



Keynote Speaker - Lieutenant
Governor Jari Askins

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SALLISAW

A CITY OF CHARACTER!

“It is possible to fly without motors, but not without knowledge and skill”-Wilbur Wright

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SALLISAW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Racing Toward the Future, while cherishing the Past.

Banquet is Social Event of the Year!

Thanks to the generosity of our corporate sponsors, the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet proved to be a great success. Our members, dignitaries, and general public look forward to it each year! In an effort to kick off the Oklahoma Centennial Celebration, the banquet room of Choctaw Blue Ribbon Downs was adorned with all types of Oklahoma recognition items such as miniature oil derricks, cowboy boots, wild flowers, Centennial logo placemats, and of course, an array of Native American art produced by Oklahoma Native Americans. A crowd of over 300 enjoyed the State of Oklahoma meal of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, corn, and some delicious pecan pie. Our greatest thanks to Charlie’s Chicken and Elegant Edibles by Alta for the wonderful food. Preceding the meal, a social time of appetizers, punch, and great music by the SHS Jazz Band was enjoyed by all. Again, all was made possible because of our corporate sponsors: **People, Inc., Sequoyah Memorial Hospital, Arvest Bank, Sequoyah County Abstract & Title Co., Tenkillerproperty.com, Representative Bud Smithson, Sequoyah County Times, Armstrong Bank, Cox Enterprises, Indian Capital Technology Center, Blue Ribbon Auto Group, Redbird Smith Health Center, First National Bank, National Bank of Sallisaw, Maria’s Restaurant, Suddenlink, Sequoyah Manor, LLC, Cherokee**

Casino-Sallisaw, Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative, McDonalds, TRAC, State Representative Ed Cannaday, Valley Land and Title Co., Stites Construction, Maddox Construction. Of course, no Chamber of Commerce banquet would ever be complete or done with pure style and class without **Carol Couch** and her staff of **The Green House**. From beginning to end, the evening was perfect. The Chamber also wishes to thank the entire staff of the Choctaw Blue Ribbon Downs banquet facility. Without their facility there probably would not be an annual banquet!

Lieutenant Governor was Highlight of Banquet

Regardless of your political affiliation, if you attended the Awards Banquet, you had a real treat hearing our newly elected Lieutenant Governor, Jari Askins, speak of how great our young state is and how wonderful our future is going to be. She was extremely complimentary of Sallisaw in every way. After visiting here several times, she has seen first hand the excitement and growth we’re experiencing. She was impressed with the way the Chamber of Commerce involves the entire community in our events such as the banquet. She feels this type of cooperative effort is what builds strong communities like Sallisaw.

Discernment

*Understanding the deeper reasons why things happen.
Ask questions. Do not judge hastily. Learn from experience.*



2006 Diamond Daze Carnival was a huge draw for kids of all ages.

Diamond Daze Centennial Festival Planning in Full Swing!

The full Diamond Daze Centennial Festival Committee has started their meetings to plan the 2007 festival. Many aspects of the festival are already in place such as the **KCBS Barbeque Contest, car show, mini tractor pull, Native American arts and crafts, food vendors, full carnival** and many **Centennial Recognition** events throughout the festival week which runs from Wednesday, May 2nd through Saturday May 5th. All events, especially the entertainment are,

made possible by the following sponsors: **Platinum (\$5000): GRDA, Green Land and Cattle Company.** **Gold (\$2500): Wal-Mart, BorgWarner Morse TEC, Blue Ribbon Auto Group, Choctaw Nation/Blue Ribbon Downs, Armstrong Bank.** **Silver (\$1000 +): Sequoyah County Times, Arvest Bank, Peters Agency Care Management, National Bank of Sallisaw, Sallisaw Ford and Tulco Oils, Inc.** **Bronze (\$500): Oklahoma Pork Producers, Sequoyah County Abstract and Title, Western Sizzlin, Suddenlink, State Farm Insurance-Shannon Vann Agency, People, Inc., Mallory-Martin Funeral Home, Valley Land & Title Company, Clif's Pharmacy, Journey Church, McDonalds, First National Bank and Sonic Drive-In.** **Other Sponsors (\$250+): Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative, Mazzio's Pizza, Century 21 Properties Realty, State Representative Bud Smithson and BW Dentistry.**

Because of these community oriented businesses, individuals, and the **City of Sallisaw**, the Chamber has over \$35,000 in place to make the festival a dynamite event for everyone in Sequoyah County to enjoy.

Entertainment booked and ready to go for Festival

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that **Straight Shooter Band** from Oklahoma City, **Confederate Railroad** and our very own **Ricochet** have been booked for the entertainment portion of the Diamond Daze Centennial Festival. **Straight Shooter** will kick off the Friday evening, May 4th event starting at 7:00 p.m. followed by **Confederate Railroad** at 8:00 p.m. On Saturday, May 5th, the main day of the other festival events, entertainment will begin with **Straight Shooter Band** again at 12:00 noon followed by **Ricochet** at 1:00 p.m. There will be no entry fee into the festival grounds this year, only a \$5 parking fee. All concerts are free of charge, so gather up the family and come join us on May 4th and 5th at the Sallisaw High School Complex for the Diamond Daze Centennial Festival.

Carnival, Car Show and More...

Once again this year for the Diamond Daze Festival, we will have a full carnival setup and ready for the kids on Wednesday, May 2nd. Advanced tickets will be sold at the Chamber of Commerce Office. As all other festival events, the carnival will be held at the Sallisaw High School Complex by the 4-Plex baseball fields. Thanks to Josh Fleetwood, the car show will once again take place on Saturday, May 5th. According to Buddy Holt, BMAD will once again hold their Poker Run and Cycle Show that day.

Executive Board – 2007

- President – Matt Caldwell, NBS
- President Elect – Open position
- Treasurer – Terry Nation, Armstrong Bank
- Past President – Cheryl Mills, Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative

Board Members – 2007

- Gary Schaefer – BHC Insurance
- Larry Randolph – Charlie's Chicken
- Debbie Edgmon – BorgWarner Morse TEC
- Buddy Spencer – President, SIC-Blue Ribbon Auto
- Ronda Vinson – ARVEST Bank
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- Buddy Holt – Red Bird Smith Health Services
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- Shannon Vann – Mayor, State Farm Insurance
- Ron Wyrick – Superintendent, Sallisaw Public Schools
- Jayne Hadley – McDonald's Holly Martens – Sequoyah Memorial Hospital
- Dr. Bob Wells, DDS – Family Dentistry
- Judy Martens – Executive Vice-President Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce

Community News

KCBS Barbeque comes to Sallisaw once again!

One of the main highlights of the 2006 Diamond Daze Festival was the KCBS Barbeque Cook-Off. Over 45 serious barbeque enthusiasts signed up for the 2006 festival. The number is expected to rise for this year's event for several reasons. More money has been added to the list of prizes and word has gotten out about how hospitable we are in Sallisaw! We expect over 50 cooks this year. Taster kits will be sold for \$5 each. By purchasing one, you will be able to go around to each cook who has entered the People's Choice and taste their cuisine. You will also be able to cast your vote for the top cook in this category. The winner will take home \$500. So bring your appetite and join in the festivities on Saturday, May 5th!

Oklahoma Centennial Recognition Events Planned

Along with all the wonderful festival events for Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th, there are some very special Centennial Recognition events planned Wednesday, May 2nd and Thursday, May 3rd. Kicking off the Centennial Week will be a Mock Land Run for all 4th graders from Eastside Elementary in Sallisaw. The kids, dressed in clothing from 1907 period, will take a field trip to Overstreet-Kerr Historical Farm where they will have a lunch typical of the 1907 era, observe early agricultural demonstrations courtesy of 14 Flags Museum Members and then actually stake out some land of their very own! In addition to this

great event, starting on April 2nd the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce will be selling Centennial recognition candles. Residents will be able to purchase a scented candle in a container with the Official Centennial Logo on it along with an individualized label of each year in our centennial. There will be 100 candles sold, with dates ranging from 1907 to 2007 on them. The Sequoyah County Times will be showcasing each person who purchases one of the candles, telling why the year they chose was significant. The Chamber will also be selling cake & frosting mixes at cost, and asking the purchasers to bake the cake and bring it to the festival grounds on Saturday, May 5th where a huge Oklahoma-shaped birthday cake will be assembled and surrounded by the purchased Centennial candles. Candles will be lit, happy birthday to Oklahoma will be sung and pieces of the cake will be given away. If you are interested in purchasing either a candle or a cake mix, please contact the Chamber Office at 775-2558. Let's all participate and make this Centennial something to always remember!

Old Photos Bring Back Fond Memories

In honor of our "senior kids", the Diamond Daze Festival will feature an old photo exhibit in the Stanley Tubbs Memorial Library running Wednesday, May 2nd through Saturday, May 5th. Residents are encouraged to bring their favorite old photos of Sequoyah County from 1907 through present, have them scanned, and place them on display for everyone to enjoy. It is the hope of the Festival Committee and Bethia Owens, Sequoyah County Librarian, to have enough photos to place them in decade groupings. If you have any photos you'd like displayed, please bring them to the library by Friday, April

HERE WE GROW AGAIN! NEW MEMBERS FOR: JANUARY & FEBRUARY - 2007

PAFFORD EMS

Thank you for joining the Chamber. Your commitment to making Sallisaw a better place is appreciated.

RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

BLUE RIBBON AUTO GROUP
MARVINS – GOLDEN SPUR - MAZZIOS
ANCHOR FINANCE – PHILIP GREEN
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CENTURY 21 PROPERTIES REALTY
SALLISAW LUMBER – 1ST NATIONAL BANK
NATIONAL BANK OF SALLISAW
SEQUOYAH COUNTY ABSTRACT & TITLE
WOOD FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC
AT&T YELLOW PAGES
BHC INSURANCE – BROWN'S TIRE
BORGWARNER MORSE TEC
SALLISAW TRUE VALUE HARDWARE
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SUNLIGHT FARMS – SHELTER INS.
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AROMA'S – BELLE POINT BEVERAGES
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CITY OF SALLISAW – CHEEK'S 501 RANCH
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Thank you for renewing your membership with the Chamber. With your continued support, we can work together in the growth and development of our great community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the economic vitality of the Sallisaw area while striving to create the best quality of life possible for our citizens.

Upcoming Events

MARCH 2007

- March 14 Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
12:00 noon – Chamber Building
- March 21 SIC March Board Meeting-12:00 noon
Chamber Building
- March 28 Chamber Monthly Membership Meeting –
12:00 noon – Indian Capital Tech. Center
- March 29 Sequoyah County Visioning Committee
Meeting – Chamber Conference Room – 12:00
noon
- April 4 Carl Albert Foundation Meeting-12:00 noon
Western Sizzlin’

Chamber Champs!

The Chamber would like to recognize Journey Church for sponsoring our Character banners for the month of March

**LIVESTOCK SHOW ONCE AGAIN
A SUCCESS FOR OUR KIDS!**

Congratulations to all Sequoyah County 4-H and FFA members who showed in the Annual Sequoyah County Jr. Livestock Show on February 22nd and 23rd. The sale totaled over \$65,000 going to the great kids of these two organizations. Our biggest thank you goes to you, the buyers, who paid premiums and gave add on money for these animals. You are making a difference in the lives of kids. THANK YOU!

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