience she will never forget.



#### Stilwell Pharmacy Photo Lab

696-2500 -- Stilwell, OK

#### Stilwell Lumber Co.

309 S. 2nd 696-7058 -- Stilwell, OK

#### L. Elizabeth Brown

Associate District Judge Adair County Courthouse Stilwell, OK - Ph. (918) 696-2356

#### **Christian Family Bookstore**

Gerald & Sue Coleman 696-3841 -- Stilwell, OK

#### **Adair Computers**

308 W. Locust - (918) 696-4941 Stilwell, OK

#### **Sooner Supply**

306 W. Locust 696-6011 -- Stilwell, OK

#### **2003 Strawberry Queen Contestants**



AMANDA CHAIR



MELINDA BLACK



ANDREA DOYLE



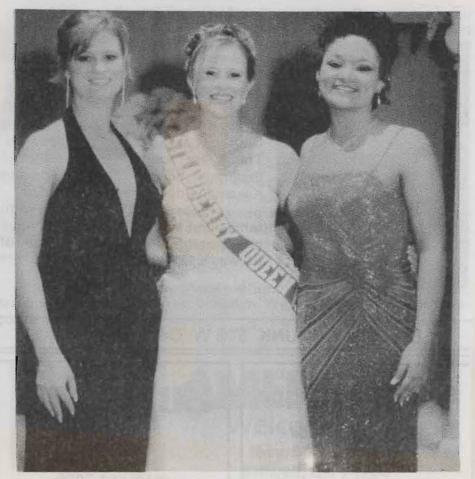
CARRIE MORTON



**BOBBIE PACK** 

-6-

#### **2003 FESTIVAL QUEEN**



Strawberry Festival Royalty (left to right) Andrea Doyle, 1st runnerup, Queen Laura Ketcher, and Amanda Chair, 2nd runner-up



#### Strawberry Ball

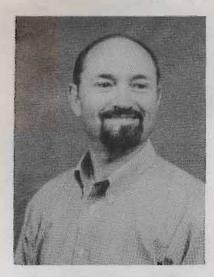
Stilwell Community Building
422 West Poplar
Saturday,, May 10
8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

## Stilwell Smoke Shop

117½ W. Cedar 696-5096 Stilwell, OK

#### WELCOME!

From Reggy Cox, Mayor of Stilwell



On Behalf of the City Council, I welcome you to the 56 Annual Strawberry Festival. I hope you have a great day.

I am personally, very proud of the efforts of the Stilwell Kiwanis Club in making this event possible. There are many, many activities that must be coordinated, and the Kiwanians do a great job of it.

Please enjoy the day with family and friends. I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy some of Stilwell's Strawberries.

Reggy

DR. BILLY BRUNK 816 W. Cedar - Stilwell

#### **Shelter Insurance**

116 North Second Stilwell, OK

Larry, Bryan, and Patrick O'Neal

## Superior

104 S. 2nd Stilwell, OK 74960 (918) 696-7075 1-800-528-7487

# **Doherty Bonding Company**696-3398

Rick, Suzanne Callie & Jacie
Doherty

## Carson Loan & Investment

110 West Division Stilwell, OK 74960

Phone (918) 696-2222

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**



The featured entertainment on the bandstand for the 56th Strawberry Festival is Pake McEntire, former RCA recording artist, who has toured the United States and parts of Canada since the early 1970's, landing three Top-Twenty hits on billboard's Country Charts) "Savin' My Love For You", "Every Night", and "Bad Love").

He has performed at rodeos, fairs, stage shows, and dances of all kinds. Pake has an easy going attitude, which has earned him repeated shows throughout the country. Pake is also a fiddle player and loves real country songs with a

lot of good, easy listening country ballads.

As a PRCA cowboy, Pake has won at rodeos such as Prescott, Arizona; Stephenville, Texas; Sheridan, Wyoming; and Pendleton, Oregon to name a few.





Before the festival each year the Queen and representatives of the Kiwanis Club and community travel to Oklahoma City to present berries at the Capital.



#### **Golden Services**

Certified Electrician 696-3747 -- Stilwell, OK

#### **Stilwell Pharmacy**

202 S. 2nd 696-2500 -- Stilwell, OK

#### Henningsen Cold Storage

696-4642 Stilwell, OK

#### Fletcher's Hardware

122 W. Division 696-7500 -- Stilwell, OK

#### State Farm Insurance

Larry Strauss -- 696-4114 114 W. Division -- Stilwell, OK

## WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL

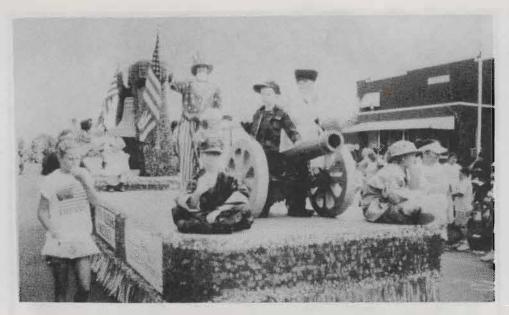
## WELCOME

to the
56th ANNUAL
STILWELL
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



The ADAIR Family

Jerry and Anesa Hooper — Jan, Carter, and Larry Adair Sydney and Kelsey Hooper



**Bank of Commerce Float** 

#### 2002 FESTIVAL PARADE

It was a beautiful day for a parade! Thousands of onlookers enjoyed the 55th Annual Strawberry Festival Parade on May 11, 2002. Miss Breanna Walker was crowned as queen of the festival.

Awards in the floats categories were:

Open Class:

1st, Bank of Commerce; 2nd, Cherokee Nation Industries; and 3rd, Arvest Bank.

#### Stilwell Tag Office

Sue Coleman 696-3841

#### J & J's Special Tees & Embroidery

13 West Division St. – Stilwell, OK (918) 696-5089

#### Reed's Hardware Co.

21 W. Division - Stilwell, OK 696-2131

#### **East Park Diner**

Highway 51 East 696-4522 -- Stilwell, OK

Everything Nice -- Stilwell Flowes 200 South 2nd 696-2606 -- 696-2250 Stilwell, OK

#### **Feeders Supply**

12 West Oak 696-7322 -- Stilwell, OK

#### MORE PARADE-

Religious Class:

1st, Mulberry Tree Baptist; 2nd, Fourkiller Baptist; and 3rd New Life Church;

Civic Class:

1st, Memorial Hospital; 2nd Wilma Mankiller Clinic; and 3rd, Stilwell Nursing Home.



FCCLA National Administrator of 2002 SHS Principal Roger Kester with FCCLA state president Laura Ketcher and Brad Doublehead FCCLA N.E. Dist. president



U.S. Congressman Brad Carson rode on the Kiwanis Club's float.



Jack Hanlin Cingular Wireless Representative

REASOR'S

xcingular-

**Authorized Wireless Agent** 

918-431-3740

2001 S. Muskogee Tahlequah, Ok 74464

#### PHYSICIANS' CLINIC

1401 West Locust – Suite 102 Stilwell, OK 74960 Phone (918) 696-4065

-RESIDENT PHYSICIANS-

L. Phil Keeter, M.D.

**Family Practice** 

Magdalena Santos, M.D. Board Certified Internal Medicine

Krisztina Balazs, M.D. Board Certified Pediatrics

Wojceich Dulowski, M.D. Board Certified Family Practice

**Jeff L. Jenkins, M.D.**Board Certified Family Practice
Psychiatry

Chris Del seebs D.O.

Chris DeLoache, D.O.
Orthopedic Surgeon

Henry S. Hewes, D.O. Board Certified Surgery



Sales - Management - Appraisals

Ted Eversoll, Broker
Lou Ann Eversoll, Sales
D. Darlene Knight, Sales
P.O. Box 227 • 17 West Division
Stilwell, OK 74960
Ph.: 918-696-2990 • Fx.: 918-696-2999

web-site: www.intellex. com/~teversoll/



Courthouse Basement Stilwell, OK 74960-0702 (910) 696-2253 - Fax (918) 797-2137 E-mail: osuadair@intellex.com

#### **WAL MART**

400 W. Locust Stilwell, OK 74960

## MOUNTAIN VIEW MEAT CO., INC.

WHOLESALE MEAT "Home of the Famous Hot Link"



Rt. 1 Stilwell, OK 74960 (918) 696-7393 1 (800) 284-4553



CLIFF PHELPS President

#### **2003 PRINCE & PRINCESS**



The Strawberry Festival Prince and Princess Royalty for 2003 are as follows: (left to right) FIRST RUNNER-UP— Bode Shackelford and Tabitha Diane Fishinghawk. 2003 PRINCESS— Maegan Fletcher. 2003 PRICE— Logan Brack McPhail. SECOND RUNNER-UP— Dustin Berrman and Haley Baldridge.

## MORTON & MORTON LAW OFFICE

221 W. Division – Stilwell, OK (918) 696-7956

#### C - C Loan

Mr. B's Shopping Center Stilwell, OK Ph. 696-7061



#### 25 Years of Honest Public Service!

You Can Count On

#### Joe Crittenden

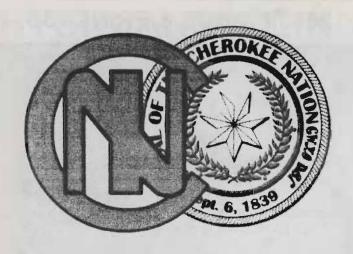
**District 2 Cherokee Council** 



Vote May 24

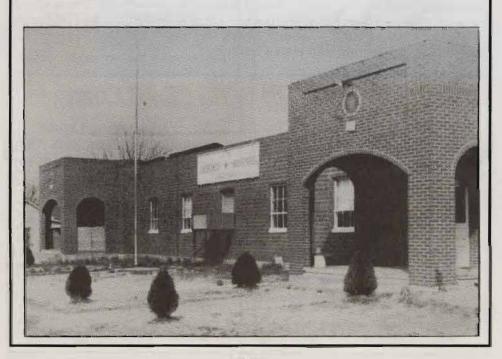
(918) 778-3404 Rt. 3 Box 2363 Stilwell, OK 74960 http://joecrittenden.com email:joe@joecrittenden.com





### **Cherokee Nation Industries**

-Since 1969 -



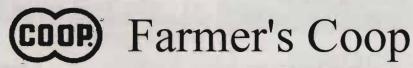
#### **Stilwell Area Chamber of Commerce**

Would like to welcome everyone to the 56th Annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival



#### 2003-2004 Chamber Board of Directors

(L-R) Back— Gary Johnson, Mike Doublehead, David West, Nancy Farrier, Jim Panter, Charles Crozier, Marty Green, Lynn Carson, Renee Fite. Front— Marla Harmon, Liz Brown, Diane Kelley, Barbara Martens, Betty Barker.



Phone 696-2773 Hwy. 59 North - Stilwell, OK

#### Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home

"Continuing A Tradition of Quality Service Since 1913"

404 S. Williams St. Westville, OK (918) 723-5438

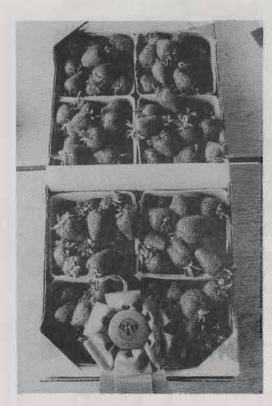


801 West Locust Hwy. 100 West Stilwell, OK (918) 696-2136

**Roberts Monuments Since 1978** 

David W. Roberts — Directors — Sheldon L Miggletto

#### STRAWBERRY AUCTION



The prize-winning crate of strawberries was entered by Adair County Orchard of Stilwell and purchased by Bank of Commerce for \$4200 during the auction at the 2002 Strawberry Festival.

The second place berries, grown by Dave Guevera, brought \$3,500 from Mrs. Smith's Bakery.

Other results were:

Third Place — Bairds Farm purchased for \$3,000 by the Armstrong Bank

Fourth Place — Bobby & Jane Doyle, purchased for \$2,800 by Rowan IGA.

Fifth Place — Harold Brannon, purchased for \$2,100 by Mrs. Smith's Bakery.

The money raised by the auction is split between the growers and the Kiwanis Club. The club uses part of the money for summer youth sports, and the Fourth of July fireworks show.

Auctioneers for the event were Robert Crozier, Hugh Means and Jerry Means.

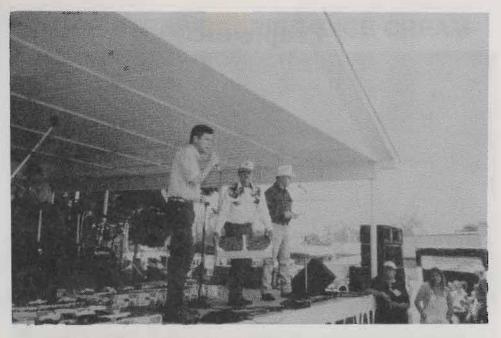
#### Keep RALPH KEEN, JR.

- Experienced Attorney, Writer and Educator
- **▶** Leader In Tribal Constitutional Reform
- Proud Cherokee and Proven Leadership

For More - Visit Our Website At keenforcouncil.com

District 2 GWY Council - May 24th, 2003
"Thank You For Your Support"





Prize-winning Strawberries are auctioned to the highest bidder from the bandstand by Hugh and Jerry Means at the 2002 Stilwell Strawberry Festival.

#### Lloyd E. Cole, Jr.

Attorney At Law



120 West Division Stilwell, OK 74960 Phone (918) 696-7331 Fax (918) 696-2070

E-mail: colelaw@intellex.com

## Carson & Crozier Insurance

102 West Division Stilwell, OK Phone (918) 696-7191



Mr. B's Shopping Center Stilwell, OK (918) 696-3560

## **Family Dentistry**



"We specialize in smiles"

(918)-696-2542

R. Stephen Jones D.D.S., P.C. Bobby Crittenden D.D.S.

#### People Inc.

#### "People Helping People"

205 South JT Stites, Sallisaw, Oklahoma 74955

PHILLIP RHOADES
Chief Executive Officer

**Telephone**(918) 775-7787
(918) 775-7787 Workshop
(918) 696-6900 Behavioral Health

#### Advantage Case Management Certified CARF Accredited

"People Inc.'s mission is to provide quality community based habitative and rehabilitative services to individuals in need through counseling, edcation and advocacy."

People Inc. provides services in Adair County as follows:

#### **Sheltered Workshop**

Employment services for people with developmental disabilities ages 16 and over that allow the individual to engage in meaningful work or participate in training activities, which are age appropriate, and work related.

#### **Job Coaching Services**

For individuals who aspire to work in community employment. A trained job coach assists in obtaining and maintaining community employment.

#### **Residential Services**

A residential program for people with developmental disabilities. Services include home staffing, transportation, room and board as well as a vast array of recreation and leisure opportunities. This enables the individual to lead healthy, independent and productive lives to the fullest extent possible.

#### **Youth Services**

Offers individual, group and family counseling to youth and families who demonstrate a need for assistance in adjusting to current life circumstances.

#### **Outpatient Counseling**

To promote the health and well being of persons as they confront challenging issues in their lives.

#### **Substance Abuse Counseling**

Provides screening and assessment, counseling, and relapse prevention services to adolescents and adults who are experiencing issues caused by substance abuse or dependence.

#### FREE STRAWBERRIES & ICE CREAM



#### HARRIS LAW OFFICE

David Harris - Barrett Harris Attorneys and Counselors at Law

401 West Division Stilwell, OK 74960 Phone (918) 696-4725 Fax (918) 696-4735 harrislawofficepc@yahoo.com

#### First United Methodist



4 North 3rd P.O. Box 206 Stilwell, OK 74960-0206 Office (918) 696-2484 Home (918) 696-2438 ROGER R. WOOD Pastor

Sharpe's
DEPARTMENT

312 W. Locust Stilwell, OK 74960 (918) 696-7176



STORES #16

#### **MOVE IN SPECIAL!**

First Full Month Rent Free, \$250 Cash & Up To \$250 Moving Expenses A Community for every senior having attained the age of 62 years or older.

#### STILWELL SENIOR HOUSING

400 North 8th Street, Stilwell, OK
(918) 696-3050 or toll free (866)-652-8885
"Must qualify & take occupancy by May 31,
2003, moving expenses reimbursed with paid
receipt, must meet low to moderate income
guidelines

.0

#### **QUILT WILL BE AUCTIONED**

The Friends of the Stilwell Public Library will sell at public auction a red, white and blue patriotic quilt at the bandstand following the

berry auction. The proceeds will go to the Library Building Fund. The quilt was pieced by Martha Gore and Georgia Allen, it was machine quilted by Tina Ketcher.

The officers and organizers of the Friends of the Public Library are: Virgie Starr, Co-President and Barbara Wininger, Co-President; Barbara Wininger, Treasurer; Gail Lee, Secretary;



Barbara Wininger (left) and Virgie Starr (right)
\displays quilt in front of log cabin

Martha Gore, Alternate Secretary. All Donations Welcome!

#### **Means Furniture**

"Welcome to the Strawberry Festival"

3227 S. Muskogee \* Tahlequah, OK

Hwy. 59 North Stilwell, OK LAW OFFICE

Joe D. Adair & Associates, P.C.

400 West Division Street Stilwell, OK

Phone (918) 696-2172 Fax (918) 696-5616 Wagoner Office: (918) 485-2889

## The Muffler Shop & Machine Shop

2909 Hwy. 59 North — Stilwell, OK (918) 696-5312 — 696-3963

Complete Brake Service
Computer Wheel Alignments
Motor Rebuilding
—OPEN—

Monday – Friday — 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat. — 8 a.m. – 12 noon

#### Robert St. Pierre C.P.A.

1113 N. Second Stilwell, OK Phone 696-4983

Fax 696-4867 stpierre64@yahoo.com

#### **POSTER WINNER**

Rachael Megli, fifth grade art student at Maryetta School, is pictured with her 2003 Trash Poster, "Keep Oklahoma Berry Clean!". Rachael placed second out of 13,745 entries in the statewide contest.



# STARR MOTOR COMPANY



Your Local Ford
Dealer
601 South Second
Stilwell, OK
696-2274



# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL CARNIVAL

Wednesday thru Saturday
May thru 10

Highway 59 North, Stilwell Sponsored by: Stilwell Kiwanis Club

## WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHT PAY ONE PRICE RIDES

Midway by MILLER SPECTACULAR SHOWS, INC.

## East Side Abstract Co.

Bill & Linda Langley and Staff

207 West Division St.

Stilwell, OK (918) 696-7644

## STILWELL KCS DEPOT RESTORATION PROJECT



Would you like to have your name written in stone? You can pay tribute to or memorialize your family, a class, etc. by purchasing an engraved brick for the Adair County Historical & Genealogical Assn. (\$35 for family, \$50 for a business or an organization). Inscription is 3 lines with 14 spaces in each line. Bricks will be laid as

walkways around the Kansas City Southern Depot.

Proceeds will be used to operate the Depot when restoration is completed. For more information contact Betty Barker, Rt. 6 Box 1070, Stilwell

(phone 696-7577), Jan Lockard, Rt. 2 Box 235, Stilwell (phone 696-2038) or Virgie Starr (phone 696-2749).

Members of Historical & Genealogical Assn. will be taking orders Strawberry Festival Day at the Chamber of Commerce information booth.









## **Smay's Ace Hardware**

209 North Second Street Stilwell, OK



(918) 696-2124



#### **ALL SCHOOL REUNION!!**

Stilwell High School -- Doss Stilwell Cafeteria May 10, 2003

#### **PROGRAM**

6:30 P.M. Registration, Refreshments and General Assembly

7:00 p.m. Welcome

Special Recognition for:

- -Former Teachers
- -Eldest Graduate
- -Farthest Traveled

Outstanding Alumnus and Outstanding Alumna Awards

Scholarships

Announcements and Closing Remarks

#### **OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS**

MARION E. BAYLES, III

Marion E. Bayles, III has returned to Stilwell as the Superintendent of Stilwell Public Schools. He is married to Tracy Bayles, an educator and partner in their con-

sulting firm, Quality educational Services, Inc, Marion is the proud father of two sons, Marion E. "Chip" Bayles, IV and Steven Wesley Bayles, and two stepchildren, Ryan and Katie Watkins. He has six grandchildren Kyle, Corey, Jordan, Austin, and twins Blake and Brooke.

Marion has accomplished many things in his life, and attributes this to his growing up in the small town setting of Stilwell. This being one of the many reasons he wanted to give back to the community some part of what he had received.

Marion was born December 1944 to Marion E. Bayles, Jr. and Lucille Ogden Bayles in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Only a few short months later, March 1945, Marion's father was killed in action serving in the 78th Infantry Division in Roitzheim, Germany at the age of 25. Marion's mother, Lucille, older brother, Larry, and Marion stayed with Lucille's parents, Roy and Desta Ogden, in Stilwell, later moving to the little white house on West Chestnut. Lucille now resides in the Chalk Bluff

Community on the Ogden Family Farm.

At the young age of 5, Marion started school at Stilwell elementary in Mrs. Culbertson's first grade class. Throughout his school years in Stilwell, he was very active in football, basketball, baseball, track and fine arts. He was President of both Junior and Senior Class, an All-State Football Player, attended Boys State. and graduated in

the top of his class in May 1962 from Stilwell High School. According to Marion, "Growing up in Stilwell was genuine; a simple, uncomplicated time, where you listened to the St. Louis Cardinals on the radio, swam at Baron Fork Creek, hauled hay for Grandpa Ogden, worked at the canning company, delivered the "Stilwell Democrat Journal" on my bike-the "city route", went to the Eagle Theatre on Saturday morning to watch the serials, walked the tracks to Starr Community to Uncle Leo's house to milk, and drank Orange Crush and ate bologna sandwiches at Ogden's Cash Store."

Marion also met his first love, the late Sharon Kay Stevens, at Stilwell High School on a hayride to Piney Community. He and Sharon later married in May 1963 while he was attending the University of Oklahoma on a football scholarship. As a letterman for the Sooners, Marion played under the legendary coach, Bud Wilkerson. He later transferred to Northeastern State University and majored in education graduation with a Bachelor of science in Secondary Education and was

named "Outstanding Defensive Back" for NSU Redmen.

Marion took his first teaching job with Checotah Public Schools where he coached several different sports and taught high school Social studies. Marion, Sharon, and Chip moved to Tahlequah where Marion taught and coached at Tahlequah High School while returning to NSU to receive his Masters Degree in Counseling. Steve, the newest addition to the Bayles' Family was born, and the Bayles later moved to Coffeyville, Kansas, to continue Marion's career as an educator. After one year in Kansas, Marion and family returned to Stilwell where he worked at the Director of special education for all of Adair County. He continued his career over the next 28 years in such places as Fairbanks, Alaska, Bixby, Oklahoma and Las Vagas, Nevada. Marion worked in the Bixby School system for many years as teacher, coach, and counselor, as well as both building and district administrator, all the while continuing his education at Oklahoma State University with more than 40 hours of post-graduate work.

After retiring from Bixby in 1998, he and wife, Tracy moved to Nevada where Marion worked for Special Operations Associates as a Security Specialist/Command Post supervisor on assignments such as guarding celebrities and government officials, including former President Bill Clinton. Marion's 10 years of experience as a Reserve Deputy for the Tulsa County Sheriff's Department opened many opportunities for him after his retirement from education. He is a licensed private investigator, and CLEET certified who has served on numerous committees and panels such as the Governor's community Response to Crime. Marion was also a driver for the presiden-

tial motorcade of Former President George Bush, Sr.

Marion's wish during his senior year of high school was to become a jet pilot. However, life took him in a different direction, but his interest in flying never stopped. His interest was once again sparked when living in Fairbanks, Alaska. He often went flying with friends while on hunting and fishing trips in the wilderness. Throughout his life, Marion has never stopped pursuing education whether it be formal or informal. Lifelong learning is vital to him. He achieved his goal of becoming a pilot in 1979 and worked as a private pilot for a Tulsa-based company during a break from his career in education.

Throughout his lifetime, Marion has won many awards and accolades, served on committees too numerous to list, and belongs to many professional organizations, but to him one of his greatest "award memories" was receiving the award for "Best Decorated Bicycle" in the Stilwel Strawberry Parade! Marion never takes things too seriously. He enjoys life and is a man who is a true role model for the young men of Adair County. After leaving education for retirement, he found himself lonesome for the "kids". Now after all these years, he is proud to be back to his his hometown of Stilwell in hopes that he can make a difference to at least one young man or young woman the way former Stilwell High School football coach, Frank Mobra, did for him.

<b>Adair County Assessor</b>	Adair County Clerk
Rhonda Pritchett	Carrie Philpott
696-2012	696-7198
Adair County Treasurer	Adair County Court Clerk
Janice Brewer	Shawna Baird
696-7551	696-7633

#### STRAWBERRY JAM

#### 3 on 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

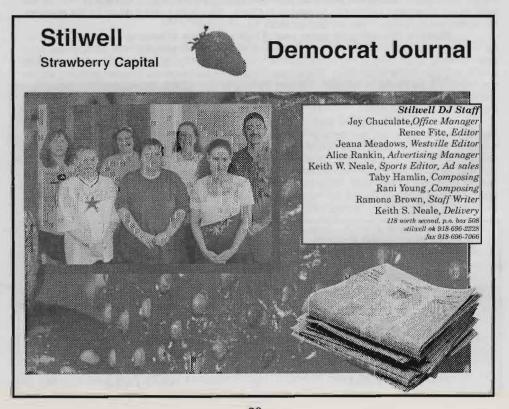
SATURDAY, MAY 10 —6 Brackets—
MEN— 12 & under, 13 to 16, 17 on up
WOMEN— 12 & under, 13 to 16, 17 on up
3 to 5 people per team
For More information contact:
Sean Catron at 696-5393 or Chad Catron at 696-4200

#### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL HORSESHOE CONTEST

SATURDAY, MAY 10 Sign-up – 8:30 Located the corner of Third and Olive Streets (Across form the Methodist Church) For information call Gary at 696-7241 or 696-2016

#### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 5-K RUN

SATURDAY, MAY 10 Race Starts at 8:00 a.m. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, at 2nd & Pine Streets Standard USATF Age Divisions
For more information contact Lynn Carson, (918) 696-5711







O-si-yo,

The Cherokee Nation is honored to be a part of the Stilwell Strawberry Festival. Each Spring, this event brings friends, families and communities together. It's a chance to see old friends, make new ones and, most importantly, sample some servings of strawberries and ice cream. I know that the elected leaders of the Cherokee Nation look forward to this event, and we are happy to be a part of the Festival this year.

Wa-do,

Chad Smith Principal Chief



JACKIE BOB MARTIN

COUNCIL MEMBERS DIST. 2



RALPH KEEN, JR.

#### 7th Annual STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL POW WOW

Friday and Saturday, May 9 & 10 at MARYETTA SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD On Highway 59 north of Stilwell

**CONTEST: 8 Adult Categories** 

1st place \$100.00 - 2nd place \$75.00 - 3rd place \$50.00

SPECIAL CATEGORY:

Mens Grass 1st \$300.00 - 2nd \$200.00 - 3rd \$100.00

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** 

Friday, May 9

Pow Wow Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Grand Entry at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

Pow Wow Starts at 2:00 p.m.

Grand Entry at 2:00 p.m.

and 7:00 p.m.

Juniors can contest with adults- must be in two grand entries and remain in full regalia for prize money.

—ADMISSION IS FREE— Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs All Welcome — No Alcohol or Drugs



Fruits, Vegetables and Plants

Stilwell, OK (918) 696-7850

#### STONEY POINT MACHINE

(918) 696-6090

MANUFACTURING FARM EQUIPMENT

WHOLESALE — RETAIL

Disc Mower Caddies

Land Rollers

Hay Unrollers

**Pasture Aerators** 

**Box Blades** 



The people who run
Ozarks Electric
all come from the
same place.
Here.



Ozarks Electric Cooperative Corporation

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



## Rowan

Hometown People - Hometown Store Hometown Proud

Our Family, Serving Your Family Since 1973



610 N 2nd 696-3350

7 A.M. - 10 P.M. 7 Day A Week

#### L & L Printing

For all your printing needs!

(918) 696-6366

117 West Division - Stilwell, OK 74960



#### J & L Motors

JASON HENSON, owners
—We Finance—

"Will Trade For Anything"
JASON HENSON, Manager
Lot Location: 206 SOUTH SECOND STREET

Mailing: P.O. Box 72 STILWELL, OK 74960 Phone: (918) 696-3363 Fax: (918) 696-3362

### WELCOME

Stilwell
Strawberry Festival
Principal Chief
Candidate

L. S. (Little Snow)
FIELDS

# A Tradition of Quality Care Since 1977

#### Medical/Surgical Acute Hospital

- 24 Hour Emergency Room
- Home Health Services
- Orthopedics
- Obstetrics
- Outpatient Clinics— Cardiology, Urology, Vascular, Thoracic Surgery, Orthopedics, Pulmonary
- Respiratory Therapy
- Same Day Outpatient Surgery
- CT
- Physical Therapy



HIGHWAY 100 WEST / STILWELL, OK

696-3101

We've Joined

#### AMERICA'S PROMISE

THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH





We're pulling our weight in Stilwell . . . join us in the pursuit of bright futures for our youth!



We're All About YOU!

In Stilwell:

501 S. Second St. 918-696-5711 armstrongbank.com

Member FDIC

