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Pictured, L-R: Amanda Byers & staff member from Wilburton Main Street and from KI BOIS Latimer County Stephanie McCann, Claudia Jeffrey, Wendy Ward, Rene' McCann & Bill Fazekas.

AND THE WINNER IS...

From Wilburton Main Street, Inc...
We are delighted to announce the winner of the 2023 Wilburton Main Street Scarecrow Contest. The winner by popular vote was KI BOIS Community Action. Their scarecrow was very clever and relevant, as it showcased one of the services that KI BOIS provides to our community. We want to thank everyone who participated in this contest, we had more than 30 entries and they were all fantastic. The scarecrows displayed so much creativity and added a festive touch to our city for the fall season. “

The winners were presented a traveling Scarecrow Contest trophy which they will display for a year. Then next year, the challenge will be to win again!

KI BOIS is very proud of your spirit and efforts to promote the KATS program in such an inventive way.



ADULT DAY CENTER RE-OPENS IN STIGLER

The Adult Day Center in Stigler officially re-opened on October 30, 2023. KI BOIS is excited to offer this great service once again to our members in Haskell County.

Adult day services provide assistance with the retention or improvement of self-help, adaptive, and socialization skills, including the opportunity to interact with peers in order to promote maximum level of independence and function. Services are provided in a non-residential setting separate from the home or facility where the member resides.

From the Desk of Executive Director / CEO

R. Carroll Huggins



This time of the year make me thankful to live in our beautiful Southeastern Oklahoma. The wonderful fall weather and the beautiful fall foliage add to the natural beauty of the lakes and woodlands. It seems so peaceful here compared to the events in other parts of the world that we see on television each day. When giving our daily devotions we need to remember the leaders of our state and country and especially our men and women in uniform who preserve our freedom on a daily basis sometimes at a great cost to themselves and their families. On November 11th our great nation honors all Veterans.

As we start to think about Thanksgiving and the many wonderful things that we have to be thankful for I encourage you to be especially mindful of those in your local community who are in need. Many of them we serve on a daily basis and many who are too proud to ask for help. Please take time to volunteer with your local community groups and churches that prepare annual Thanksgiving Meals for the needy or deliver Food Baskets to the hungry.

I wish you and yours a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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

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The final Bedlam showdown first started at KI BOIS Board & Administration office on Friday, November 3rd. As you can see, there are fans from both Oklahoma teams represented. Fun times!!



- November 10 Veterans Day (observed)
- November 16 KI BOIS Board Meeting & Holiday Meal
- November 22 Sequoyah County Free Thanksgiving Meal
- November 23 Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 24 Thanksgiving Break Holiday



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PROMOTING PROGRAMS IN THE SERVICE AREA

A big part of the success that we enjoy at KI BOIS is our outreach efforts. We strive to be involved in as many health fairs, services fairs, resource fairs and job fairs as possible.

Representing KI BOIS Community Action is so easy because we do so many things that help families. From infant to senior adults, just browse our website and resource page to educate yourself on the many programs that we administer. You will find that we most certainly live up to our motto.... "helping people, changing lives." The pictures on this page are just a few that were taken over the past month or so. As you can see, we've been busy and we've been everywhere.



Debbie Vega & Megan Reames in McAlester



Rosalind Newby & Royce Alverson in Poteau.



Royce Alverson & Claudia Jeffrey in Wilburton



Diane Jarrett & Kim Rochelle in McAlester



Claudia Jeffrey & Royce Alverson in McAlester



Christi Jones, Blake Smith & Royce Alverson in Stigler



FYI FOR YOUR INFORMATION

KODEY TONEY RECEIVES TWO PRESTEGEOUS AWARDS



Congratulations to KI BOIS Board member Kodey Toney. Kodey received the Judy Pluess Excellence in Autism Award at the Oklahoma Autism Conference on October 13th.

Judy Pluess was a champion for people with disabilities in Oklahoma for many years. Kodey said, "It's an honor to receive an award with her name. This award belongs to my wife, family, and staff as much as it does me. Thank you!"

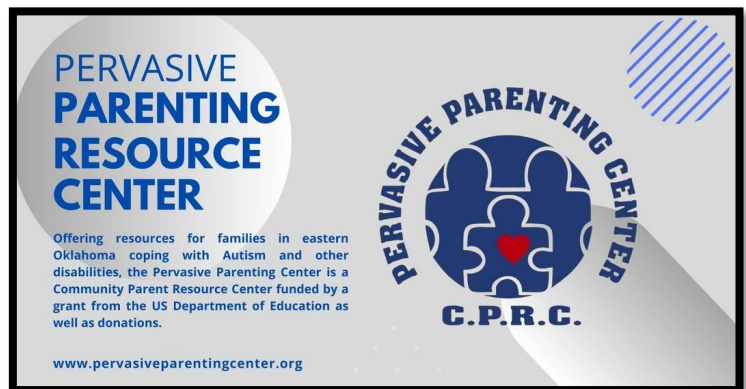
Kodey also received the 2023 Rural Health Association of Oklahoma Rural Health Advocate of Year award in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to rural Oklahoma.

Kodey is the Director of Pervasive Parenting Resource Center in Poteau. Pervasive Parenting Center is a not-for-profit organization made up of families, local educators, community leaders, and health-care professionals. They strive to provide a better life for the families in eastern Oklahoma who are coping with disabilities because we work and live with those same issues every day. Covering LeFlore, Sequoyah, Haskell, Cherokee, Adair and Latimer Counties, they certainly live up to their mission.... "Our passion is to provide assistance to families in Eastern Oklahoma affected by autism and other developmental disabilities.

Your KI BOIS family is honored to have you on our Board of Directors, Kodey. You are a true champion for Community Action. We have the best Board members in the world and we are proud of each one of you.



Kodey & Jennifer Toney with their sons Konner & Kruz



PERVASIVE PARENTING RESOURCE CENTER

Offering resources for families in eastern Oklahoma coping with Autism and other disabilities, the Pervasive Parenting Center is a Community Parent Resource Center funded by a grant from the US Department of Education as well as donations.

PERVASIVE PARENTING CENTER C.P.R.C.

www.pervasiveparentingcenter.org

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Halloween Dance Party



The annual Halloween Dance & Costume party was held at the VFW Post in Stigler on October 27th. This is one night that the participants and their staff let loose. It's a great time and some of them have some great moves!

Everyone was treated to hot dogs and with the trimmings. Even our CEO/Executive Director Carroll Huggins got in on the action, and we have pictures to prove it. Carroll stated, "If you have never been to one of these dances, you are seriously missing out. They are so fun!"

The participants had the opportunity to hang out and get to know each other better. Some of them have been a member of the KI BOIS family for several decades.

Kenny Barnhart, KI BOIS DD Director and his staff want to thank everyone who had a hand in making it a great success. Special thanks to Edith White, James Amos and Savana Amos.



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NO CAPTION NEEDED!



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



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*.



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.