KICK BUTTS DAY
was held on Saturday, March 21st
(Story and more photos on page 5)

Ms. King's 4th Grade Class—Stigler
Blew Bubbles instead of Smoke!
We are preparing for our annual monitoring from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. They will here for one week. They will review all programs that are funded by ODOC.

Our annual monitoring from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services DD Division completed their monitoring visit with no problems. They also bragged on how we operate our programs.

We also received a perfect audit report with no findings and no exceptions. They also bragged on our financial department staff.

Our funding at the federal level continues to remain flat. President Trump has zeroed out our CSBG and Weatherization Programs in his proposed budgets but the Congress restored them. Our Head Start Programs will receive a slight increase. The state legislature has not indicated what our state budgets will be. We are hoping for at least flat funding.

Remember that we are the voice of the elderly, handicapped, poor, and needy in our service area. Keep up the fine work that you are doing each day.

As you enjoy this beautiful spring season with your family and friends please remember the brave men and women who wear the uniform of our country who are now in harms way. Please pray for their safety and pray for the leaders of our nation.

R. Carroll Huggins, CCAP
Executive Director
Head Start Happenings.....

Left, Jefferson Head Start celebrates Dr. Seuss’ Birthday. Dr. Seuss stopped by and brought a friend, State Representative Donnie Condit to read his favorite book.

Right, Stopping by the KI BOIS Community Action Tahlequah Head Start South classroom was a representative for Senator James Lankford, Jeff Underwood. Also pictured with Underwood, left to right, are Head Start Assistant Director Sherry Hullinger, Euna Carter, Underwood, KI BOIS Community Action Retired Senior Volunteer Program coordinator Shaunda Noah and front row, Lola Saxon.

Tenkiller Head Start three year old class “Loves Community Action” The artwork now hangs in the main entrance of the school.

Week of the Young Child
April 16th - 20th
Lots of photos in May Edition of KI BOIS News
### Celebration Updates

#### Save These Dates

**KI BOIS Community Action Open Houses**

**May 2018**

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**KI BOIS Community Action Company Picnic**

**Thursday, May 24th - 11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.**

Roye Park - Stigler, OK  74462

Staff and Family Members Invited!
The Healthy Living Program has been busy educating youth in the Haskell/Latimer County area about how "Big Tobacco" companies are losing thousands of customers daily from tobacco related diseases. In order to continue with profits they have to get "Replacement Smokers". "Big Tobacco" look at our youth as numbers for their own profit. The kids in our community are being taught to help make a stand against cigarettes, Vapors (e-cigarettes) and smokeless (dip) tobacco. We are against the "Big Tobacco" companies not the smoker. We know how hard it is to quit, we advocate for "Be Smart, Don't Start!". Vapors are targeting our youth with sweet flavors and getting them hooked at an alarming rate. "Big Tobacco" companies call these sweet flavored e-cigarettes and cigars, "Starter packs". Our goal is to be the first generation to be tobacco free. For more information see: https://www.tobaccofreekids.org/ or join your local SWAT/ YAB youth group. The SWAT /YAB groups meet once a month. For more information on joining your local group, call Kathy Healy or Denice Daniels at 918-967-9992 or Latimer County contact Jennie Skimbo at 918-465-3381.
Latimer County Food Pantry has Moved!

The food pantry is now located at the KI BOIS Community Action office
309 W. Main, Wilburton.
There is a separate entrance for the food pantry located at the rear of the building.

In Loving Memory

Ben L. Duke
Sept. 4th, 1944 - March 12th, 2018
Mr. Duke was the husband of Head Start Stigler West Center Director / Lead Teacher Sandra Duke

Kenneth Rex Bourland
April 24th, 1939 - February 27th, 2018
Mr. Bourland was the father of Head Start Family / Community Engagement Coordinator Lynn Johnson

Barbara Faye Watkins
January 26, 1942 - March 30th, 2018
Ms. Watkins had volunteered with the KI BOIS Community Action Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for many years. She served God, her spouse of 66 years and her community for over two decades. Her laugh would make you smile. Barbara was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend. Barbara was a homemaker and worked as a caregiver and served on the Board of the Poteau Valley Genealogical Society where she took pride in helping others discover their family lineage.

Stigler High School Senior Isaac Aaron Goodman was the recipient of the Ted Allen/David Walker Scholarship Award. Goodman earned this award by competing with seniors from across the state by writing a 500 word essay on “The Importance of Affordable Housing For the Low Income.” Goodman received a one thousand dollar, one time scholarship for his efforts. Goodman is the son of KATS mechanic Aaron Goodman and his wife, Brandie. Goodman plans on attending college at University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond majoring in Computer Science.

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KI BOIS Area Transit (KATS) was recently highlighted in the CTAA rural transit magazine. Congratulation KATS Director Charla Sloan and staff for this recognition.
Legal Assistance...No Longer a Barrier

With a grant through the Victims of Crime Act, Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma (LASO) partnered with Domestic Violence (DV) Programs across the state to establish embedded attorneys in DV shelters. LASO is the provider of civil legal services to low income persons across our state. In February, attorney Jared Snedden joined LASO and the KI BOIS Domestic Violence Shelters in Stigler and McAlester as a full time attorney.

Jared is a native of Sherman, TX and is new to the McAlester area. He began practicing law in 2013 working for the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System and has worked in private practice as well. He is recently married and has a 5 month old son, Jason, named after his late brother. “I’ve spent most of my career helping indigent individuals,” Jared said, “I’ve found, based on my experience, that it is really difficult for an abused woman to prosecute her case.”

Legal issues for survivors of domestic violence goes beyond protection orders and includes custody/visitation, division of property, debts, housing, employment, immigration, taxes, access to health, education and more. In 2016, LASO saw a need for access to legal help for victims of domestic violence and proposed to provide a full time attorney to be embedded within the KI BOIS shelter locations. LASO recognized that for many survivors getting to a lawyer from a shelter post violence was not easy. It is intimidating, expensive and what if someone sees her at the attorney’s office.

“One of the most common unmet needs for the victims that we serve is the lack of resources and funds for legal issues. A victim often won’t leave their abusive partner simply because they may not have legal custody of a child. The abuser may have told them they will take their child or their home and money. That is a scary feeling and only one of many scenarios that would keep a victim in an abusive relationship. So, to have access to free, immediate legal assistance is no longer a barrier for victims in Haskell and Pittsburg counties” said Anne Peck, KI BOIS Domestic Violence Program Director.

Simply put, Jared stated he joined the LASO team “to help people”. We believe he is going to be a valuable asset to the Domestic Violence Shelters and LASO team.

Submitted by Amanda Prewett, Assistant Program Director
KI BOIS Domestic Violence Program
Apply now….  
Your Child Needs Head Start and Head Start Needs Your Child!

For more information, Call 918-967-3325

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NOTICE...NOTICE...NOTICE

It has come to our attention that other Community Action agencies have received fraudulent emails authorizing expenditures utilizing agency credit cards. These emails look legitimate from leadership or executive leaders of the agency. KI BOIS has policies in place to safeguard such activities, i.e., PO’s, expenditure authorizations over $500, etc.

If you receive a request from Carroll Huggins, Tom Marratt or Larry Hall, that looks like a legitimate but out of the ordinary purchase or payment procedure, please contact us immediately.

Larry B. Hall, CCAP
Associate Director/COO

KI BOIS Community Action
Notice of Job - April 16th, 2018

KI BOIS FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

JOB TITLE: FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR – FT (Northern Counties of Service Area)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Excellent communication skills, both oral and written, are needed to represent program in community through presentations, affiliations, participation in meetings and conferences. Must be skilled in Microsoft Office, including Excel, Word and Publisher. Must enjoy helping people, have a strong work ethic and be self-motivated. Bachelor’s degree preferred, as well as social service work experience. Experience may be substituted for degree. Travel required throughout the NE quadrant of Oklahoma.

KI BOIS AREA TRANSIT PROGRAM

JOB TITLE: TRANSIT DRIVERS (Please verify current openings with local transit office.)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Maintain a valid driver’s license. Good driving record. Must be physically able to assist passengers and their belongings while entering and exiting the vehicles. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs and provide wheel chair assistance. Should have knowledge of area resources and live within convenient distance of city where job opening is available.

KI BOIS Domestic Violence Shelter

Job Title: STAFF AIDE – PT (McAlester) M-F, 8AM - 12 Noon

Job Requirements: HS Diploma/GED, valid driver’s license required. Applicant should have interest or experience in crisis intervention, ability to listen effectively and assist with problem solving, self-motivated, good communication skills (written and verbal), ability to be supportive of persons in crisis and sensitive to confidential issues. Ability to assist with household upkeep and organization of donations, and children's activities. On-site training provided.

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KI BOIS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

JOB TITLE: HABILITATION TRAINING SPECIALIST - PT/FT (Stigler, Poteau, McAlester, Ada, Ardmore, Pauls Valley and Sulphur)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Will serve as direct support staff for consumers. Ability to handle sensitive issues while protecting others’ welfare. Able to exercise patience, understanding, creativity and flexibility. HS Diploma/GED, valid DL and auto insurance. Must complete Foundation, CPR and First Aid Training (and any other training as required/requested.) Able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.

JOB TITLE: PROGRAM COORDINATOR (1) – FT (Ardmore)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor’s Degree and one (1) year of experience or six (6) years of experience working with people with disabilities. Program Coordinator must be able to exercise patience, understanding, creativity and flexibility. PC must have supervisory, organizational and excellent communication skills. A valid OK driver’s license along with safe and reliable transportation also required. Must be able to complete any required/requested training and able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.

KI BOIS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES
SOUTHEASTERN OK - VETERANS HOUSING FIRST

JOB TITLE: CASE MANAGER - FT (Ardmore/Ada)

JOB SUMMARY: This position, in the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, will be responsible for providing intake and eligibility screening for the program. Will provide needs assessment, program orientation, case management, maintain liaison with area resources and attend community meetings. Will develop housing stability plans for participants, maintain case files and prepare required data and reports.

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor’s Degree from accredited university required, preferably in Social Services, Management or Leadership. Case Management experience preferred.