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61st Annual Strawberry Festival

Stilwell, Oklahoma - May 10, 2008



Strawberry Festival Queen - Miss Tawnie Goodwin



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Matt Hoyt

President's Welcome



WELCOME! I would like to thank you for attending the 61st Annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival. Its humble beginning started in 1948 and had a parade only one block long. The festival has grown into one of the oldest held in Oklahoma. Without the dedication of everyone involved, this festival could not have lasted as long.

The Festival's time honored tradition was started by our chartered members to help promote the strawberry growers in our area as well benefit the youth in our community. They liked the idea that "Kiwanis" was an Indian name meaning WE SERVE. The current members of the Stilwell Kiwanis Club continue to SERVE this community.

By supporting the Stilwell Strawberry Festival, it allows the Stilwell Kiwanis to support the community. This is done by donating to the youth of today. In turn, they become the adults of tomorrow, who support the youth of the future.

On behalf of the Stilwell Kiwanis, I would like to thank everyone who makes the Strawberry Festival successful: The City of Stilwell and employees, the Cherokee Nation, Adair County officials and employees, the people, businesses of Stilwell and the surrounding communities. I would be remiss if I did not thank the Strawberry Growers who provide the world-famous Adair County strawberries. Without them, there would not be a festival.

Eat, Drink and Be Merry. Again, THANK YOU for attending the 61st Annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival.

Matt Hoyt
President, Stilwell Kiwanis

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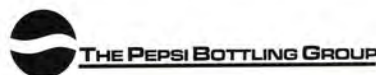
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If you have any problems, just ask any of the Stilwell Kiwanis Club or any employee of the City of Stilwell and we will be glad to help!

We do hope your visit here will be enjoyable and invite you to visit us *any time* during the coming year!

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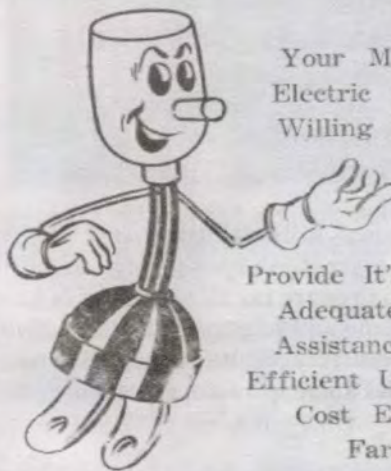
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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Stilwell Strawberry Festival, one of Oklahoma's greatest outdoor festivals and an annual tradition that is not to be missed.

Besides being one of the tastiest festivals of the year, the Strawberry Festival is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy Oklahoma's amazing spring weather and a chance for the whole community to gather for good times and good food.

I want to thank all those who make this festival possible. Every year it's bigger and better than the year before. I hope you and your family enjoy this year's Stilwell Strawberry Festival

Sincerely,

Brad Henry

Brad Henry
Governor



Miss Tawnie Goodwin

Queen - Miss Tawnie Goodwin is a seventeen year old junior at Stilwell High School. Some of Tawnie's favorite activities include attending rodeos with her dad and barrel racing with her horse "Cowboy", playing fast pitch softball in the fall, and golfing. Tawnie attends Stilwell's New Life Church where she plays the piano on Wednesday nights, and enjoys other church activities such as volleyball and paint ball games. Scholastically, she is in the top ten percent of her class. For her talent segment in the contest Tawnie performed a hip-hop dance to a Michael Jackson mix - she was the first Strawberry Queen to moonwalk!

"I am sincerely honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve as the 2008 Strawberry Festival Queen. Being an ambassador for Stilwell is a serious responsibility. I do not take the task lightly and I promise to represent my community, and my family, with enthusiasm and dignity. This community, and the people that live here, have given me so much and I look forward to the opportunity to give back. I am so excited about the year to come - this is an experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life."

Tawnie is the daughter of Michael "Doc" and Lela Goodwin, the granddaughter of Leon and Pat Goodwin of Stilwell and Dan and Rita Allen of Tahlequah.

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2008 Festival Royalty



Sarah Jacobs

Sarah Jacobs, 1st runner-up, age 17. Parents Brenda and Randy Jacobs, she is a Junior at Stilwell High School. Activities: SHS Dance Team, SHS Cheerleader for 3 years, Fellowship of Christian Students, Girl Scout for 11 years. Sarah has earned the Silver Award, the second highest award that can be earned with the Girl Scouts Organization. Plans to attend college to pursue a career in public relations or veterinary medicine. Talent: Jazz Dance - "Sing, Sing, Sing".

Brittany Crittenden

Brittany Crittenden, 2nd runner-up, age 17. Daughter of Mitch Crittenden and Donna Ledford is a Stilwell High School senior. She is a member: SHS Dance Team, Service and Leadership class, Cross-country track team. ARVEST Junior board - Board Queen and Youth group activities at New Life Church. Future plans: Attend Northeastern State University for undergraduate work-University of Oklahoma for a doctorate in obstetrics and gynecology. Talent: Lyrical- "Freeze".



Special thanks:

Melinda McGee, Pageant Director
Nikki Knight, Pageant Co-Director
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Left to right: 1st runners up:

Kiya Blossom and Kevin Lance Guthrie
Zoe Nicole Beaumont-Scudder, Princess
and Austin Lane Cox, Prince.

2nd runners up:

Gary Cooper and Marie Vejar



Strawberry Prince & Princess

1982 Amie Guffey & James Ex
1983 Heather Stilwell & Shane Garrett
1984 Deana Louise Martinez & Jason Kelly
1985 Joshua Eubanks & Lee Ann Mahaney
1986 Chad Jackson & Dala Dyan Kelley
1987 Kelley O'Neal & Timothy Nettles
1988 Susan Hill & Patrick O'Neal
1989 Matthew Terrell & Melissa Dawn Henson
1990 Jamie Lou Owen & Christopher (Cody) Willis
1991 Robin Owen & Travis Jon Thomas
1992 Jennifer Kookken & Joshua Kuykendall
1993 Holly Crittenden & Nicholas Pfeiler
1994 Tandy Ritchie & Zachary Taylor
1995 Tamara Thirsty & Caleb Taylor
1997 Cody Lee Killer
1999 Taylor Garrett & Landon Decker
2000 Hailey Cochran & Micah Hatchett
2001 Gabrielle Hope Bolin & Benjamin Scrapper
2002 Breydon Hammer & Kaitlyn O'neal
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May 10, 1958 in Stilwell, Oklahoma was the ONLY place to be. That was the date the Stilwell Kiwanis Club, under the leadership of its capable and multi-talented President D. C. (Tobe) O'Neal, set for its 11th Annual Strawberry Festival.

Perhaps those of you old enough to have been here that day will enjoy taking a second look at and remembering a few of that day's events and compare them to what you see unfolding here today.

Maybe, once again, you will appreciate the efforts and hard work of those community leaders of fifty years ago. Most of them have gone on to their eternal awards and tossed the torch of leadership to a group of younger men and women that make up the roster of today's Kiwanis Club. They and many other civic minded men and women of other civic organizations are cooperating together to make our community an even better and more inviting place to spend a day of celebration.

That festival morning fifty years ago dawned clear and bright. It was a good omen for the spirited fun filled day that lay ahead. Colbert Starr had been chosen as Parade Marshall. He and his committee had assembled an impressive number of floats, bands, numerous other entries and, of course, an array of horse back riders to thrill the estimated crowd of 12,000 people gathered along both side of the parade route.

The Kiwanis Club of 1958, sponsors of the festival, was composed of the following 30 civic-minded individuals:

D. C. O'Neal, President	John Hedges, First Vice-President
James DeJarnatt, Second Vice President	Norman Bond, Secretary-Treasurer
Berry Ferguson, Immediate Past President	Joe Carson, Past LT. Governor

Members:
 Bill Leatherwood, Gene Gray, Roy Wayne Worsham, Lloyd Cole, Jack Barham
 Jack Holt, Rev. G. H. Crittenden, Dr. James Dawson, Kenneth Carleton
 Dr. Burge Green, Claude Todd, Kenneth Rains, C. D. Mangus, Wade Zumwalt
 Dr. John Carson, Colbert Starr, Norvel Henley, Barnes P emberton, Cliff Hudgins
 Julius Thomas, Rev. Hal Noble, Clint Thomas, James Woolsey, Bill Tom Harper

At 10 A. M. President, O'Neal, speaking from the Bandstand on the courthouse lawn, gave the welcome address. He then served as his own Master of Ceremonies being ably assisted by Dr. James Dawson, who served as Program Chairman. Together they identified each and every parade entrant as they passed in review before the Bandstand, giving a brief resume of each and leading the deserved applause they received.

Immediately following the parade, Enoch Estep sang the National Anthem and Rev. Hal Nobel, minister of the First Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

The crowning of the Strawberry Queen by Dr. Harold Garrison, Lieutenant-Governor Division XXI, Texas-Oklahoma District, Kiwanis International was next. The crowd cheered wildly as he placed the coveted crown on the head of the lovely Miss Delois Nofire as the reigning Queen of the 1958 festival.

Following the coronation, the formal program began with a twenty-five minute presentation by the Scamps, a Novelty Band. Next on stage was the Knight Trio consisting of Barbara, Patsy and Jerry Joe. They sang several songs to the delight of the crowd.

Ronnie Young of Grove, Oklahoma, next presented Dance and Song specialties. Bud Carrione and Boys, (known as the Rhythm Kings) presented a fifteen-minute performance.

The Oakies and the Singerettes of Grove, Oklahoma, under the direction of Elsie Smith were the next act to follow.

Kenneth Thompson and Sue Ritchie were introduced and sang several solos. Jimmie Summy of Westville, Oklahoma presented a comedy routine next. This act delighted the crowd. A girls trio made up of Beverly Johnson, Sue and Sandy Houseburg sang several numbers and a Drill team known as the Norse Stars, from Northeastern A& M Junior College, Miami, Oklahoma completed the days entertainment.

All of the attractions and entertainment were centered at the Bandstand that day except for the judging of the berries. They were on exhibit across the street from the Bandstand. (Carlos Brannon's berries won first prize, Wren Worley's entry was judged to be in 2nd place and Charles Dewalt's was given 3rd place)

The Berry entries were then carried across the street to the Bandstand for the Auction that followed. The amount of prize money received by the grower or the price paid for the prize berries could not be found in any records available

Immediately following the auction of the berries, the serving of free strawberries and ice cream began in the middle of Division Street just north of the Bandstand and the line of eager recipients reached almost to the Bank of Commerce building several blocks to the east. I am afraid there were many blouses and shirts stained by the juicy strawberries and ice cream that became soft in the warm afternoon sun. However, an equal number of happy sunburned faces were in evidence by the end of the day

That night, it seemed that nearly everyone stayed over and attended the Rodeo sponsored by the Stilwell Roundup Club at the local arena north of town.

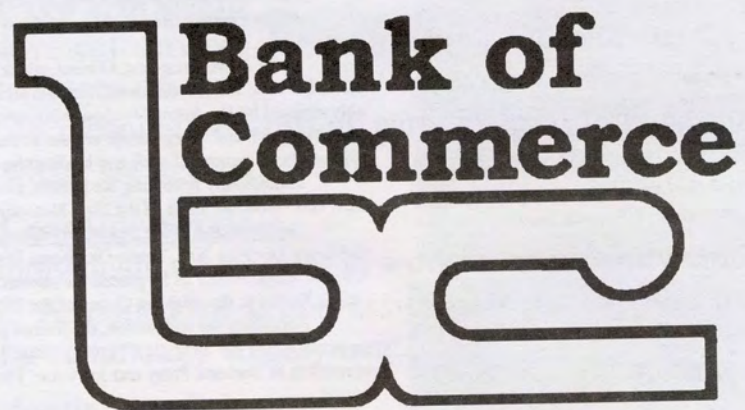
Some interesting facts about the city of Stilwell and surrounding area were noted in the festival booklet of that year. The KCS Railroad through Stilwell provided services direct to New Orleans, Kansas City and Port Arthur, Texas. Bus transportation was furnished by the Cookson Hills Stages with headquarters in Stilwell.

Overlooking Stilwell from the top of Davis Mountain east of town a 30 foot cross was erected and lighted each night. It was a symbol of the religious spirit of this area.

And, Oh, yes it was noted that Stilwell had no city tax.

By J.L. Hallford

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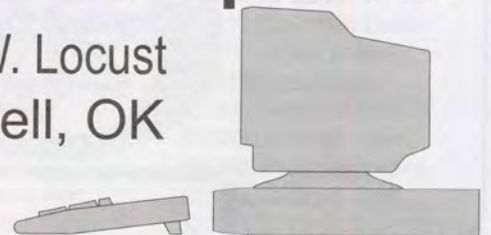
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3rd	James Family	\$ 1,700.00	Bank of Commerce
4th	Andrew Cain	\$ 1,600.00	Armstrong Bank
5th	Harold Brannon	\$ 1,700.00	Armstrong Bank



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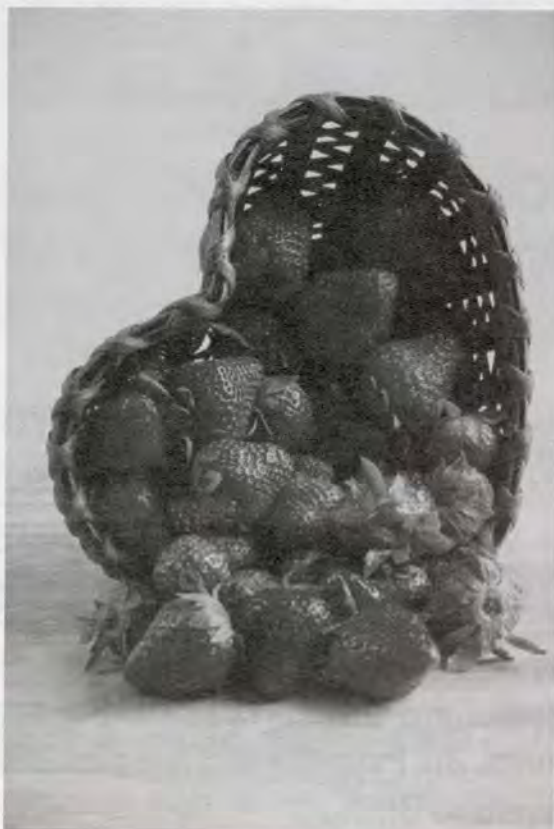


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The festival records indicate that competition among the growers was always present but it was not until 1957 that the festival booklet lists the name of the winner in the berry judging. It was not until 1961 that a winner is given, the amount the prize berries brought and who purchase the prize-winning berries was found.

Year	Winner	Price by whom
1957	Carlos Brannon	No record
1958	Carlos Brannon	No record
1959	No record	
1960	No record	
1961	Earl Woodward	\$145.00 -??
1962	W.E. Luethje	\$150.00 -??
1963	Edward Wolf	No record
1964	Edward Wolf	\$150.00-Vanderherden Oil
1965	No record	
1966	Willie Means	\$300.00-Vanderherden Oil
1967	Bob Cain	\$305.00-Stilwell Canning
1968	No record	
1969	Jack Wright	\$350.00-no record
1970	Bruce Wheeler	\$350.00-Stilwell Foods
1971	Leonard Baird	\$375.00-Stilwell Foods
1972	Leonard Baird	\$400.00-Stilwell Foods
1973	Gene Brannon	\$400.00-Stilwell Foods
1974	Leonard Baird	\$400.00-Stilwell Foods
1975	Leonard Baird	\$400.00-Stilwell Foods
1976	Johnny Auffet	\$675.00-James Leake
1977	Gene & Harold Brannon	\$1,025.00-James Leake
1978	O.D. Hooper & Son	\$1,350.00-James Leake
1979	Robert Bennett	\$-???-James Leake
1980	O.D. Hooper & Son	\$3,100-Razor Clam
1981	Boyd Holiman	\$3,600.00-Razor Clam
1982	O.D. Hooper & Son	\$3,000.00-Razor Clam
1983	Bill Auffet	\$2,750.00-James Leake
1984	O.D. Hooper & Son	\$2,500.00-Big B. Deli
1985	Andrew Cain & Sons	\$2,900.00-bank of Commerce
1986	Andrew Cain & Sons	\$2,150.00-Big B. Deli
1987	Homer Hignite	\$2,000.00-Reasor's Foods
1988	O.D. Hooper	\$1,250.00-Stilwell Foods
1989	Baird's Stoney Point Farms	\$2,000.00-Bank of Commerce
1990	Darryl Lockard	\$2,100.00-Bank of Commerce
1991	Darryl Lockard	\$2,800.00-Bank of Commerce
1992	Darryl Lockard	\$3,000.00-Bank of Commerce
1993	Harold Brannon	\$-?- Only Crate Shown
1994	Leonard Baird	\$2,200.00-Bank of Commerce
1995	John Auffet	\$4,700.00-Vian State Bank
1996	Leonard Baird	\$4,500.00-Bank of Commerce
1997	Daryl Lockard	\$5,000.00-Bank of Commerce
1998	John Auffet	\$4,800.00-Armstrong Bank
1999	Dave Guevara	\$4,500.00-Stilwell Foods
2000	James Family Farm	\$5,000.00-Mrs. Smith's
2001	Baird's Stoney Point Farm	\$4,000.00-Armstrong Bank
2002	Adair County Orchard	\$4,200.00-Bank of Commerce
2003	Adair County Orchard	\$4,050.00-Rowan's IGA
2004	Adair County Orchard	\$3,000.00-Armstrong Bank
2005	Adair county Orchard	\$3,500.00-Royal Filter, Inc.
2006	James Family Farm	\$2,700.00-Bank of Commerce
2007	Baird's Stoney Point Farm	\$2,600.00-Armstrong Bank

Featured Entertainment



HAZZARD

Refreshing indeed. With help from powerhouse band, Hazzard, singer/songwriter Dana Hazzard pens the final chapter of Yellow House history with unsurpassed maturity, insight, and that old-school country groove. A familiar face from the Stillwater-based abode that was once home to Red Dirt music demi-gods Cody Canada, Jason Boland, and Stoney LaRue, this one-time Straggler's recent effort with bandmates Mark LeMond (acoustic guitar), Christian Dean (lead & rhythm guitar), Matt Murphy (bass), and Jamie Dotson (drums) makes a welcome u-turn to country music's roots with thought-provoking lyrics, masterful melodies, and solid-gold harmony.

Instrumentation

Dana Hazzard - lead vocals, fiddle, lead and rhythm guitar

Mark LeMond - acoustic guitar, harmony vocals

Christian Dean - lead and rhythm guitar, harmony vocals

Matt Murphy - bass, harmony vocals

Jamie Dotson - drums, harmony vocals

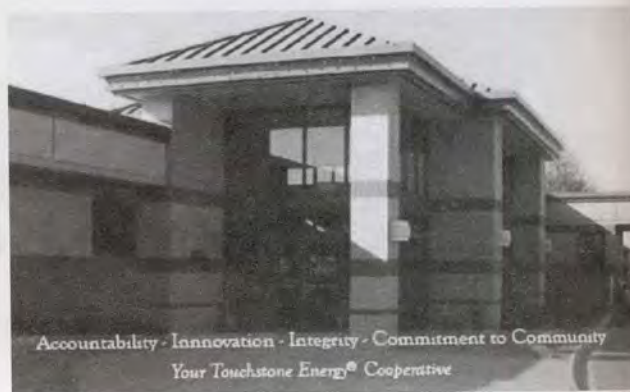
Discography LP:

Choices (January 2008)

Produced by Tommy Detamore and co-produced by Jason Boland at Cherry Ridge Studio, Floresville, Texas



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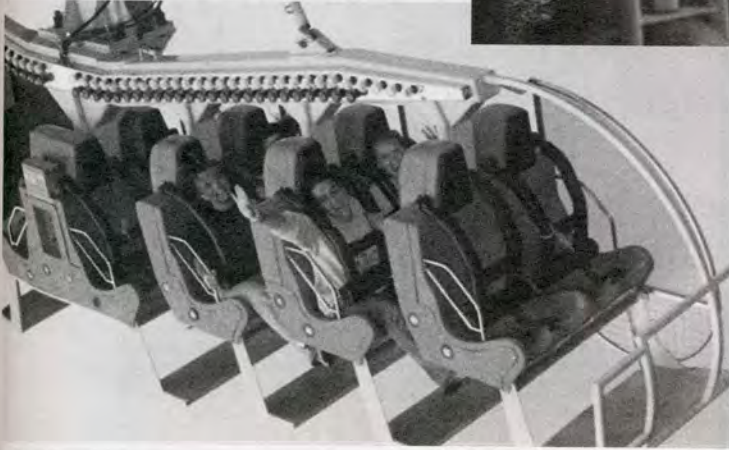


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Below: Ca. 1916: J.R. Reed (on left) and Lowery M. Reed (on right), grandfather and father of Quentin M. and Welch E. (Gene) Reed



In the early 1900s, J.R. Reed started a business located on the property where the Bank of Commerce is now located, selling, according to the sign on the windows, "Dry Goods, Groceries, and Ladies' and Gents Shoes". Others in the business with him were his son, Lowery M. Reed and his wife, Sarah, and B.F. (Fay) Reed and his wife, Lillus.

Mr. J.R. Reed was a successful and prosperous businessman and pioneer in the early days of Stilwell. He was president of the First National Bank of Stilwell, chartered in 1911.

About 1932 Lowery M. Reed, C.J. Carson and R.L. Reese bought the Rogers Hardware & Furniture Company from W.M. Rogers. It was located across the street from the J.R. Reed business. They renamed the store Reed-Carson Hardware & Furniture Company and sold groceries, furniture, and John Deere farm equipment. The John Deere farm equipment was shipped from St. Louis, and some were shipped in "pool cars" with Lewis Brothers in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

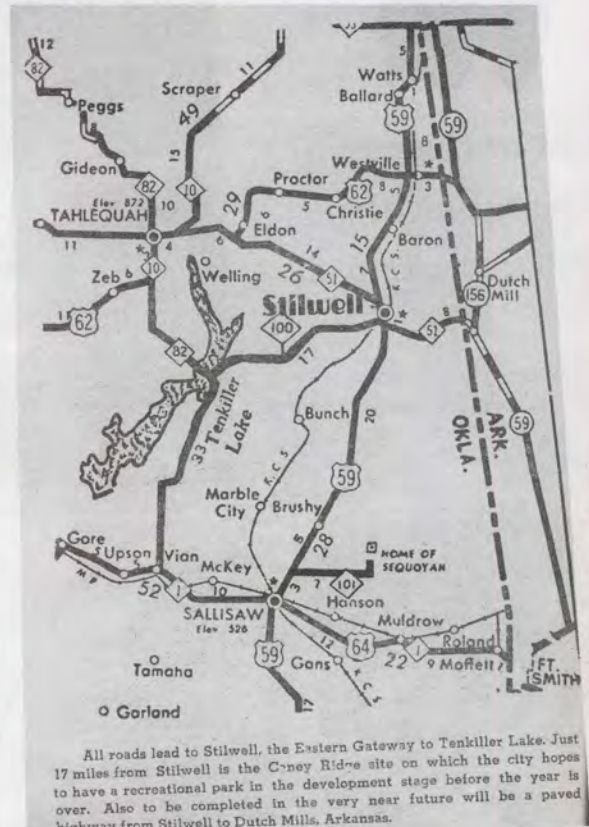
After Lowery's death in 1934 until 1946 Sarah Reed, C.J. Carson, and B.F. Reed were partners in the business. Slogans for the hardware store were "Buy your hardware from a Hardware Store — the House of Quality Merchandise for Farm & Home" and "Quality remains long after the price is forgotten". Working in the business with Sarah Reed were B.F. and Lillus Reed, parents of Emma Dean Panter.

After returning from service in 1946 Quentin M. and Welch E. (Gene) Reed bought C.J. Carson's part of the business. The name was changed to Reed's Hardware & Furniture Company with Sarah Reed Bragg and her two sons as partners. After Sarah's death, Quentin Reed, Jr. became a partner.

Today Reed's Hardware is a franchised Servistar Dealer, selling plumbing, electrical supplies, hardware, paint, and floor covering.

None of the success that Reed's Hardware has enjoyed in the past would have been possible without the help and support of B.F. Reed, Ross Reed, and Leonard Poor.

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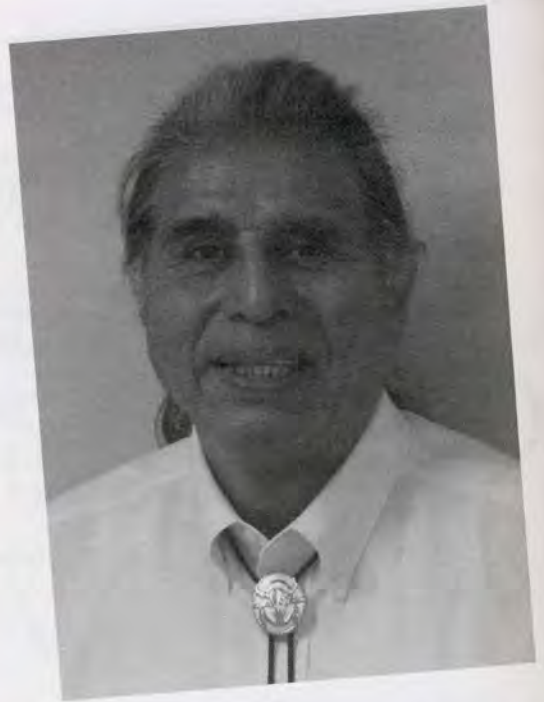
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Stilwell High School Outstanding Male Alumni

Charlie Soap



Charlie Soap was born on March 25, 1945 to Florence and Watt Soap, both full-blood, bilingual Cherokees.

Charles has overcome many challenges to become one of the most respected Cherokee men of our time. One of the first major challenges he faced was enrolling in Zion School as a Cherokee speaker who did not speak any English. Many years later, that boy who entered first grade without any English skills at all earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Northeastern State University.

Charlie has always been a multi-talented person with many different interests. During his years at Stilwell High School, Charlie excelled at sports, especially basketball. Larry Adair, the former Oklahoma Speaker of the House, who was a couple of years behind Charlie in high school said, "It was a joy to watch Charlie play basketball. He could jump very gracefully, like a deer. And he was an aggressive and focused player." Charlie's coaches became his advocates and mentors and helped steer him toward high education.

He has traveled extensively to visit community development projects and indigenous communities in Brazil, Suriname, South Africa, New Zealand and China as well as several sites in the United States.

Charlie is an accomplished community development practitioner and organizer who received numerous awards for his work, including the Common Cause Public Service Achievement Award, and two National Certificates of Merit from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. His unique skills and work is the subject of an upcoming feature film entitled, "The Cherokee Word for Water," and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is considering an international initiative in self-help and community development based primarily on the early community development work of Charlie Soap.

Working principally in Cherokee communities, he has developed an array of organizations and services, ranging from self-help housing and water systems to walking trails for people with diabetes. Among other accomplishments, he helped traditional Cherokee artisans, including elderly basket makers, form an arts and crafts cooperative. He is currently employed as a Community Services Department Group Leader (Executive Director) with the Cherokee Nation. This position allows him to use his problem solving skills to assist a great many individuals as well as communities in resolving longstanding problems with basic infrastructure like housing and water. Over the course of more than two decades of community development work in rural communities, Mr. Soap has developed some unique methods for organizing communities and helping them remain focused on their goals.

Besides his work in Cherokee communities, Mr. Soap also worked with business, education and political leaders to found the Boys and Girls Club of Tahlequah and served as its founding director. Under Mr. Soap's leadership, the Club initiated a comprehensive summer enrichment program and working with Tahlequah Public Schools developed the first after-school programs in the school system which now serves hundreds of students each year. The collaboration between the Boys and Girls Club and the Tahlequah Public Schools has served as a national model.

Mr. Soap served as the Oklahoma Area Director of the Christian Children's Fund. During his seven year tenure at the Christian Children's Fund, he oversaw the transition of the program from issuance of clothing vouchers to community-based development projects. At one point, he oversaw more than forty separate community-based projects.

Charlie served in the United States Navy from 1965-1969, and received an honorable discharge.

He has presented lectures on community development at Cornell University, Arizona State University Law School, the University of Maryland, Tufts University, Indiana University, Mayo Clinic, and numerous other venues. He is also a skilled photographer who eventually hopes to publish a book of his photographs. Charlie is the coordinator of the Cherokee Holiday annual pow-wow and has been a fancy war dancer for over thirty years. He loves the outdoors and is an avid golfer and loves to ride horses when he has the chance. Charlie Soap resides in rural Adair County Oklahoma with his wife, Wilma Mankiller.

Stilwell High School Outstanding Female Alumni Allene M. Watkins

Allene was the oldest of five children born to Thomas and Cora Means. She grew up in the Spade Mountain Community and began her education at the small country school of Rabbit Trap. After graduating from the eighth grade there, she attended Stilwell High School. Because of a lack of transportation, she stayed with an elderly woman who lived in town so she could more easily attend school. In the spring of 1945, she graduated from Stilwell, and in the following fall, entered Northeastern State College (now University). Gaining experience in perseverance and independence, she stayed in the dormitory and worked in the cafeteria to pay expenses. Allene was the first in her family to attend college and paved the way for her brothers and sister.

After a full year and a summer at Northeastern, she obtained an emergency certificate to teach in 1946. Because of World War II, teachers were scarce. She went back to her home community to teach at Rabbit Trap for sixty-five dollars a month. She transported students to school in her own vehicle. Besides her regular duties of providing instruction and being a classroom custodian, some of her other "duties" as a teacher were trimming hair and pulling baby teeth. She spent nineteen years at Rabbit Trap. Some of her previous students still call to visit or check on her because of her influence on their lives.

Country schools were consolidated and many schools were left empty, so she took a position at Cave Springs Elementary for two years. She then went to Stilwell, working in a special reading program. From there, she went to Maryetta where she remained until retirement in 1983, which gave her a total of thirty-six years as an educator.

Allene had attended Northeastern during much of her teaching career, receiving a B.S. and Master's Degree and later a certificate in learning disabilities. In 1973, she was honored as "Adair County Teacher of the Year" and also received a certificate for "Outstanding Teacher of the Year." When asked about her accomplishments, she replied, "My greatest honor was having taught the children and seeing many of them go on to higher fields in education and have successful careers."

In 1950, Allene married Waco Watkins. He drove a butane truck for many years, and together they worked on their small farm, raising chickens. They had three daughters, Rhonda, Rita and Mary Ann. Rhonda and Rita are teachers and Mary Ann has a position at a local bank.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren complete the picture. Because of various health problems, including Alzheimer's disease, Waco lived the last four years of his life in a nursing home. Allene was faithful to spend time with him every day until he passed away in 1997.



Up until the last few years, she stayed very active as a volunteer in the Stilwell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, shopping and helping to stock the gift shop as well as working as the shop clerk at least one day a week. She has also held various offices in her community Home Extension Club and the Retired Teachers Organization. She has been active in her church work, and to this day, if a church member receives a birthday, anniversary, or get-well card, her distinctive penmanship is recognized.

Greatness may often be measured by a person's bank account, the amount of material possessions acquired, or objects named for that person. However, the real strength of a family, a community, or a country is measured by the quality and integrity of the every-day person who gets the job done to the best of his/her ability; who contributes in such a way to make the world a better place. Allene has no great wealth or possessions; she doesn't even have a street or special day named for her, but her true greatness is in her dedication and compassion to her students, her family, her friends, and her community. It has only been in the past several years that her pace has significantly slowed. This is due to a battle with cancer. However, though some days may be particularly difficult and her outlook may get a little cloudy, Allene's overall resolution holds on. She still enjoys a witty sense of humor; she still takes pleasure in the grand and great-grandchildren; she still makes delicious cornbread; she still helps wherever and whenever she can. She perseveres.



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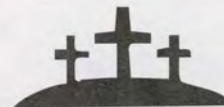
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61st Annual Strawberry Festival Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY -SATURDAY

The Miller Spectacular Carnival will be set up on Highway 59 North.

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2008

Strawberry Day at the Capitol

THURSDAY, May 8, 2008

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Adair County Street Dance on the Courthouse Square.
DJ and concession - Everyone is Invited.

FRIDAY, May 9, 2008

8:00 p.m.

Stilwell Roundup Club sponsors the Strawberry Festival Rodeo. The rodeo grounds are one mile north of Stilwell on Highway 59.

SATURDAY, May 10, 2008

7:00 a.m.

Second street from North end to Highway 100 West will be closed & Division Street from First Street to Fourth Street will be closed. NO THRU TRAFFIC.

7:30 a.m.

5-K Run for the Berries: Check in will be on Second Street, North of IGA.

8:00 a.m.

Farmers market at the Public Library. Market will be At 8 a.m. every Saturday and Wednesday through October.

8:00 a.m.

Horseshoe Throwing Contest at 3rd & Olive.

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Stilwell High School Reflections Show Choir
Middle School Choir will be performing on the bandstand.

9:00 a.m. -
10:00 a.m.

Stilwell Community Choir performing at the Bandstand.

9:00 a.m.

Parade Check in begins at Ed's Auto Parts, 1020 N. Second Street.

10:00 a.m.

Strawberry Festival Parade on Second Street

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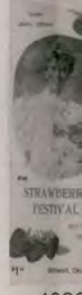
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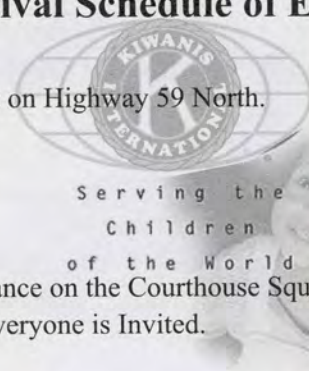
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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE: THE 2008 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL QUEEN TAWNIE GOODWIN WILL BE CROWNED AT THE BANDSTAND & PARADE WINNERS WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED.

12:00 - 1:45 p.m. Live Entertainment at the Bandstand: Hazzard

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adair County Depot will be open for visitors.

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

2:00 p.m. Annual Strawberry Festival Pow Wow at the Larry Adair building at the Adair State Park.

3:00 p.m. Free Strawberries and Ice Cream will be served courtesy of the Stilwell Kiwanis, Schwan's, Rowan's IGA and Hiland Dairies.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Live Entertainment at the Bandstand: Paul's Mission

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Live Entertainment at the Bandstand: Powerhouse Church

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Live Entertainment at the Bandstand will be Tick Fever

6:30 p.m. All School Reunion at the High School

8:00 p.m. Stilwell Roundup Club presents the Strawberry Festival Rodeo. Rodeo Queen Coronation and drawing for the ATV. Rodeo grounds are one mile north of Stilwell on Highway 59 north.

ALL DAY: Arts and crafts booths will be open on Division street and surrounding areas. Food booths and merchandise vendors will also be open.



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MASTER OF CEREMONIES: TOBE O'NEAL, Stilwell, Oklahoma	10:00 A. M.
PARADE—Marshal, Colbert Starr	
National Anthem Enoch Estep	11:00 A. M.
Invocation Hal Noble, Minister First Methodist Church	11:03 A. M.
Crowning of the Strawberry Queen for 1958 Dr. Harrell E. Garrison, Lieutenant-Governor Division XXI, Texas-Oklahoma District, Kiwanis International	11:05 A. M.
Welcome Address Tobe O'Neal, President Stilwell Kiwanis	11:10 A. M.
Novelty Band The Scamps	11:15 A. M.
The Knight Trio Patsy, Barbara, and Jerry Knight	11:40 A. M.
Dance and Song Specialties Ronnie Young, Grove, Okla.	11:50 A. M.
Rhythm Kings Bud Carrione and Boys	12:05 P. M.
Solo Kenneth Thompson	12:20 P. M.
The Oakies Elsie Smith, Director, Grove, Okla.	12:30 P. M.

STILWELL'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL May 10, 1958 PROGRAM

Solo Sue Ritchie	12:50 P. M.
The Singerettes Elsie Smith, Director, Grove, Okla.	12:55 P. M.
Comedy Act Jimmy Summy, Westville, Okla.	1:10 P. M.
Girl's Trio Beverly Johnson, Sandy Houseberg, and Sue Houseberg	1:30 P. M.
Norse Stars Drill Team, Northeastern A&M Junior College, Miami, Oklahoma	1:40 P. M.
Awards	2:00 P. M.
Strawberry Auction	2:15 P. M.
Free Servings of Strawberries and Ice Cream	3:00 P. M.
Rodeo Adair County Round-Up Club	8:00 P. M.
Flower Show at Cox Hotel Rose Garden Club and Gladiola Garden Club	All Day

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The total acreage of these combined growers could not have been more than ten to fifteen acres all combined and the only market for these early growers was the market afforded by the local stores.

The first strawberry growers of the Stilwell district were: J. W. Auffet, W. Lewis and Mr. Sapp and the variety of berries grown at that time were the Klondyke and the Aroma varieties. J. W. Auffet was the larger grower and was also the first from this district to ship and propagate plants for sale and may well be given the title of the Pioneer Promoter of the Strawberry

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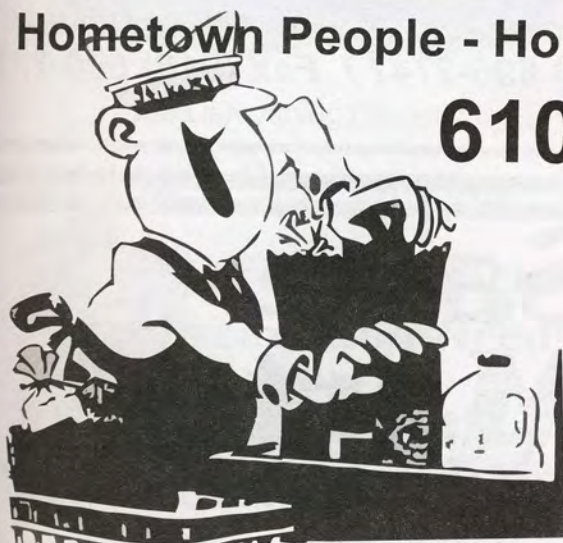
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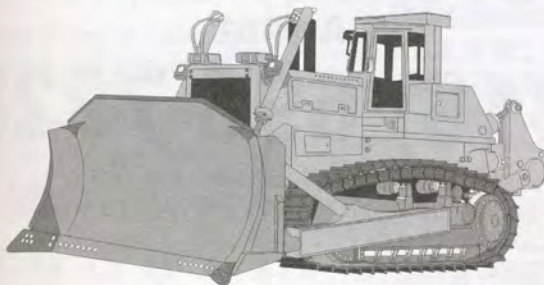
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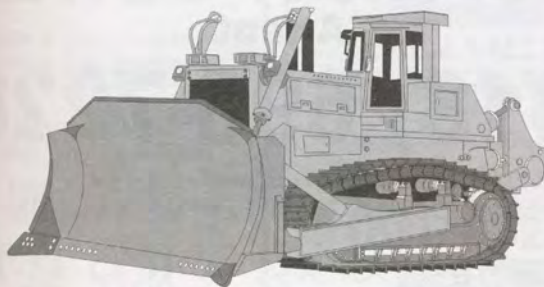
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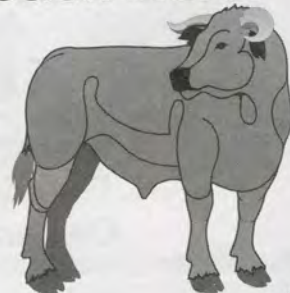
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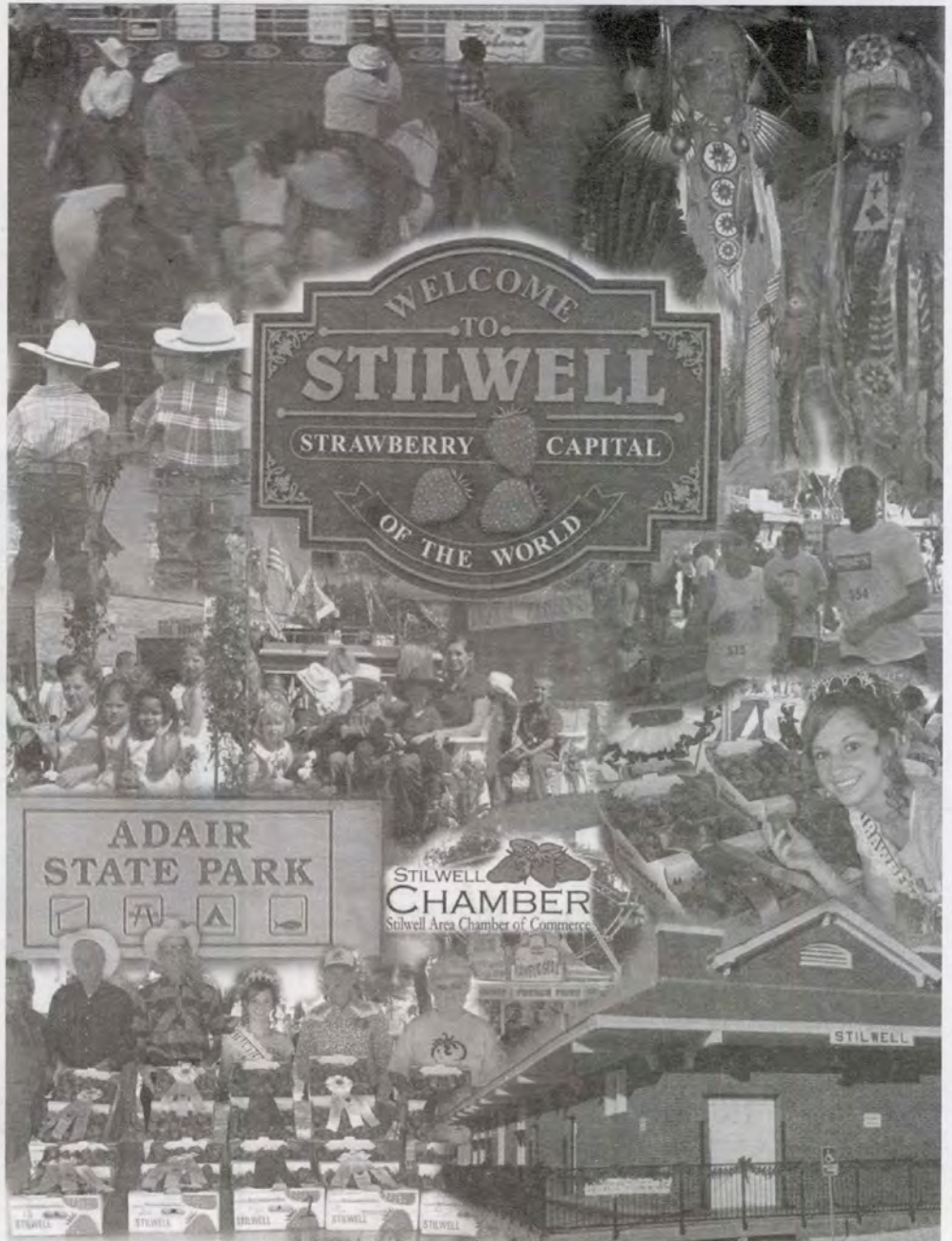
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2. Otto Anderson 1947	Que
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Leadership)	Que
Queen- Miss Patsy Reed	28.
(Mrs. Bob Leatherwood)	Que
4. Joe H. Carson 1949	29.
Queen - Miss Patsy Prock	Que
5. Jean R. Reed 1950	30.
Queen - Miss Carline Emerson	Que
6. Barnes Pemberton 1951	31.
Queen - Miss Patsy Lee	Que
7. Norvell Henley 1952	32.
Queen - Miss Norma Lee Latta	Que
8. Gene L. Gray 1953	33.
Queen - Miss Delores Steddum	Que
9. Kenneth Rains 1954	34.
Queen - Miss Barbara Caviness	Que
10. John McGinnis 1955	35.
Queen - Miss Bessie Phelps	Que
11. Jack K. Holt 1956	36.
Queen - Miss Annetta Johnson	Que
12. Berry A. Ferguson 1957	37.
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13. D.C. (Tobe) O'Neal 1958	38.
Queen - Miss Deloris Nofire	Que
14. Jim DeJarnett 1959	39.
Queen - Miss Monaray Stanfill	Que
15. Jack Barham 1960	40.
Queen - Miss Shirley Tate	Que
16. Kenneth Carleton 1961	41.
Queen - Miss Deveryl Butler	Que
17. Colbert Starr 1962	42.
Queen - Miss Marilyn Todd	Que
18. Ben Briley 1963	43.
Queen - Sandy J. Goodall	Que
19. Julius H. Thomas 1964	44.
Queen - Miss Deanna Briggs	Que
20. Wade Zumwalt 1965	45.
Queen - Miss Calene Green	Que
21. W. Neil Morton 1966	46.
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22. L.T. Spray - 1967	47.
Queen - Miss Karen Nichols	Que
23. J.L. Hallford 1968	48.
Queen - Miss Carolyn Carson	Que
24. H.D. Gound 1969	49.
Queen - Miss Beverly Green	Que



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The Origin of Strawberries

When first man was created, he lived with the mate Creator gave him. When they began to quarrel, first woman left her husband. The man followed, sad and crying, but first woman kept going and never looked behind. Unetlanv, the Creator, took pity on first man and asked him if he was still angry with his wife. He said he wasn't, so Unetlanv asked him if he would like to have her back. He answered, "yes!"

Unetlanv put a patch of the finest ripe huckleberries in the path of first woman, but she passed right on by. A little further, he put a big clump of blackberries, but she didn't notice these, either. One by one, Unetlanv put fresh fruits in her path, but these she also refused to see. Suddenly, she saw a patch of large, ripe strawberries in front of her. She had never seen these before. She bent down to gather a few to eat, and as she picked them up, she thought, "My husband would love to eat these!" She gathered a bunch of the finest berries and started back along the patch to give them to him. He met her with joy, and together they went home.

Today, strawberries are often kept in traditional homes. They remind us not to argue, and are a symbol of good luck.

Welcome to the 61st Stilwell Strawberry Festival!

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