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KI BOIS NEWS

HASKELL COUNTY HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM PROVIDES IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN OF WHITEFIELD

In August, 2023, the Town of Whitefield Board of Trustees unanimously passed several policies and resolutions that allowed TSET funds to help make improvements.

- A Tobacco Free City policy;
- 2 policies that reduce youth access to tobacco;
- 2 resolutions
 - 1. Provide safe routes to school;
 - 2. Improve parks.

Since that time TSET, through the Haskell County Healthy Living Program, has provided the Town with some improvements to the H.L. Alverson Memorial Park.

The Town installed those improvements and took several steps further to make additional improvements on their own. They have recently installed the following in hopes to building physical activity into daily lives, which is critical to the health, safety, and well-being of everyone"

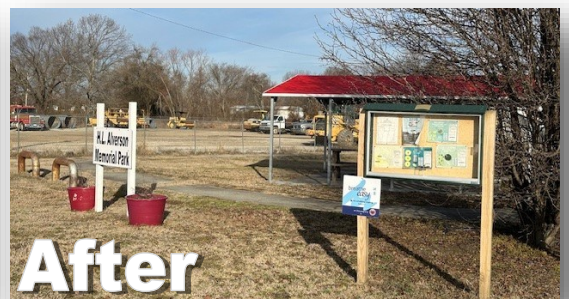
- Permanent, concrete cornhole game;
- Horseshoes;
- Pavilion for picnic tables;
- Landscaping and flowers around the walking trail.

The Haskell County Healthy Living Program has provided the following enhancements:

- Metal, industrial picnic table;
- 2 metal, industrial benches.;
- Metal "Breathe Easy—No Tobacco Use on Property" signs for all public facilities.

"We applaud The Town of Whitefield for recognizing the importance of, and taking steps toward, providing a safe place for citizens to be more physically active," says Denice Daniels, Director of the Healthy Living Program. "We have plans to supply the Town with a Tetherball game in the near future," she added. Denice and her assistant, Kathy Healy, are very active in projects throughout Haskell County.

For more information about the Haskell County Healthy Living Program, call 918-967-3325, or visit our website at www.kibois.org.



From the Desk of Executive Director / CEO

R. Carroll Huggins



Community Action Partnership: Helping People, Changing Lives.

KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Incorporated is one of 20 Community Action Agencies in Oklahoma and 1,000 in America in partnership. Community Action principles make us unique and distinctive.

Community Action opens doors and leads the way: We provide access to the opportunities people need to improve their lives, to help themselves and each other.

Community Action turns hope into reality: We identify the needs of the entire community, collaborate with others in the community, and take action to improve life for everyone in the community.

Community Action empathizes: Our staff and volunteers are from the community they serve.

Community Action treats people with respect: We treat people the way we want to be treated. Community Action says “yes”: If we do not provide the needed service, we will link you to those who do.

Community Action gives a voice to the poor: Through our advocacy, we seek to make society more flexible and responsive to the needs of the poor.

Community Action mirrors the diversity of our communities: Our local boards include low-income people, local public officials, and business and community groups.

The promise of Community Action: “Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.”

**R. Carroll Huggins, CCAP
Executive Director / CEO**

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We care about what you think.

Please take time to complete our COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY. Let us know what you think the priorities are in your community. These are YOUR Communities. These are YOUR needs. This is YOUR well-being. We want to hear from YOU.

Share the survey with your friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers. We will collect surveys from now until 6/30/24.



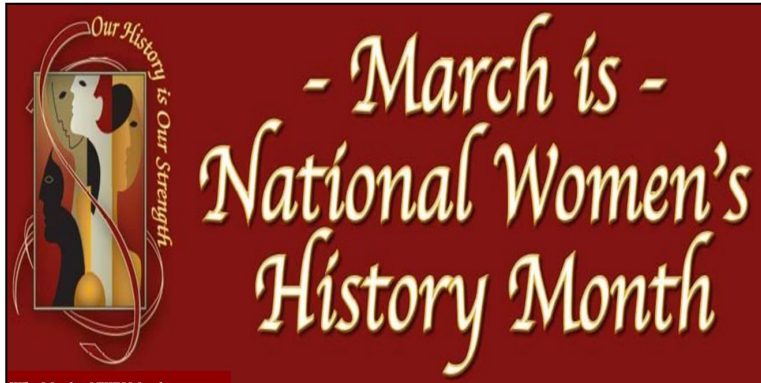
SCAN THE QR CODE TO BE REDIRECTED TO THE SURVEY



- March 10: Spring Forward
- March 18: Spring Break
- March 22: Foster Grandparent Recognition Banquet
- March 28—KI BOIS Board Meeting
- March 31—Easter Sunday



#kibois #BeCommunityAction #CommunityActionWorks #60YearsStrong



KI BOIS AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

KI BOIS is very active in coalition monthly meetings, chamber, city council, Foster Grandparent, EODD, KEDDO, Board Meetings, 5310 Coalition meetings for the Southeast, Northeast, and Central areas. I attend these meetings, or I have staff attend these meetings getting ideas and involvement from the different agencies.

We post on our website www.kibois.org

We post on Facebook and twitter.

Public Forums

KI BOIS holds a bimonthly board meeting, where I report to an 18-member board from six counties. All these meetings will be held at the KI BOIS Administrative Office on the third Thursday every other month starting in January 2024. Also, I have an Advisory Board for KEDDO and EODD Agencies on Aging. I also attend County Coalition and Chamber of Commerce meetings.

February 9th, 2024 – Pittsburg Coalition Meeting – Health Dept. McAlester – 10 am

February 15th, 2024 – Sequoyah Coalition Meeting – Wheeler Event Center – Sallisaw- 2pm

February 20th, 2024 – McIntosh Coalition Meeting – Under One Roof- Eufaula – 12 pm

March 7th, 2024 – Haskell County Coalition Meeting – KI BOIS Administrative – Stiger 1:30pm

March 12th, 2024 – Senior Citizen Center (Next to Boom-A-Rang on E. Cherokee St.) – Wagoner - Noon

March 13th, 2024 – Le Flore County Coalition Meeting – Carl Albert Student Union – 11:30am

March 21st – Hughes County – Holdenville Community Center – 224 E. Popular St. 2pm

March 22nd, 2024 – Adair and Cherokee Counties Meeting – Armory in Tahlequah 10:30am

March 25th, 2024 – Okmulgee County – Henryetta Office 609 West Main 3:00 pm

March 26, 2024 – Latimer Coalition Meeting – KI BOIS Wilburton Office- 10:00 am

March 26, 2024 – Okfuskee County – Okemah Chamber Meeting – 12pm

KI BOIS community Action PARTNERSHIP AMERICA'S POVERTY FIGHTING NETWORK www.kibois.org /kibois @KIBOIS_CAF 918.967.3325 | 800.299.4479

Welcome TO THE WORLD LITTLE ONE

Mr. Everett Owen Sidebottom made his grand appearance on March 7, 2024. He weighed in at 8lb, 1oz and was 20.5" long.

Everett Owen was welcomed by his parents, Ashley Henson and Josh Sidebottom, his sisters Skylynn and Izzy and brothers Kane, Lane & Blane.

Everett Owen's grandmother is Stilwell KATS Route Supervisor Laura Metcalf.

Congratulations everyone!



FYI FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**APRIL IS
CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

SPEAK LOUDER AGAINST CHILD ABUSE IN 2024.
JOIN US BY PARTICIPATING IN
HASKELL COUNTY EVENTS

Monday, April 1st at 10:30am on the
Haskell County Courthouse Lawn

Child Abuse Prevention Presentation

The Haskell County Commissioner's will sign a Proclamation
declaring April as Child Abuse Awareness month. We will have a
keynote speaker, awards for child advocacy and decorate Veteran's
Park in blue.

Wednesday, April 10th
Oklahoma Wears Blue Day

Join us in wearing BLUE all day on April 10th. Share your photos on
social media using the hashtag #OKWearsBlue

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT TAYLOR WINGO
TAYLOR.WINGO@HOMEBASEDSERVICES.ORG
918-694-1131

SAVE THE DATE

WORKING WITH FAMILIES AND CHILDREN CONFERENCE

12 April, 2024 | 8:00am - 5:00pm

LIFE CHURCH - MCALESTER OKLAHOMA

**AN INTENSIVE ONE DAY WORKSHOP
DESIGNED TO EXPLORE THE MANY
DIMENSIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND
WORKING WITH FAMILIES.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
 BREAKOUT SESSIONS
 CLEET ETHICS CEU'S
DOOR PRIZES AND AWARDS!

Presented by Pittsburg County Child Abuse Response Effort, Inc.
(Ryan's House Child Advocacy Center)

☎ 918-420-2273 ✉ info@ryanshousecac.org

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 30, 2024

INCOME TAX

FREE

PREPARATION

If your income is less than \$64,000 and you have a **BASIC** Income Tax return, KI BOIS Community Action will prepare and e-file your Income Taxes for **FREE!**

KI BOIS has IRS-certified preparers to assist you in e-filing your Federal AND Oklahoma state taxes. The following Income Tax preparation sites will be available January 29th – April 15th, 2024, for your 2023 Income Taxes.


ATTENTION **2024 Requirements**

It is **REQUIRED** for anyone taking advantage of this service to provide the following, or we will be unable to process your return.


- ✓ Photo identification of Taxpayer or Spouse
- ✓ Social Security card for **EACH** family member named on the return
- ✓ Proof of Health Insurance Coverage (Form 1095) or Exemption Form (Form 8965)
- ✓ A voided check or letter from the bank, routing number & account number for direct deposit
- ✓ All W-2's, 1099's and 1098's (Bank Interest & Royalties) received in 2022

KI BOIS Community Action
PARTNERSHIP
AMERICA'S POVERTY FIGHTING NETWORK

Wilburton: 918-465-3381
McAlester: 918-423-3525
Poteau: 918-647-3267
Stigler: 918-967-3325



1st Annual



**A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
SEQUOYAH COUNTY RESOURCE NETWORK**

MARCH 25, 2024

6:00 PM

INDIAN CAPITAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER
SALLISAW, OKLAHOMA

(General Admission: \$2.00)

Join us to Make a Difference

Based on the hit TV show, this spirited game will test the community supporters/contestants knowledge to assist in raising funds for local community projects.

Participants will enjoy an evening challenging their critical thinking skills.


Supporters may fill out a [Team Registration Form](#) and email to Melissa.Lowe@kibois.org

\$50.00

REGISTRATION PER TEAM
(Up to 5 members per team)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
March 22, 2024

WINNER WILL BE PRESENTED A TRAVELING TROPHY TO BE DEFENDED NEXT YEAR!



INDIAN TACO

Taco + Drink

\$10

CONCESSION
OPENS AT
5:00 P.M.



1964 - 2024

In every corner of America. Helping people, changing lives — for 60 years and counting.

RECOGNIZING 60 YEARS OF COMMUNITY ACTION!

All employment opportunities are posted on our website, www.kibois.org. *These positions are open to KI BOIS Community Action Foundation Staff as well as to the public.* (ALL POSITIONS SUBJECT TO CONTINUED PROJECT FUNDING.) **Deadline for all openings: Until Filled.** Current employees – please submit a letter of interest to Human Resources.



Applications may be picked up at any KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Inc. office or printed from the website, www.kibois.org. Applications should be returned to:

**KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 727, Stigler, OK 74462
Attention: Human Resources**



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KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Inc.

Mission Statement

KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Inc. is a community-based organization dedicated to eliminating the causes of poverty and bettering the economic, mental, physical and social well-being of all people - most importantly the disadvantaged - by utilizing effective coordination and administration of available resources and information.