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A message from City Manager
Nick Payne



Allow me to welcome you to the City of Tonkawa, Oklahoma! Our "oil-boom" past forged fortunes. Today, our true wealth is neighbors who support, city leaders who care, schools that shine and excel, farms that flourish, and family businesses that ring in new generations. We are proudly nestled at the crossroads of I-35 and Highway-60 – geography that keeps our economy rolling and our culture rooted. We embrace our Native American heritage. Together with our tribal partners, we honor the meaning of our namesake, "Tonkawa: We All Stay Together." That covenant guides every budget we balance, every ribbon we cut, every visitor we welcome, every business we open, and every harvest that leaves the "Wheatheart of Oklahoma" bound for markets beyond our horizon. Our successes are abundant. Our continuous drive to progress into the future is noticeable. However, like every city, we face modern challenges - but we meet them the Tonkawa way: shoulder to shoulder, public and private, elder and entrepreneur. I welcome you to a city that fosters hometown excellence where prosperity is still measured in relationships, not just receipts! You will see why the "Wheatheart of Oklahoma" still beats strong and come to the same conclusion that our whole city sees… The "boom" never really ended; it just became the sound of community!



Respectfully,

Nick Payne
City Manager
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City of Tonkawa, OK



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Welcome to TONKAWA

The Small Town with a *BIG* Heart!

A unique past, an intriguing present and an exciting future - that's Tonkawa! Native Americans, hardy pioneers, visionary educators, legendary oilmen, German prisoners of war, and creative citizens have all left their marks on this city on the Salt Fork River just east of I-35.

Guided into town by the 25 foot lighted wheatheart on top of the Farmers Coop, you'll enter the historic downtown district. The picturesque Heart in the Park Labyrinth with its timeline of Tonkawa history and the Grand Heart Walk of art panels surrounded by personalized pavers are the latest additions to Centennial Park at Sixth Street and Grand Avenue, downtown Tonkawa. A number of historical monuments and three museums - the McCarter Museum of Tonkawa History, the Tonkawa Tribal Museum, and the A.D. Buck History and Welcome Center - give glimpses of the history of the town and surrounding areas.

Tonkawa (the word translates as "they all stay together") takes its name from the Tonkawa Tribe, which was removed in 1885 to the area then known as Oakland Reserve and home of Nez Perce Chief Joseph and his band from 1879-1885. The town itself was settled by pioneers making the Cherokee Outlet Land Run of 1893 and was incorporated in 1894. Because of abundant wheat production in the area, Tonkawa styles itself "Wheatheart of Oklahoma."

The town entered the "Roaring Twenties" with the discovery of oil in the Tonkawa (Three Sands) Field in 1929. Briefly known as "The Billion Dollar Spot," Tonkawa's population swelled to 10,000 and several beautiful homes and churches built during this time still stand in the city. German prisoners of war were housed in a POW camp during World War II, and the site, now occupied by an industrial park, is identified by a stone marker engraved with a map of the original compound.

Northern Oklahoma College, established in 1901 as University Preparatory School, is the home of the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery, which hosts outstanding exhibits by Oklahoma artists throughout the academic year, and of the A.D. Buck History and Welcome Center. Its landscaped grounds, affiliated with the state botanical garden system, delight the eye with individual memorial gardens and sculptures. Numerous cultural events are open to the public.

The Mid-America Arts Alliance awarded a mural project to one Oklahoma town in 2010. Tonkawa was selected for this public art project. Employing an intensive community-based process, local volunteers teamed up with the visiting artists to research, design and help paint this sprawling visual poem honoring Tonkawa's cultural history and dreams of things to come. The resulting mural, divided into five interrelated panels, reflects the community's continuing dialogue with its past including the Cherokee Land Run and its effects on the Tonkawa Tribe, current efforts to revitalize downtown, and whimsical visions of future community-building endeavors. The Downtown Mural is located on the corner of Main and Grand.

Group tours are available, including live vignettes, entertainment, performing arts, dining at an historical site and more. Tours may be tailored for any time frame.

Contact the Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce, 580-628-2220 or go to www.tonkawachamber.org for more information to make your visit to Tonkawa a memorable experience.

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Tonkawa is...

- Kids looking for crawdads in the ditch by the high school
- Walt standing in his driveway with a mug in his hand
- College fries at Mary's Grill
- Monday evening farmers market
- Church bells on Sunday morning
- A splash pad full of kids
- Volunteers working on a ball field
- Brent bailey keeping the cemetery nice
- Storm sirens on Mondays at noon
- One stop light
- David Fruits keeping the school yards looking nice
- Smiling faces at the school offices
- Exceptionally blessed with amazing police and fire
- Summer library programs
- Snow sledding on the 60 underpass
- Magical Christmas parades
- Friday night football
- Ross Mitchell trimming trees
- Fund raising, praying for, and feeding sick folk
- Pow wows in the blazing heat
- Truck Show/Parade, Film Festival, Olde Fashioned 4th of July
- Amazing restaurants
- Barnhart's garden/Charlie and Kelley's garden
- NOC
- John Lucas' honey
- Family

The Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma

The Tonkawa belong to the Tonkawan linguistic family, that was once composed of a number of small sub-tribes that lived in a region that extended west from south central Texas and western Oklahoma to eastern New Mexico. The Tonkawa had a distinct language, and their name, as that of the leading tribe, was applied to their linguistic family.

Trail of Tears

The Tonkawa were removed from Fort Griffin, Texas in October, 1884.

They were transported by railroad from a station in Cisco, Texas, to a temporary stop at the Sac-Fox Agency near Stroud, Oklahoma. The entire Tribe wintered at the Sac-Fox Agency until spring, then traveled the last 100 miles by wagon fording many rain swelled rivers and axle deep mud caused by severe spring rains. They reached the Ponca Agency on June 29th and then finally to "Oakland" on June 30th, 1885.

This was the Tonkawa "Trail of Tears." The Tribe has scheduled the date of its annual Pow-Wow to coincide with this historic date, the last full weekend in June.

The Tonkawa Tribe Today

Location and Land Status

The Tonkawa Tribal Reserve is located in Kay County, in Northern Oklahoma. Tribal headquarters are situated on the west bank of the Chikaskia River, about 2.5 miles southeast of the town of Tonkawa.

Government

The Tribal Committee is composed of a president, vice president and secretary/treasurer which serve as the elected governing body for enrolled tribal members. Committee members serve two-year terms, with elections occurring every other year.

Economy

The tribe operates 3 Class II/III gaming facilities managed by independent entities. The Tonkawa Indian Casino West is located at the intersection of Highway 60 and Interstate 35, Tonkawa Indian Casino East is located on the Tonkawa Tribal Reserve, and the Native Lights Casino is located at Chilocco on north Highway 77. The Tribe also operates under Red Pipe LLC, two smoke shops, one on the Tonkawa Tribal Reserve and one at Native Lights a Travel Plaza and Hotel on Highway 60 and Interstate 35.

Services

In addition to tribally owned businesses, the tribe administers federally funded programs and services in education, job training, health and diabetes care, transportation, child care and others.

Infrastructure

Tonkawa Tribal headquarters are accessible from Ponca City, via U.S. 60. U.S. 177 connects Tonkawa with Blackwell, 12 miles north. Interstate 35 passes just three miles west of Tonkawa, connecting with Oklahoma City and beyond. Commercial and private air service is available in Ponca City, 12 miles east. Bus lines, truck lines and express package carriers also serve Ponca City.

Community Facilities

A community center is located at Fort Oakland on the tribal reserve near Tonkawa. Tribal members receive electricity, water and gas service from regional providers.

Tribal members receive health care through the White Eagle, Kanza, and Pawnee Indian Clinics, approximately 20 miles southeast of the tribal reserve. Hospitals are also located in Ponca City. Children attend Kay County Public Schools.

There is a tribal museum located at the Henry L. Allen Community Center located at 1 Rush Buffalo Rd., Tonkawa, OK. Group Tours are available by request. Call 580.628.2561 for additional information.

The Tonkawa name for themselves is "Tickanwa-tic"
Meaning: 'real people'

The Waco (Wichita) name for the Tonkawa is "Tonkaweya"
Meaning:
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McCarter Museum

If it's been a while since your last visit, now is the perfect time to rediscover this beloved local treasure. Nestled in the heart of Tonkawa at 220 E. Grand, the McCarter Museum offers an engaging and vibrant glimpse into Tonkawa's past.

With its captivating exhibits and interactive displays, our museum promotes an enriching experience for visitors of all ages. Learn about the Tonkawa Tribe, our former POW camp, the history of the famous Three Sands Oil fields and much more!

Visit our recreated schoolroom and see how residents lived in pioneering days, with displays showcasing their daily lives, tools and traditions.

Take a short walk around the corner and see our renovated Santa Fe Depot and vintage caboose!

Whether you are a history enthusiast or simply looking to take a walk down memory lane, we invite you to visit us and explore!

We are happy to schedule a private tour and we are open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 1-3 p.m. Find us on Facebook: Tonkawa Historical Society. Our Historical Depot is available to rent. Call 405-880-6270 for more information.















The Art Center of Tonkawa

The Art Center of Tonkawa is a vibrant hub of creativity, perfect for connecting with the local community and discovering the artistic spirit of our town. Founded in 2017 by passionate locals, the Art Center is dedicated to nurturing creativity, showcasing local talent, and providing a welcoming space for all.

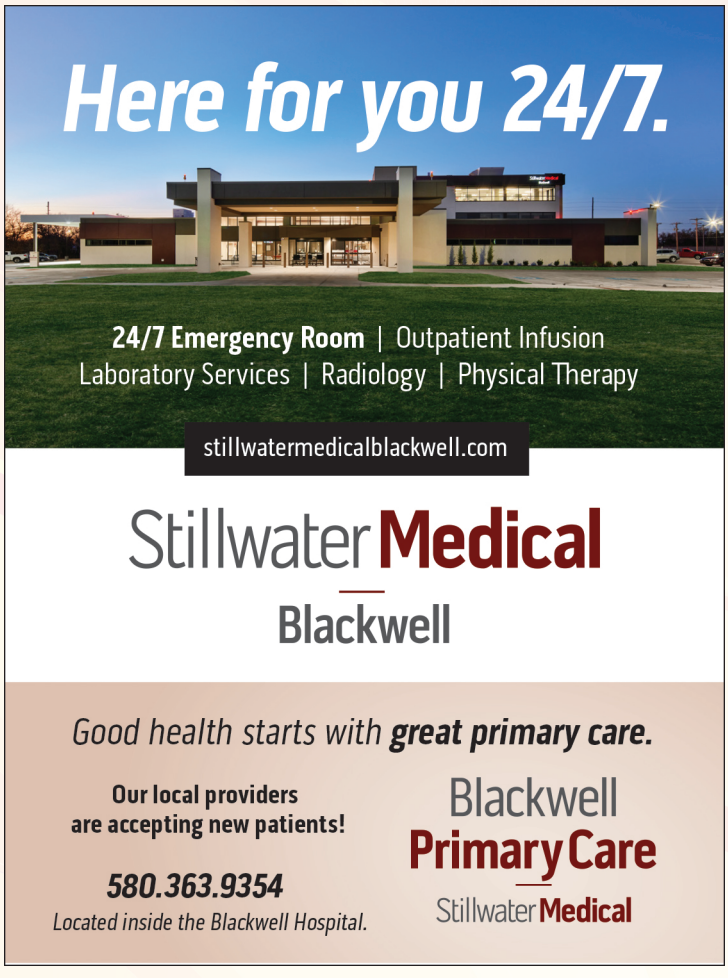
Located in the heart of Tonkawa, our center is housed in a beautifully renovated building that serves as both a creative haven and a community gathering spot. Step into our gift shop and gallery, open since December 2022, to browse unique creations from 12 area artists, including stunning works by Tonkawa Tribal members. You'll also find delicious Sweet Shop USA truffles—perfect for a sweet treat or gift! The gift shop is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 AM to 5 PM and Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM, with extended hours starting in October for holiday shopping.

Art Center of Tonkawa
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Creative Classes

Whether you're an aspiring artist or just love to create, we offer a variety of art classes to spark your imagination. Join us for Thirsty Thursday, held every third Thursday of the month, where a $10 fee gets you drinks, snacks, and a fun make-and-take craft project—great for meeting new friends! Our gallery regularly spotlights local artists, with rotating exhibits to keep things fresh and inspiring.

The Art Center is also a lively community space. We host the Tonkawa Film Festival after-party, pop-up shops for local vendors, and even Santa himself during the downtown Christmas celebration. Need a venue for a family gathering or group event? The 202 side of our building is available for rent.

Stop by to explore, create, or just soak in the creative energy. The Art Center of Tonkawa is more than a place—it's a community where newcomers are always welcome. We can't wait to meet you!



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Welcome to our community!



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Events and Activities

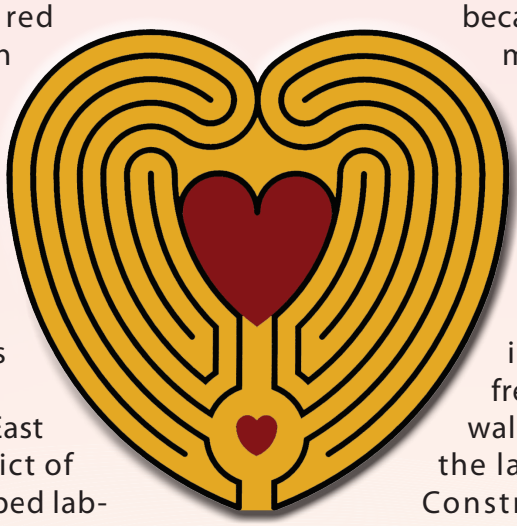
- 4th of July Celebration
- Good Vibrations Car Show
- Educational and Cultural Activities
- Tonkawa Tribe Pow-Wow
- Tonkawa Film Festival
- Outstanding Youth Sports
- Business After Hours
- Economic Development & Tourism
- Old Tyme Christmas (listed in the top 10 Christmas towns in Oklahoma)

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Heart in the Park Labyrinth

Walk the paths of the internationally renowned Heart in the Park labyrinth from the cast-iron pausing stone at the entrance to the red heart-shaped goal and back to touch the wheat on the stone, leaving a bit of yourself with the Heart in the Park (HIP). For many, walking the labyrinth is meditative and calming; others enjoy it purely for fun and exercise. While the path always leads to the center, its twists and turns are reminders of life's surprises and challenges.



Located in Centennial Park at 301 East Grand Avenue in the historic district of downtown Tonkawa, the heart-shaped labyrinth is outlined by a walking path bordered by a timeline of 100 engraved pavers recording Tonkawa's history from 1879 to 2007. The 45-foot diameter labyrinth, the only one of its kind in the world, is wheelchair accessible and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at no charge. Picnic tables, park benches and a concrete-floor pavilion invite visitors to relax and enjoy the beautifully landscaped setting.

In 2024, HIP gardens became certified as an official Monarch Waystation and a national Wildlife Habitat because of community volunteer's commitment to transition the gardens to include native Oklahoma plants that support beneficial insects and sustainability of the environment.

HIP is a gathering place for performances, weddings, memorial services, temporary art displays and holiday events and activities in addition a to summer series of free Full Moon Concerts and labyrinth walks. During December and February, the labyrinth is bordered in red lights.

Constructed as Tonkawa's Oklahoma Centennial Project, the labyrinth was dedicated in October 2007. An entry plaza of original Tonkawa street brick features an engraved granite slab in the shape of the state. The four colors of the labyrinth paving stones symbolize the nearby Salt Fork River (blue), oil industry (charcoal), agriculture (gold) and the "heart" of people of the area (brick red).

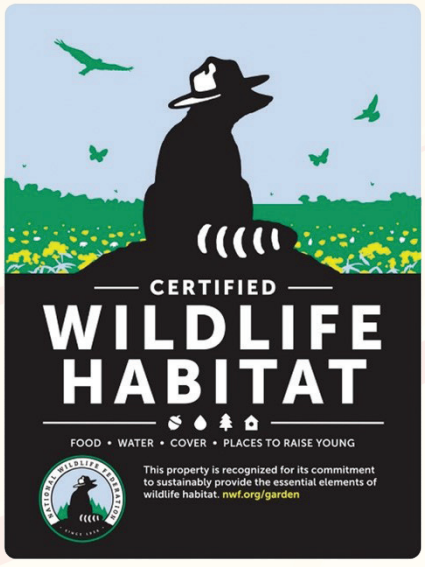
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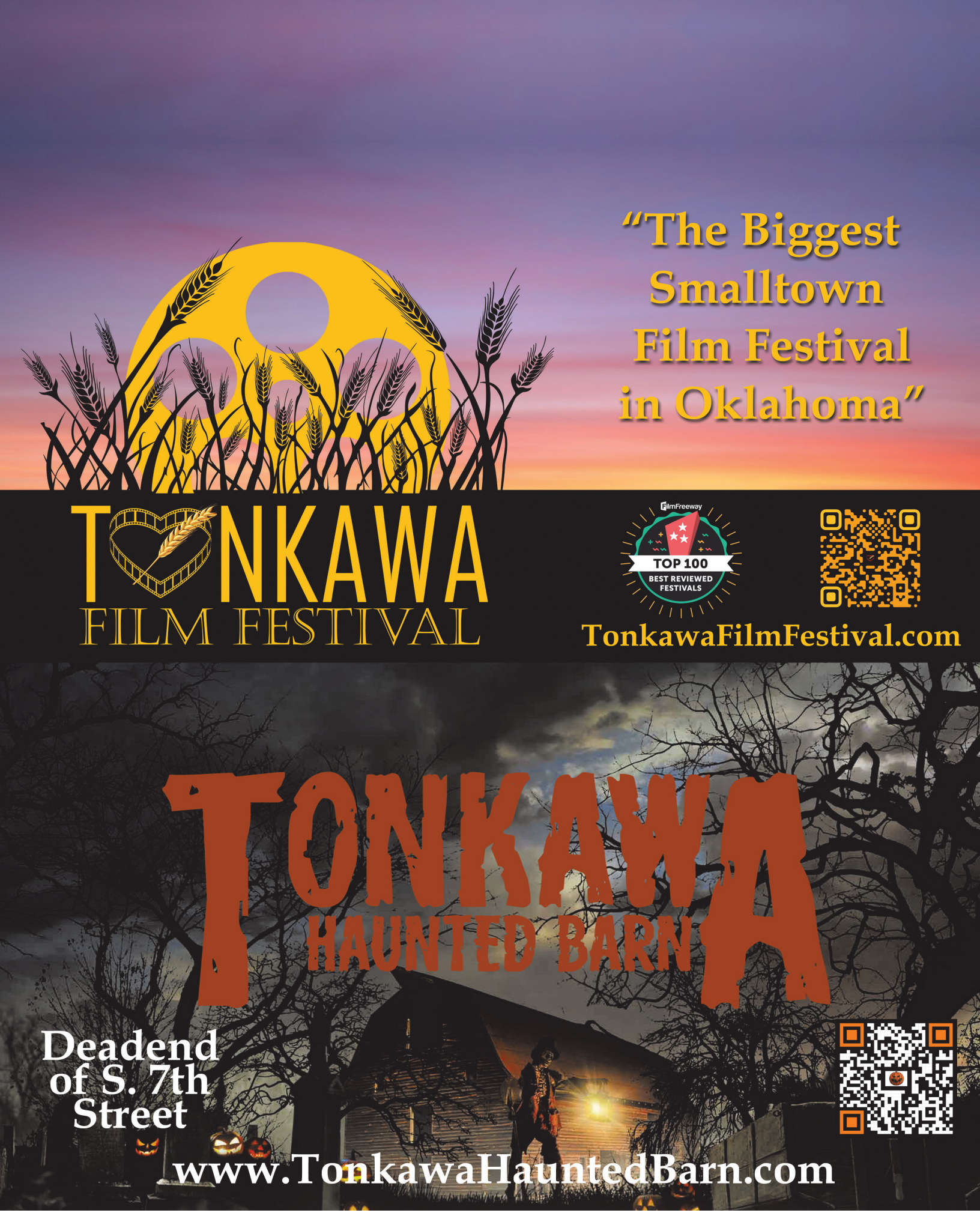




seven-circuit path incorporates the Tonkawa Wheatheart logo and was cast by Tonkawa Foundry. The golden limestone crossover at midpoint above the heart-shaped goal incorporates river flint from the early day Yellow Bull crossing on the Salt Fork. Brick plaques spell out the word Tonkawa and the phrases "They All Stay Together" (a translation of the Waco Indian name for the Tonkawa Tribe) and "Wheatheart of Oklahoma," the town motto.

Adjacent to the labyrinth, the Grand Heart Walk of colorful art panels depicts seven facets of area heritage: river, Northern Oklahoma College flame of education, oil derrick, Tonkawa Tribe water bird, farm, Tonkawa Schools buccaneer and Tonkawa City Wheatheart. The panels are surrounded by engraved personalized pavers commemorating individuals, businesses and organizations whose contributions made the centennial Project possible. Labyrinth walking is both fun and beneficial for health to quiet the mind, slow the heart rate and promote stress relief and relaxation. To learn more, visit our website: heartinthepark.org.




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NOC is nationally recognized by the Aspen Institute in Washington DC as being in the top 10 percent of community colleges in the country.

Diana Morris is the NOC President. She started her presidential tenure in May 2024.



Diana Morris
Northern Oklahoma College President

Recent academic focuses have included a Wind Energy program and also the continuation of a Precision Agriculture Degree Program as part of a recent five-year $2.2 million NASNTI grant.

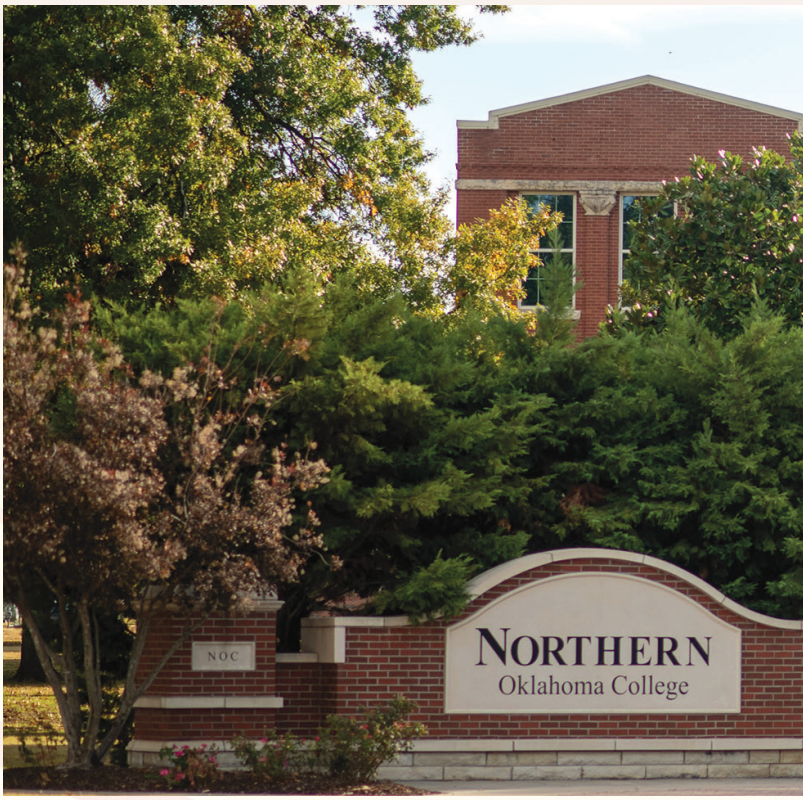
NOC offers three types of degrees including Associate

Northern Oklahoma College, the state's first public two-year community college, is a multi-campus, land-grant institution that provides high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities and services.

NOC serves nearly 3,100 students through the home campus in Tonkawa, branch in Enid, and NOC/OSU Gateway Program in Stillwater. Of these students about 80% receive financial aid and/or scholarships. 75% of NOC students complete their degree with zero debt.

The college is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and offers associate degrees in three general areas: Arts, Science and Applied Science; the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs; and the Accreditation Commission for Education and Nursing.

For more information about Northern Oklahoma College please call (580) 628-6208 or visit the NOC website at www.noc.edu.



in Arts, Associate in Science, and Associate in Applied Science. The college offers nine academic divisions including Agriculture/Biological Sciences, Business, Engineering/Physical Science/Process Technology, Fine Arts, Health/Physical Education/Recreation, Language Arts, Math, Nursing, and Social Sciences.

NOC also has programs including Digital Media, Criminal Justice, Mass Communication, Process Technology, Music Theatre, Roustabouts, Athletic Training, and Livestock Judging.

NOC recently launched a new website in September that assists students, prospective students and community members in learning about NOC.

The Tonkawa campus, the administrative center for NOC, is also the home of the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery, which hosts exhibits by Oklahoma artists throughout the academic year is located in the lobby of the 500-seat Kinzer Performing Arts Center (KPAC), dedicated in 2006. The KPAC auditorium was recently renamed the Dineo Heilmann Auditorium honoring former Fine Arts Division Chair and Roustabout Director Dineo Heilmann. NOC is also home to radio station KAYE-FM.

The Vineyard Library, located in the administration building, was recently renovated into the Pickens Learning Commons where students can study in a relaxed environment. Included is a collection of art from the Hugh Pickens Collection. The library and Cultural Engagement Center also displays three large murals created by Osage Artist Yatika Starr Fields.

Maverick athletic programs are highly successful in multiple sports. NOC competes in men's and women's basketball, men's and women's wrestling, baseball, and softball. The men's wrestling program was reinstated in 2024 while the women's program started in 2024.

NOC was originally named 'University Preparatory School at Tonkawa' and was established as a preparatory school for the University of Oklahoma in 1901.

From 1915-17, the school was known as the Oklahoma Institute of Technology. Then in 1921, the school added college level courses and was named Northern Oklahoma Junior College. In 1951, high school courses were phased out and the institution became solely a division of higher learning. In 1965, the institution was renamed Northern Oklahoma College.

While the main campus is in Tonkawa, the college has other locations in Enid and Stillwater. NOC also partners with the University Center in Ponca City for course offerings.

Area patrons may learn more about NOC at www.noc.edu on Facebook @northernoklahomacollege and on Twitter @N_O_C.



The entrance on the west side of Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa with Central Hall in the background.

Tonkawa Film Festival

What started as an idea by Tonkawa resident Margie Oxford, has ballooned into one of the top 100 reviewed film festivals in the world out of over 14,000 film festivals. After attending her first film festival back in 2014 with her son-in-law's film, Margie was inspired to bring one to Tonkawa. In 2019, she enlisted her son James Oxford and son-in law Lance R. Marshall, current residents of NYC, to help bring the vision to life. James presented to Margie as well as other community members what he believed would be a unique festival experience. From there the planning began.

The inaugural festival was slated for March 5-6, 2020 through the Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce. The festival was created as a short film festival, meaning all films are only 20 mins or less in running time. Knowing that there are thousands of film festivals for filmmakers to choose from, James knew that theirs would need to be something special. To do that, the city of Tonkawa agreed to include a film festival parade through downtown as part of the festival events. The filmmakers themselves experience the parade first-hand as they ride through the streets in horse drawn wagons.

The first 2 years were focused on films from across the United States. But soon it grew to be an international film festival, accepting submissions from around the



world. In its first 6 years alone, the Tonkawa Film Festival has received nearly 1,500 submissions. With filmmakers traveling not only from all parts of the United States, but as far away as Australia to experience Tonkawa's unique small-town hospitality.

The festival quickly established itself as a competitive film festival, with selected films also screening at Sundance, Tribeca, and Cannes among other prestigious festivals. It has also become home to many student films from Columbia, NYU and AFI to name a few. With films ranging from Drama to Comedy, Horror to Animation and Documentaries, all genres are represented. This year's festival will also be adding a short screenplay competition to highlight where all films begin, on the page.

In addition to the parade, filmmakers are also treated to events sponsored by local businesses. Events include the Welcome Dinner at Rocking 4 Ranch, Welcome Lunch at TS Fork sponsored by First National Bank of Oklahoma and the film themed quilt display sponsored by Gateway Bank and its closing night party at the Art Center of Tonkawa. Lodging is also provided to visiting filmmakers at the Tonkawa Hotel & Casino, which also includes the HUB entertainment center.

Because filmmakers are at the heart of the festival, every effort is made to make their experience enjoyable. That includes shuttle from the airport as well as to/from all area events. Filmmakers are able to enjoy downtown Tonkawa by dining in the various restaurants and coffee shops while also taking time to explore our historic societies museum and the neighboring Heart in the Park which includes wonderful views of the labyrinth,



the train depot and towering Coop grain elevator.

All screenings take place on the Northern Oklahoma College campus in the Wilkin Hall Auditorium. Films are screened in blocks on Friday and Saturday evenings. Each film block is followed by an interactive Q&A moderation by festival host Lance R Marshall. This provides the audience with the unique opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the film making process from the filmmakers themselves. The screenings are followed by an awards ceremony where hand-crafted plaques are presented in all categories. Last year's Best of Fest winner was also awarded a Blackmagic Pocket 6K Cinema camera valued at over $2,500 generously donated by BlackMagic Design.

This past year's Best of Fest winner was the film "Courage" written/directed by world renown hoop dancer Eric Hernandez. After attending the film festival the previous year to showcase his hoop dancing to our visiting filmmakers, he was inspired to make a short film about his own life as a Native American growing up in an urban community and how hoop dancing set the path for his future. His film has gone on to win awards across the country at multiple Academy Qualifying festivals. The Tonkawa Film Festival is honored that it helped spark his inspiration to tell his story through film.

What started as an idea has grown to be something that not only Tonkawa, but Oklahoma can be proud to call their own. "The festival owes its success to the creative filmmakers who have entrusted their films with us as well as the community that has embraced the festival and shown their support by volunteering their time and sponsoring the festival through financial donations. We are proud to bring the world to Tonkawa and share Tonkawa with the world." said Festival Director James Oxford.

The Tonkawa Film Festival is organized through the Tonkawa Film Commission, a 501(c)(3) Oklahoma non-profit. The 7th Annual Tonkawa Film Festival will take place Apr 24-25th, 2026. More information about the festival can be found at TonkawaFilmFestival.com.

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In the full-time career training areas, Pioneer Tech customizes each student's training based on his or her career goals, by offering multiple career majors. According to Traci Thorpe, Superintendent/CEO, "Our career majors give each student lots of options. They have more courses to choose from and can design their training for a specific career."

Pioneer Tech has 17 career programs. They are Automotive Service Technology, Information Technology, Basic Peace Officer Certification, Biomedical Sciences Academy, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Teacher Preparation, Firefighter/EMT, Health Careers, Industrial Technology, Mechatronics, Medical Services, Practical Nursing, Welding Technology, Visual Communications. Some of these career training programs have options for students to qualify for college credit. These partner institutions include Northern Oklahoma College, Cowley College, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, and Oklahoma State University's Institute of Technology.

Each year nearly 500 high school students and adults enroll in PTC's full-time career training curriculum where they gain knowledge and skills that are needed for success in life and at work.

Adult students have the option of attending on either a part-time or full-time basis. Tuition for adults varies depending on which area they enroll in. Financial aid and scholarships are available to eligible applicants.

Along with quality career-specific training, Pioneer Tech also offers experiences that allow students to find success in core academic subjects as well. Providing free tuition to all high school and home school students within the district, PTC partners with Blackwell, Newkirk, Ponca City, Tonkawa, and Woodland high schools. The tech center also has high school students attending from Frontier, Medford, and Shidler this year. All students attend on a part-time basis dependent upon class schedules from their home high school.

Through the Adult Education and Family Literacy program adult students without a high school diploma can gain the knowledge they need to earn their GED or high school equivalency. For high school-age students who may be at risk of not earning their high school diplomas, PTC works with partner schools to provide academic enhancement and credit recovery opportunities assisting students in meeting graduation requirements.

PTC also offers academic math classes in College Algebra, Math of Finance, Algebra II, Math Analysis, and Geometry. These courses are taught by a certified math teacher at the PTC campus.

Pioneer Technology Center also uses the WorkKeys assessment system and a career curriculum to enhance student and client training. The online-system is a tool to measure basic skill requirements for employment, assess skills relative to a particular career, and for improvement to basic workplace skills. This system assists students in successfully qualifying and retaining a high-skilled, high-wage career.

In addition to providing programs for the emergent workforce, Pioneer Tech also provides an array of services for existing companies, start-up businesses, and industries re-locating into the service area as well as adults who simply want to update or enhance existing job skills.

Pioneer Tech's Business and Industry Services (BIS) division offers client-based and training programs that include small business management, agra business management, bid assistance, leadership development, safety training, industry training, marketing solutions and the business incubator program. The Emergency Services Training Center completed in August of 2019 benefits not only the full-time career programs but also PTC's safety education for the industry. The tower stands 44 feet high with 18,425 square feet of usable training space, including burn rooms, movable partitions, rappelling capabilities, and much more.

Each year, over 9,000 individuals take advantage of the BIS offerings which, in turn, enhances the business climate, and economy of Kay County; thus, providing an increased number of jobs and salaries within the district.

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For more information on PTC's Full-Time programs, Business and Industry Services programs, and Adult Training and Development classes, please call 580-762-8336 or visit pioneertech.edu.

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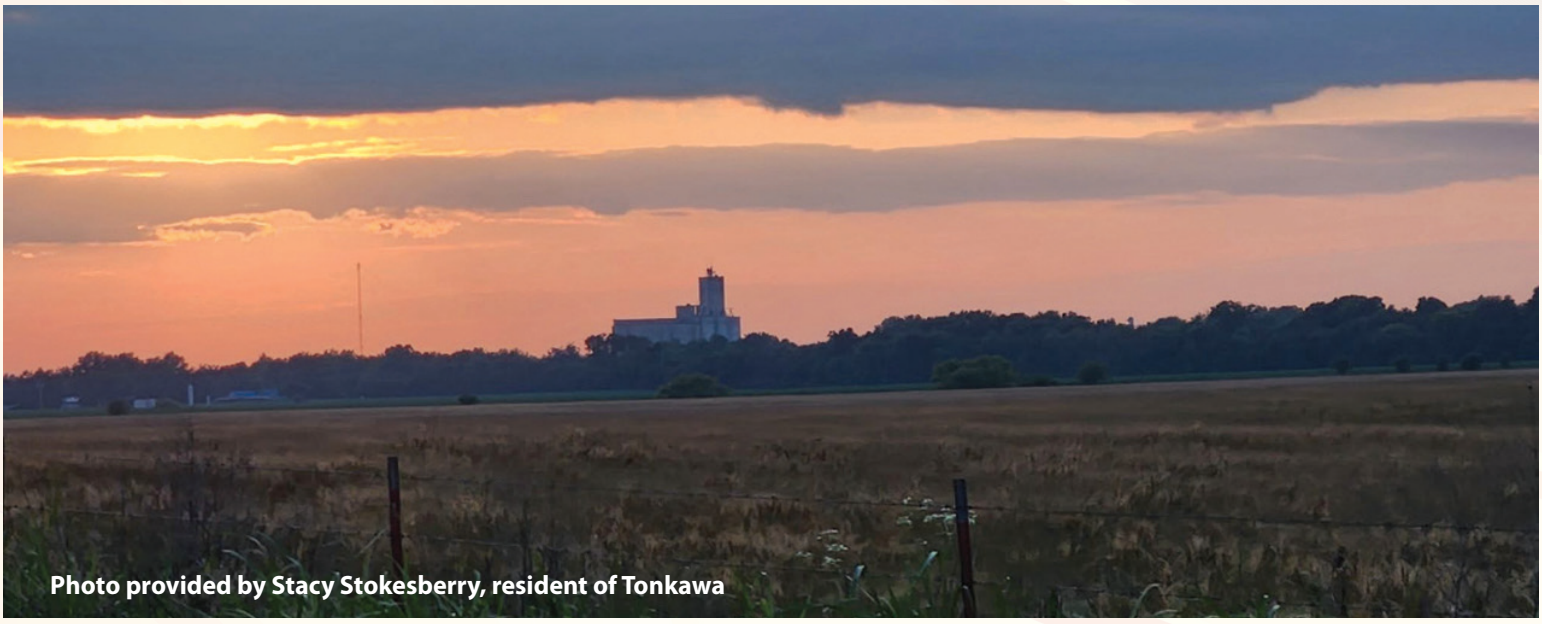
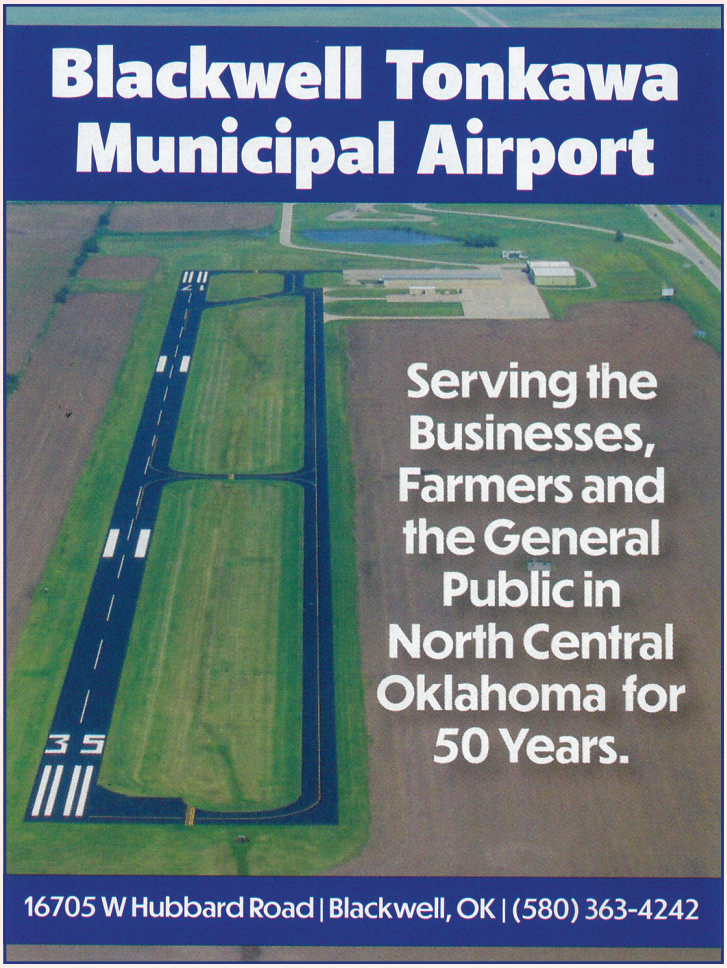


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