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"If You Would Avoid Criticism, Say Nothing, Do Nothing and Be Nothing"

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## 3,000 expected; event ends Sunday

# 129th Otoe-Missouria Encampment in progress

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For more than 100 years, Otoe-Missouria tribal members have gathered annually during the third week of July to dance, sing, laugh, cook, eat, pray, remember and celebrate the Otoe-Missouria ways.

The 129th annual Otoe-Missouria Summer Encampment began Wednesday, July 14 and will continue through Sunday, July 18 at the traditional pow-wow grounds, east of the tribal complex at Red Rock.

Some 3,000 visitors are expected, with participants traveling to the encampment from all over the country.

Although some songs and traditions have been lost over the years, older tribal members work hard to keep the tribe's heritage intact. As an example, older

singers teach the younger ones family and clan songs. Many attend the annual encampment to expose their children and grandchildren to Otoe-Missouria traditions.

Wednesday's events included a mourner's feast to which everyone who lost a loved one during the past year was invited. A handgame followed the meal.

Thursday night, little girls get plumed and little boys get their roaches, permitting them to dance in the arena.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday is grand entry, a time when all tribal members enter the arena and dance as one to the beat of the drum. Ribbon work and steps of the dancers recall those of their ancestors that have been passed down from



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## Kaye Bond retiring; to be honored at July 20 reception



Kaye Bond

The Cherokee Strip Historical Society is planning a retirement reception for Kaye Bond from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20 at the Cherokee Strip Museum.

The public is invited.

Kaye began working at the museum in 1988 and has served as Historical Facility Manager since 1989. She plans to retire at the end of July.

According to Kaye, "Working at the museum has been both professionally and personally rewarding. The growth and development of the museum has been a joint effort involving all the people who work and volunteer at the museum. Each and every person has contributed to the museum and I have been fortunate to have worked with some wonderful, dedicated people over the years."

"I am very grateful for all the opportunities I have had and for all the friends I have made. In many ways I regret leaving, but I am very pleased that I will be able to leave the museum well positioned to move forward with a major renovation that will increase our ability to meet

our mission goals. I am looking forward to new adventures with my family and being able to support the museum, the Oklahoma Historical Society, and the Cherokee Strip Historical Society in a new and different capacity."

The living history program, "A Day at Rose Hill School" is an exceptionally successful interpretive program and Kaye is pleased to have been a part of the program's success. Since the development of the program in 1988, over 60,500 fourth grade children have crossed the "time bridge" on the grounds of the museum and "stepped back in time" to experience life in 1910. The program is so successful that the Cherokee Strip Museum staff has helped other museums develop programs similar to "A Day at Rose Hill School."

Kaye helped to establish the Oklahoma Historical Society's Memorandum of Understanding with the Cherokee Strip Historical Society. In 1993 the partnership was formed to enhance and develop opportunities for better and more efficient operation of the museum

by allowing revenues generated through programming and gift store sales to remain in the community.

Events such as the Rural Heritage Festival, the Cherokee Strip Celebration Tea, and the Christmas Tea, which will continue to be held each year at the museum, are possible because of this partnership.

The partnership has provided the funding for the Rose Hill School program and staff, funded jobs at the museum, funded improvements throughout the site, and supported Perry's tax base. The public-private partnership has been beneficial to both the Oklahoma Historical Society and to the Cherokee Strip Historical Society.

Kaye has written and been project director for numerous grants. These have allowed the museum and the Cherokee Strip Historical Society to partner together to benefit the museum and other organizations. Grants have helped to fund exhibits and programs at the museum, the development of a website, long-range development plans, profes-

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## Conneywerdy receives two Northwestern scholarships

Hope Conneywerdy, a recent graduate of Frontier High School, has been awarded two scholarships to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University for the 2010-11 academic year.

She has received the Freshman Academic and Salutatorian scholarships. Conneywerdy plans to major in pre-med.

The first award requires recipients to have an ACT score of 21-25 and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

The second is reserved for designated salutatorians and is renewable for up to eight

semesters.

In high school, she was the vice president of the senior class and involve with the student council.

She is the daughter of Cruz and Gina Conneywerdy of Red Rock.

Featuring one of the most comprehensive financial assistance programs in the region,

Northwestern provides more than \$1 million annually in scholarships and other forms of institutional assistance to students.



## Covington gets OWRB Grant

Oklahoma City – The Town of Covington has been approved to receive a \$68,100 grant from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to rectify deficiencies at their wastewater treatment lagoons.

The grant, which was matched with \$31,062 in local funds, was approved during the monthly meeting of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, according to Joe Freeman, Chief of OWRB's Financial Assistance Division.

"This Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) grant will help bring the Town of Covington into compliance with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) Consent Order," Freeman said. "Installing rip rap, filter blanket, and adding new sewer lines will offer the citizens of Covington safer, more efficient wastewater treatment."

The Town of Covington is represented by State Senator David Myers and State Representative Dale DeWitt, Freeman noted. "The REAP program was created by the State Legislature in 1996 to help small Oklahoma communities that are often excluded from traditional funding programs, and we are grateful to Senator Myers and Representative DeWitt for their help in delivering this grant."

## Coming Events

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**Saturday, July 17**  
Noble County Genealogy Society meeting, 10 a.m.-noon. Perry Carnegie Library conference room. Open to the public.

**Sunday, July 18**  
Happy 1st Birthday Joshua. Love, Mom, Dad & Bubba.

**Monday, July 19**  
Perry Municipal Authority, Mayor and City Council, consecutive meetings, 6:15 p.m. Perry Municipal Courtroom, 729 Cedar Street.  
Customer Appreciation Cookout, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Perry Pharmacy, Eighth and Fir.  
Happy Birthday Dean Courtright. Love, Sharon and Mike, Shawn and families.

**Tuesday, July 20**  
Perry Weight Watchers, 5:30 p.m. First

Christian Church, Seventh and Holly.  
American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m. Legion Hall, 716 Delaware, Perry.  
Perry Friends of the Library second annual Crazy Day's sale. 9 a.m. Perry Carnegie Library.

Perry Memorial Hospital Blood Drive, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PMH, 501 14th.

**Friday, July 23**  
Happy 17th wedding anniversary Bruce and Sylvia. Your Journal family.  
Happy Birthday, J.J. Barber. Love, Kayla and Brooklyn.

**Monday, July 26**  
'Life After Loss' support group, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. HeBrews Coffee House, north side of the square.

Tuesday, July 27

Perry Weight Watchers, 5:30 p.m. First Christian Church, Seventh and Holly.  
Noble County Cherokee Strip Historical Society board meeting, 5:30 p.m. Cherokee Strip Museum, West Fir, Perry.

**Wednesday, July 28**  
Happy 11th Birthday Skylar Agüero. Love, Mom, Mema, and your siblings.

**Sunday, August 1**  
2010 Sing-a-long, 7 p.m. Sumner Baptist Church.

Place your birthday or anniversary greeting here free of charge. This space is also provided for public meeting announcements that are open to the general public. To place your announcements or greeting in this space, call 580-336-2222.

### Today's Prayer

**My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.**

Galations 6:1 (NRSV)

**Father, Let Your love flowing through me, help restore those who have sinned and fallen away from truth and light.**

Amen.