

# 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival

**MAY 12, 2018**



**Chloe Brown**

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Ronnie Trentham



On behalf of the Stilwell Kiwanis Club, I would like to welcome you to the 71st Annual Strawberry Festival. We are so happy that you have chosen to spend your day with us and share in the fun that the festival has to offer. Whether you are here for the Strawberry run, parade, crowning of the Strawberry Queen, music, car show, crafts, food, the rodeo or just for the Stilwell strawberries, we hope you have a very enjoyable time here in our great community and will return each year!

Once again, we would like to thank the City of Stilwell, Adair County and all of the law enforcement, fire department and ambulance services as well as all the other organizations and volunteers that make the Stilwell Strawberry Festival run smoothly.

Sincerely,  
Ronnie Trentham  
Stilwell Kiwanis President

## City of Stilwell

Office of the Mayor

February 22, 2018

The City of Stilwell would like to welcome you to the 71st annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Stilwell. We hope you will participate in all of the activities throughout the week; the carnival, the rodeo, the Festival parade, live music, food, the car show and arts and crafts and that you will take every opportunity to enjoy our fair city. Our festival is one of the longest continuously running festivals in the State of Oklahoma and our ladies and gentlemen of the Kiwanis Club, as well as many volunteers and safety personnel, work tirelessly to make it the signature event of the year.

There are many great things happening in Stilwell, in the last year the renovation of the Adair County Courthouse was completed and the new bandstand was completed and utilized right before this past year's festival. The recent year has also seen a major addition to our largest manufacturing facility and other retail development is planned that is creating wonderful new economic opportunities for the area.

We extend our thanks to the Kiwanis Club for their continued effort over the years in making the Stilwell Strawberry Festival the success it has become.

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Dear friends,

As governor of the great state of Oklahoma, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival!

Held since 1948 to promote strawberries grown in the area, this annual event has become one of Oklahoma's most-loved hometown festivals. The Stilwell Strawberry Festival attracts over 20,000 visitors each year to the "Strawberry Capital of the World," with games, live entertainment, and free strawberries and ice cream.

The 71<sup>st</sup> annual festival will also feature a 5K run, carnival rides, plenty of vendor booths and the Strawberry Festival Rodeo, held Friday and Saturday evenings at the rodeo grounds located two miles north of Stilwell on Highway 59N.

It is an honor for Oklahoma, as well as the city of Stilwell, to host the 2018 Stilwell Strawberry Festival. Please accept my best wishes for a successful and memorable event.



Sincerely,  
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To all those attending,

Welcome to the Stilwell Strawberry Festival! This event has provided a wonderful experience to all who attend for the past 71 years and many more to come. From music, food, and vendors there is always something for everyone at the Stilwell Strawberry Festival!

Although I am biased, Oklahoma continues to prove to me why it is the finest state out there and the Stilwell Strawberry Festival conveys how wonderful Oklahoma is. This event brings together many generations of the Stilwell community to celebrate their county and engage with each other face to face.

So, I hope you are ready to enjoy some strawberries, music, and community. Have a great time!

Sincerely,

Todd Lamb  
 Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma



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## STILWELL KIWANIS A FINALIST IN INTERNATIONAL SIGNATURE EVENT

In 1945, thirty-five civic-minded businessmen and community leaders petitioned to receive a charter for a Kiwanis Club in Stilwell. In 1946, they received a charter and the Stilwell Kiwanis was established. The first Strawberry Festival was held on May 22, 1948. It consisted of a downtown parade, a queen contest, speeches by dignitaries and free strawberries and ice cream. Seventy-one years later the festival is now held on the second Saturday in May. The Oklahoma legislature also approved a resolution proclaiming Stilwell and Adair County as the "Strawberry Capital of the World." The festival now includes a much longer parade, coronation of a Strawberry Queen, free strawberries and ice cream, prize winning strawberry auction, all day entertainment, rodeo, pow-wow, all school reunion, 5K Run for the Berries, many, many food and arts and crafts vendors, our very own Mountain View Meats Hot Link Cook-off, horseshoe contest and carnival. The Strawberry Festival project was submitted with over 40 other projects by Kiwanis Clubs internationally as a Signature Project. Signature projects show how a Kiwanis Club can have an impact on it's community. These projects are the hallmark of what the Kiwanis Club is known for in the community. The Stilwell Strawberry Festival was a top 10 recipient at the international convention in 2017. Stilwell Kiwanis was recognized and received an award.



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What is Kiwanis? Kiwanis is a global organization of member-volunteers who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. As with Kiwanis International, the primary purpose of the Stilwell Kiwanis Club is to sponsor programs that benefit children in the community. The club also offers opportunities for members to be involved in civic activities that benefit the community while networking with other community leaders.

**2017 Projects:** Kiwanis gave over \$25,000 to the community in support of our children, for projects, such as:

Strawberry Queen Pageant and Scholarships - Key Club - DHS Christmas Angel Tree - "BUGS" bringing up grades program in 5 of our local schools - Special Olympics Team - Relay for Life - Easter Egg Hunt, Angel Burn Out program with Stilwell & Westville Fire Depts. - 4th of July Fireworks show - Children's Book Give-Aways - Adair County Boys and Girls Club - Stilwell Youth Sports League - Red Cross - Stilwell Public Library - 4-H Clubs of Adair County - Back Pack Food Program with Adair County Resource Center - Back Pack for Schools Program with ORCO - Stilwell High School Scholarship Foundation



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1947 Otto Alderson	1963 Ben Briley	1982 Charles W. Crozier	2001 Gary Johnson
<b>1948 Jack Chaffin</b> <i>(First Strawberry Festival Organized Under His Leadership)</i>	1964 Julius H. Thomas	1983 Jack E. Kay	2002 Michael L. Taffer
1949 Joe H. Carson	1965 Wade Zumwalt	1984 Dean Jackson	2003 Robert St. Pierre
1950 Jean R. Reed	1966 W. Neil Morton	1985 Bobby Ray	2004 Robert St Pierre
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1955 John McGinnis	1971 Phil Keeter	1990 Robert Crozier	2009 Liz Brown
1956 Jack K. Holt	1972 Jack Perry	1991 David West	2010 Barry Hayes
1957 Berry A. Ferguson	1973 Larry Roberts	1992 Reggy Cox	2011 Gary Jackson
1958 D.C. (Tobe) O'Neal	1974 Charles O. McFarland	1993 Lynn Carson	2012 Gary Jackson
1959 Jim DeJarnett	1975 Jack Smay	1994 Drew Carson	2013 Dan Collins
1960 Jack Branham	1976 E.R. Kirkbride	1995 Jim Panter	2014 Dan Collins
1961 Kenneth Carleton	1977 Larry Strauss	1996 Clyde Enlow	2015 Marty Green
	1978 Jim Young	1997 Charles W. Crozier	2016 Marty Green
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## COBIE GRACE BUNCH



*Cobie Grace Bunch was the Stilwell Kiwanis Club's selection to compete for the Texas-Oklahoma sophomore of the year. A limited numbers of applicants will receive scholarships from the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis District.*

Cobie Grace Bunch is the daughter of Corey and Mistie Bunch of the Peavine Community. Cobie attended Maryetta School and graduated the 8th grade as Valedictorian in 2016. She now attends Stilwell High School and is currently ranked third overall in her sophomore class. Cobie is dedicated to academic success and is involved in many school activities and functions, which include being a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, 4-H, Future Farmers of America and Spanish Club. She is passionate in her dedication to community service and helping others. Cobie has earned many hours of community service by working for her church, school and other organizations. She is a very active member of Antioch Baptist Church where she is the assistant song leader and regularly participates in Vacation Bible School, the Christmas Program and many other youth group activities. Cobie also has an after school job, she works as a mentor for Adair County Boys and Girls Club at the Maryetta School Unit. She has a younger brother, Slade, whom she often argues with but loves and adores anyway. Cobie enjoys spending time with her extended family on their many outings, such as camping and hiking. One of her favorite past times is caring for animals, especially the show pigs that she has raised

and entered into the Adair County Fair where she has won Overall Grand Champion in the Swine category and the Showmanship Award for her skills with driving pigs. Her future plans are to attend Indian Capital Technology Center in Stilwell as a junior in high school where she intends to focus on building a foundation in the health care field. After graduating high school and the ICTC program, Cobie plans to pursue her goal of a higher education in a health care related field at one of the major regional universities.

Cobie's unwavering faith in Christ is an inspiration to all who meet her. Her favorite verse is Psalms 46:5

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# Strawberry Queen & Her Court



## Queen

*Miss Chloe Nicole Brown*

She is an 18 year-old senior at Stilwell High School and is the daughter of Jerry and Mona Brown. She is active in Family Career and Community Leaders of America where she has served as a district officer and is currently a Junior Advisor. She attends Victory Southern Baptist Church where she is a student evangelist. Chloe is also a National Honor Society Member, Native American Honor Society Member, Beta Club Member, Student Council Member and a part of Fellowship of Christian Athletes Senior Leadership. Chloe plans to attend Northeastern State University to attain a bachelor's degree before going to medical school to become a dermatologist.

***I am extremely honored and blessed to be able to live out the childhood dream of becoming the Strawberry Festival Queen. I look forward to being able to represent the community that has molded me into the person I am today wholeheartedly and to my full potential.***

***As an ambassador of Stilwell I pray that I am able to show our best aspects at any chance possible to others and through my own actions. I would like to say thank you to my family and friends for all of the love and support throughout not only the pageant process but my life.***

***I hope to make everyone proud as I serve as the 2018 Strawberry Festival Queen!***



## 1st Runner Up

### Miss Sydneigh Ray-Ruth Fourkiller

She is a 16 year-old junior at Stilwell High School and the daughter of Bryan Fourkiller and Shawna Killer. Sydneigh's activities include the Math & Science and Art Clubs, Yearbook, and Indian Heritage Club. She enjoys playing soccer for the Stilwell Lady Indians. Sydneigh is a member of Salem Baptist Church and is very active in her youth group. She has also served as Miss Indian Falls Creek where she has been able to share her testimony with churches throughout Oklahoma. Sydneigh plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma to pursue a Bachelor of Science in nursing and then begin a career working as a registered nurse.



## 2nd Runner Up

### Miss Hadley Hume

She is a 17 year-old senior at Stilwell High School and the daughter of Daniel and Dayna Hume. Hadley is a principal dancer and serves on the youth board with Encore! Performing Society. She is the secretary of the Arvest Junior Board. Hadley was recently selected to be an Ambassador for the Oklahoma Arts Institute. Hadley volunteers her time to teach ballet to our area youth through the 21st Century program at Stilwell Middle School. She plans attend the University of Arkansas Little Rock where she will begin her journey as a dance education major.







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2009

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2010

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Luke Cruise Bateman

2011

Savanna Cunningham  
Tony Lee Davidson, Jr.

2012

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2013

Rayahna Jolise White  
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2014

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2015

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2016

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 1952 Norma Lee Latta  
 1953 Delores Steddum  
 1954 Barbara Caviness  
 1955 Bessie Phelps  
 1956 Annetta Johnson  
 1957 Mary Jane Cabe  
 1958 Delois Nofire  
 1959 Monary Stanfill  
 1960 Shirley Tate  
 1961 Deveryl Butler  
 1962 Marilyn Todd  
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 1965 Calene Green  
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 1967 Karen Nichols  
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 1969 Beverly Green  
 1970 Margaret Couch  
 1971 Donna Padgett  
 1972 Kathy Rosebeary  
 1973 Lydia Lewis  
 1974 Nina Reagon  
 1975 Karen Baublitt  
 1976 Dalana Hudgins  
 1977 Tammy Smothers  
 1978 Betsy Cox  
 1979 Donna Terrell  
 1980 Vicki Guthrie  
 1981 Stephanie Goodall  
 1982 Monica Martinez



1948 Patsy Reed



1958 Delois Nofire



1968 Carolyn Carson



1978 Betsy Cox

1983 Brenda Lawrence  
 1984 Shellie Cureton  
 1985 Cheryl Tackett  
 1986 Charlene Green  
 1987 Stephanie Cain  
 1988 Jamie Johnson  
 1989 Angela Brewster  
 1990 Angela Ross  
 1991 Skye Hume  
 1992 Rachelle Ritchie  
 1993 LaNetta S. Green  
 1994 Michelle Clifton  
 1995 Nikki Knight  
 1996 Jamie Taylor  
 1997 Sara Cox  
 1998 Kristie Marlin  
 1999 Sarae Janes  
 2000 Crystal Dooley  
 2001 Susan Hill  
 2002 Breanna Walker  
 2003 Laura Ketcher  
 2004 Leslie Ketcher  
 2005 Megan Eubanks  
 2006- Holly Crittenden  
 2007 Charbrice Rhea  
 2008 Tawnie Goodwin  
 2009 Jessika Baird  
 2010 Whitney Reece  
 2011 Hanna Kindle  
 2012 Tori Coates  
 2013 Jessica Simmons  
 2014 Summer Taylor  
 2015 Lauren Lawrence  
 2016 Emily Christie  
 2017 Cheyenne McCrary



1988 Jamie Johnson



1998 Kristie Marlin



2008 Tawnie Goodwin



2017 Cheyenne McCrary

# 71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Strawberry Day at the Capitol

5:30 - 10:00 p.m. The Miller Spectacular Carnival – \$22 Armband Night at Adair County Park

### Thursday, May 10, 2018

5:30 – 10:00 p.m. The Miller Spectacular Carnival – \$22 Armband Night at Adair County Park

6:30 p.m. Strawberry Jam at Stilwell Grade School *Sponsored by New Life Church*

### Friday, May 11, 2018

5:30 p.m. The Miller Spectacular Carnival at Adair County Park

6:30 p.m. Live Entertainment – Wanda Watson Band (Bio Pg. 31)

8:00 p.m. Strawberry Festival Rodeo: Rodeo Grounds  
*Sponsored by the Stilwell Roundup Club*

8:00 p.m. Bell Pow-Wow at Bell Pow-Wow grounds  
*Sponsored by Bell Pow-Wow Committee*



### Saturday, May 12, 2018

**ALL DAY: VENDORS: Arts and Crafts, Food and Merchandise**

**Second Street closed (from north end to Hwy 100 West)**  
**Division Street closed (from First Street to Fourth Street)**  
**NO THRU TRAFFIC**

7:00 a.m. Fun Run – Carson Park

7:30 a.m. 5-K Run for the Berries - Check in at Carson Park 6:00 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.  
NO EXCEPTIONS

8:00 – 9:15 a.m. Parade check-in at Ed's Auto Parts, 1020 N. Second Street

8:00 – 9:15 a.m. Live Entertainment by the Stilwell High School Show Choir

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Car, Truck and Motorcycle show on First & Division Streets





# 71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 12, 2018

9:30 a.m. Strawberry Festival Parade along Second Street

***BY CITY ORDINANCE – NO THROWING OF ANY OBJECTS FROM  
ANY PARADE ENTRY – VIOLATORS MAY BE CITED.***

10:00 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Contest at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Olive

10:00 a.m. Cherokee Marbles at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Olive

10:00 a.m. Miller Spectacular Carnival at Adair County Park

**Crowning of the 2018 Strawberry Festival Queen  
Following parade Announcement of Parade Winners**

11:30 – 2:00 p.m. Live Entertainment by Brett n Terri (Bio Pg. 32)

1:00 p.m. Mountain View Meats – Hot Link Cook-off Judging  
3<sup>rd</sup> Street - East side of Methodist Church

2:00 p.m. Champion Strawberry Awards & Auction

2:30 – 4:45 p.m. Live Entertainment by Terri & the Executives (Bio Pg. 33)

4:30 p.m. Free Strawberries & Ice Cream on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, North of Division  
*courtesy of Stilwell Kiwanis and Top Value*

6:00 p.m. All School Reunion at Stilwell High School

8:00 p.m. Strawberry Festival Rodeo: Rodeo Grounds  
*Sponsored by the Stilwell Roundup Club*

8:00 p.m. Bell Pow-Wow at Bell Pow-Wow grounds  
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**Saturday – May 12, 2018**  
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Race day registration and packet pick-up: Edna M. Carson Stilwell Community Park– 6:00 a.m.

\*Registration will close at 7:15 a.m. - NO EXCEPTIONS!!

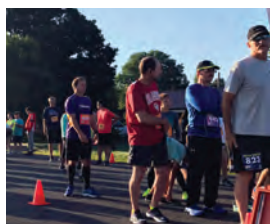
*Race will begin and parking will be at Edna M. Carson Stilwell Community Park*

**Timing by: TATUR Racing**

Medals to top 3 male and female standard age group in 5K

**1st 500 participants to pick up their packets will receive a T- shirt!!!!**

**Early pick-up will be Friday May 11th, 2018 Individuals must pick up their own packet.**



Contact information: Charlie Stilwell

Office: 918-696-8875 Cell: 918-316-2396 charles-stilwell@cherokee.org or

Tresa Eagle Office: 918-797-2713 tresa-eagle@cherokee.org

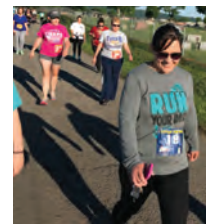
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**Pre-Registration \$15.00 Deadline: May 2nd, 2018**

Race Day \$20.00 Flat & Fast Course

Mail race entry form to: Cherokee Nation Wings Program, P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74465

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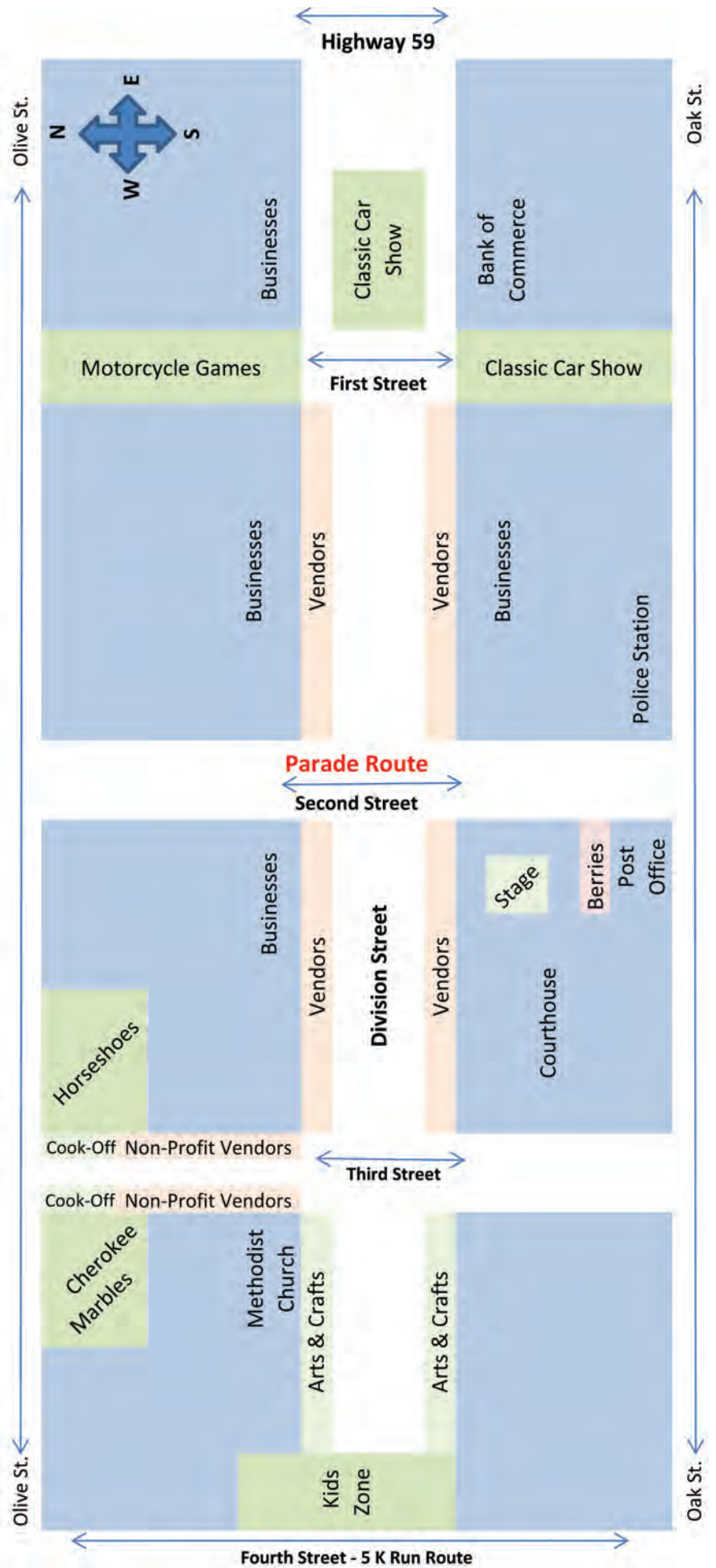
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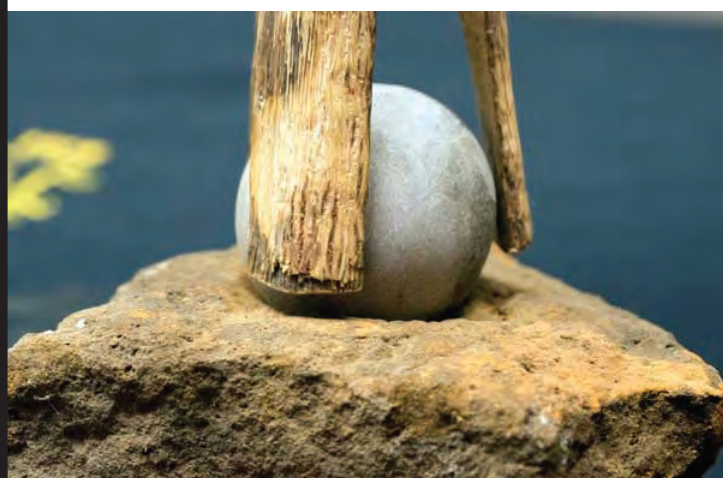
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Stilwell, OK

**2018**  
**SATURDAY MAY 12**

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# CHEROKEE MARBLES



**Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

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Naomi Owens 918-230-5302

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## 2017 Horseshoe Winners



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Third Place: Mitch Smith



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Second Place: Robert Bark & Kato Rodriguez

Third: Mikey Qualls & Sonny Wofford

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*Third:* Elm Grove Baptist



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*Third:* Cherokee Nation



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Gourd Dancing 6:00pm • Grand Entry 8:00pm  
Intertribal Dancing • Junior Contests

### **SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE:**

Gourd Dancing 2:00pm • Supper Break 5:00pm  
Gourd Dancing 6:00pm • Grand Entry 8:00pm  
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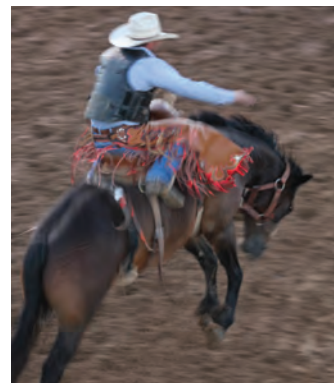
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# Wanda Watson Band

## Featured Entertainment Friday Night

*Very rarely will you find an entertainer whose style and charisma match their talent or vice-versa. Wanda Watson delivers on both counts. Hard charging and aggressive on one song; tender and emotionally sincere on the next, Wanda makes every song her own. Any of her devoted fans will tell you her performances make every audience member feel that she is there for them and them alone.*

In December 2004, 2006, & 2011 Wanda was voted "Best Vocalist" by the Blues Society of Tulsa; quite an honor considering the world-class level of talent that town produces. In September 2005, Wanda and her band were voted "Best Blues Act" by Tulsa World's coveted SPOT Awards (Oklahoma's version of the Grammy's).

In February 2006, Wanda was inducted into the 1st Class of the "Old Town Musician's Hall of Fame" in Ft. Smith, AR. Also in February 2006, she was "Payne County Line Hall of Fame – Blues Artist Honoree for her life's accomplishments, and for being an integral part of Oklahoma's rich musical heritage." In May 2007, Wanda was inducted into the "Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame" another deserved and noted accomplishment of Wanda Watson's musical endeavors. Most recently in June 2009, 2011, & 2012, Wanda was nominated for Urban Tulsa's (ABOT) Absolute Best Of Tulsa Blues/R&B" award.

In 2012 (WWB) & 2013 (Duo) Wanda & her players represented Tulsa, OK & Fort Smith, AR in the International Blues Contest in Memphis, TN, competing against well over 200 bands & duos from all over the world.

She is a definitive blues artist. In a city noted for its top-shelf musicians and singers, Wanda stands out as a true stylist. Whether putting her stamp on original songs or belting out time tested standards, Wanda is a consummate entertainer and crowd pleaser. No other singer gives such emotional and gutsy performances...as her faithful and reverent fans will attest.

## ***Expect to be WOWED!***

Wanda is backed by "Bassist" Jim Summerlin, "Drummer" Virgil Broyles, "Guitarist" Frank Ray, and "Keyboardist" Dale (Bach) Bacher. All are veteran musicians fluent in any style Wanda feels her audience is connecting to.

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Terri Swint on keyboards and vocals. Terri has performed over 15 years with various groups in the Fort Smith area.

Brett Hammon on lead guitar and vocals. Brett has been on the music scene in southeast Oklahoma and the Fort Smith area for over 20 years.

Tim Wommack on bass guitar and vocals, has played bass guitar for over 20 years and played in many groups, including Carrie Underwood.

Chris Wells plays drums. Chris is a very seasoned drummer playing in a former group called Fixation in the Fort Smith area.



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# 2018 SHS OUTSTANDING FEMALE ALUMNUS



Judy Starr Wahrmund, Class of '63, Stilwell. Daughter of the late Sam Dick and Addie Starr. One sister, Helen Hahn of Midwest City. Married for 45 years to Gene Wahrmund, Broken Arrow, has two daughters: Sheri and husband Ryan Stoner of Edmond, Kelli Wahrmund of Okla. City, and two granddaughters, Chaynie and Mila. While attending Stilwell High School Judy was chosen Freshman Homecoming Attendant, NOAA All Conf. 2nd team in basketball, cheerleader, member of the chorus-drama group, and chosen female All-Around Student her senior year. Judy attended NSU graduating in '66 with a Bachelor of Science in Ed. Degree. While at NSU she belonged to ASA Sorority, and was 1st runner-up to Homecoming Queen. After graduating she taught 2 years in the Okla. City System, Prairie Queen Elem., then worked as a Social Worker in Adair County for one year and 11 years as a Tulsa County Social Worker. After receiving 3 years' experience in lieu of a raise she left her retirement intact and began a career teaching in the Coweta Public Schools for 27 years as a 4th grade and elementary physical ed. teacher being voted Teacher of the Year at N.W. Elem. She retired in '08 with 44 years' service credit to the State of OK. During her employment

years she also was involved in community basketball for both boys and girls. Judy is currently a member of the LaFortuneWomen's Golf Association having held the office of secretary, treasurer, vice president, president, and special events coordinator. She is also a member of the Cherokee Nation as well as the Mt. Tabor Indian Community of Rusk, TX. This Texas acknowledged tribe is made up primarily of descendants of the Cherokee who migrated to TX prior to the Cherokee War of 1839 with Headquarters now in Kilgore, TX. Many members are descendants of Nancy Ward, the last Beloved Woman of the Cherokee and was also known as the Wild Rose of the Cherokee Strip as well as descendants of George Harlan Starr credited with bringing the first quarter horses to OK. She is also secretary for the M.C. Starr LLC which manages and oversees the continued care and use of Starr Springs. Starr Springs was the first source of water to the Incorporated Town of Stilwell beginning in 1911, and continues to be a vital part of Stilwell's water use today. Judy also helps to coordinate a charity golf tournament each May, the Friday before Strawberry Festival, with proceeds going to the Stilwell Alumni Assoc. which provides scholarship money each year to deserving seniors bound for college. The 2018 Tournament will be held at the Cherokee Springs Golf Course, Tahlequah. (Men and women welcome— 4-Man Teams.) She attends Life Church, Broken Arrow. The female Alumni of the Year Award is being accepted by Judy on behalf of all the female alumni that work tirelessly to maintain a profession, a home, and raise their children to the best of their ability. We may not be in the daily news with our contributions to society but our contributions are just as important— None the less.

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# 2018 SHS OUTSTANDING MALE ALUMNUS



Dr. Jim Smay, class of 1990, is Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Oklahoma State University, Tulsa. Prof. Smay was educated in the Stilwell Public School system and attributes his academic success to grit and work ethic developed by his parents, Jack and Joy Smay, his First Christian Church family, and a strong line of teachers in the SPS system. Mr. Ren Butler and Mr. Leon Brashear inspired a lifelong interest in physics, chemistry and mathematics that led to Jim pursue a Mechanical Engineering undergraduate degree at OSU and a PhD in Materials Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Jim's athletic coaches, Mr. Ron Ethridge, Mr. Tim Turner, Mr. Craig Benson and many others, taught him how to win, how to loose, and how to always put forth your best effort. "In this limited space, I can only name a few, but the nurturing and dedicated array of family, teachers and

coaches are what prepared me to compete at a high level in academics and my career. To all, I say Thank You." Prof. Smay resides in Tulsa, OK with his wife Dr. Jewel Smay, M.D. Jim's brothers are Dr. John Smay of Choctaw, OK and Mr. Jerry Smay of Bedford, TX. Prof. Smay has achieved worldwide renown for his contributions to 3D printing of ceramic materials and, in addition to teaching at OSU, operates a consulting business that helps professors from India and Europe to the entire span of the US establish 3D printing research machines in their labs. Most recently, Prof. Smay has been working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to improve sanitation conditions by re-inventing the toilet in the poorest communities of South Africa and Kenya. "Wherever in the world I travel, I proudly tell my story of being a Cherokee Nation member, and product of this small and caring Oklahoma community." Dr. Smay has been involved in mentoring and encouraging young Native American students to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education at local, state and national levels.

*Jack*  
**THORP**  
★  
District Attorney



# OUTSTANDING STILWELL ALUMNI

## YEAR ~ ALUMNI ~ YEAR GRADUATED

1987	Frank McPherson	52	1998	Rex Burnett	36	2008	Charlie Soap	63
1988	WH Langley, JR	65	1999	Emmett (Rosie) Cowan	71	2009	Rex Earl Starr	61
1989	D.C. (Tobe) O'Neal	44		Johnie Mae (Carlile)	49		Mary Margaret Fletcher Starr	62
1990	Larry E Adair	64	2000	Dwight Birdwell	66	2010	Dr. Gena Gray	81
				Diane Kelley	71		Charles Bennett	73
1991	Nikki Towry DeShazo	62	2001	Carthel Means	50	2011	Michael Phelps	77
	E.H. Bo McGee	45		Pat Woodward	56		Vince Jones	91
1992	Carl Stevens	46	2002	Hiram McFarland	50	2012	Billy Brunk	74
	Betty Starr Barker	45		Patsy Lynn Eads Morton	55		Bobby Ray	74
1993	John Merle West	35	2003	Marion E Bayles III	62	2013	Bill Scott	60
	Sandy Langley Garrett	61					Terry Scott	60
1994	Deanna Briggs Land	63	2004	Barry Robbins	62	2014	Wanda Elliot	57
	W. Neil Morton	53		Dr. Bill John Danenberg	49		John Adair	60
1995	Tom Carson	38	2005	Joe White	50	2015	Charles Crozier	70
				Billye Baird Scott	52		Marilyn Hill	55
1996	Jack H Brewer	45	2006	Bill Benham	60	2016	John Garrett	60
	Dianne Barker Harrold	69		Mary Worsham	66		Louise Carson	49
1997	George Jan Ross	45	2007	Alicia Ketcher	86	2017	Gerald White	62
	Reba Starr Robison	30		John Auffett	60		S. Joe Crittinen	62
1998	Lynn Mead Carson	71	2008	Allene Watkins	45			



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Andrew Cain: 918-696-2652 & Rick Longshore: 918-696-9720

Baird's Farm: 918-696-7850

Doyle's Country Garden: 918-696-5369

Rudy Manon: 918-507-1515

Dave Guevara or Antasio Reynaga: 918-507-1151

Dylan & Jeff Collyge: 918-930-0646 or 918-930-0765

Tou (Joshua) Tualo: 918-930-0551

J5Farm, LLC: 937-553-2769

The Strawberry growers pick the strawberries daily. Therefore, there are a limited number of berries to be sold on the actual festival day. If you wish to purchase berries, you must make arrangements with one of the growers to hold berries for you if you will not be able to make it into town until later in the day.

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# 2017 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AUCTION RESULTS



1st Place- Grand Champion- David Guevara  
Buyer-Cherokee Nation- Chief Bill John Baker, \$2,000



2nd Place-Res. Grand Champion- Dylan and Jeff Collyge  
Buyer- Mountain View Meats, \$2,200



3rd Place- Burl Doyle  
Buyer- Armstrong Bank, \$2,000



4th Place- Josh Talbert  
Buyer- Mountain View Meats, \$1,500



5th Place- Bobby & Jane Doyle  
Buyer- Armstrong Bank, \$2,500

6th Place- Johnathon Talbert  
Buyer- Cherokee Nation-Chief Bill John Baker, \$2,000



7th Place-Scott Talbert  
Buyer-Bank of Commerce, \$1,500  
Freedom Finance added \$300 to each growers amount.

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# CHAMPION STRAWBERRY GROWERS FOR THE LAST DECADE

YEAR	GROWER	AUCTION PRICE	BUYER
2007	Baird's Stoney Point Farm	\$2,600	Armstrong Bank
2008	James Family Farm	\$3,500	Cherokee Nation Enterprises
2009	David Guevara	\$3,025	Cherokee Nation Enterprises
2010	James Family Farm	\$2,800	Cherokee Nation Entertainment
2011	Rudy Manon	\$3,000	Cherokee Nation Businesses
2012	Chris Herman	\$3,500	Cherokee Nation Businesses
2013	Tyler Woods	\$3,500	Cherokee Nation Businesses
2014	Burl Doyle	\$3,500	Cherokee Nation
2015	Tyler Woods	\$2,750	Cherokee Nation
2016	Bobby & Jane Doyle	\$2,800	Cherokee Nation
2017	David Guevara	\$2,000	Cherokee Nation

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In 2015, the National Parks Service listed the Stilwell Depot on the National Register of Historic Places. The association offers historical and genealogical research services and operates the county's only

history museum. Tours of the museum give visitors access to tangible artifacts that provide a deeper appreciation of the county's history.

The Depot is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm., and at other times by appointment.

The large Depot waiting room is now utilized by various groups as a community meeting room.

The Stilwell Area Chamber of Commerce meets at the Depot each month on the first Wednesday of each month at noon.

**Adair County Historical & Genealogical Association**

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