



NATIVE
oklahoma
MAGAZINE

MARCH 2023

CREDITS

NATIVE *oklahoma* MAGAZINE

NATIVE OKLAHOMA MAGAZINE | MARCH 2023

P.O. Box 1151 | Jenks, OK 74037 | 918.409.7252 | adam@nativeoklahoma.us

PUBLISHER: Adam Proctor, Cherokee/Shawnee/Creek

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS: Fus Yvhikv, Sarah Alexander, David Reynolds, John Morris, Kaylea Berry, Jeremy Berg

MAGAZINE DESIGN: Red Sky Total Solutions | Sr. Designer, Heather McCoy |

Creative Director, Kevin McMillan | Designer, Avery Underwood

NATIVE OKLAHOMA MAGAZINE is a monthly publication provides content from the Native community. For more information, to sell on our shop or to advertise, please call Adam Proctor at 918-409-7252 or email adam@nativeoklahoma.us

SUBSCRIBE: Native Oklahoma is available FREE at tribal and Oklahoma welcome centers; gift shops; hotels; travel plazas; and online at www.nativeoklahoma.us. For a listing of all locations, please visit us online.



NATIVE *oklahoma* MAGAZINE

ADAM PROCTOR

Founder | Editor-In-Chief

adam@nativeoklahoma.us

918.409.7252

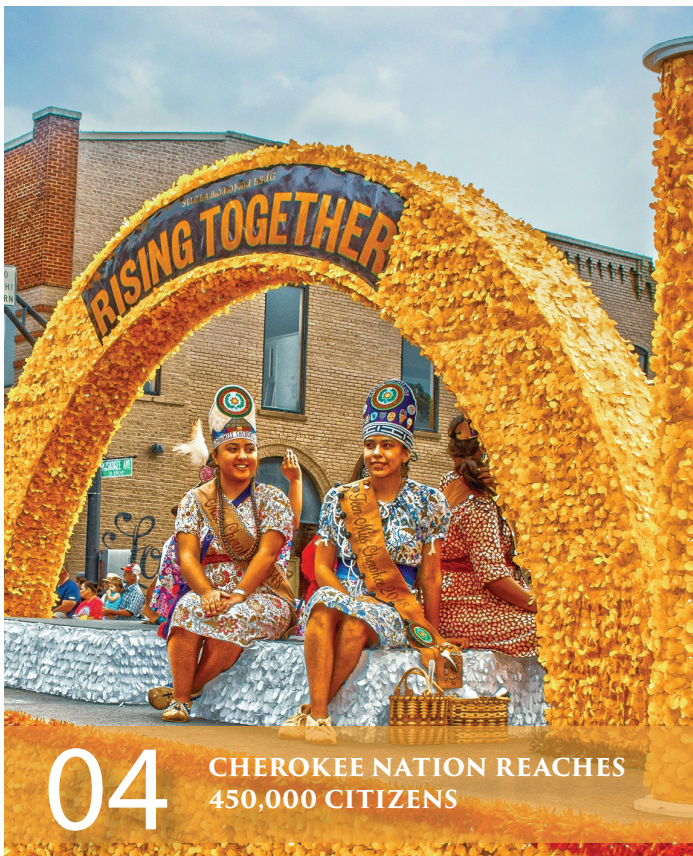
WWW.NATIVEOKLAHOMA.US

NATIVE CULTURE, TOP NEWS,
ART, EVENTS & MORE!



SUBSCRIBE

JOIN OUR NEWSLETTER - IT'S FREE!



04

CHEROKEE NATION REACHES 450,000 CITIZENS



12

MUSCOGEE CITIZEN IS LANGUAGE CONSULTANT FOR MINISERIES



06

INCREASED INFLATION MEANS INCREASED FOCUS ON BUDGETING

04 | **CHEROKEE NATION REACHES 450,000**

This week the Cherokee Nation's Registration Department enrolled its 450,000th tribal citizen.

06 | **INCREASED INFLATION MEANS INCREASED FOCUS ON BUDGETING**

Inflation impacts every Native American household differently and can make it more challenging to hit savings goals.

9 | **IT'S TAX REFUND AND BONUS SEASON!**

What to consider before spending that extra cash!

12 | **MUSCOGEE CITIZEN IS LANGUAGE CONSULTANT FOR MINISERIES**

Edwin Marshall provides his Mvskoke language expertise for "1883: The Bass Reeves Story"

16 | **BLUE STAR PREPARES FOR GROWTH WITH OFFICE EXPANSION**

Company Debuts New Office Space with Open House Event

20 | **FOCUS ON UNCHANGING GOD**

When everything around you is uncertain, the key to stability is to focus on unchangeable truth. You need to focus on what never changes: God's Word and God's character.

22 | **WHAT IS A DIGITAL FOOTPRINT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

In this article, we will explore some of the key reasons why having a digital footprint is crucial in today's world

Native Oklahoma Magazine is a publication not only for the visitor to Oklahoma, but also a resource for our Native community and neighbors. Every month, Native Oklahoma's award-winning writers showcase Native artists, cooks, foods, culture, and crafts, as well as current events and powwows. Our issues include event calendars and lists of Native American attractions across Oklahoma. Native Oklahoma also includes a list of gaming venues, places to stay, and the location of tribal headquarters.



ON THE COVER:

Featured is a photograph of a bison taken by Wolfgang Hasselmann

CONTENTS



Cherokee Nation reaches 450,000

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — This week the Cherokee Nation's Registration Department enrolled its 450,000th tribal citizen.

The Cherokee Nation stands as the largest federally recognized tribe in the United States and has processed a record number of citizen applications since COVID-19.

"Our tribal citizens were longing to reconnect, access our services, especially during the pandemic and families are coming in to get their children registered for citizenship at an earlier age," Cherokee Nation Tribal Registrar Derrick Vann said. "During the height of COVID-19 we were wading through as many as 3,000 to 5,000 applications per month and we've now processed those, and are back to working on current applications."

Daniel Jones, of Wagoner, brought his newborn baby Bryant to the Cherokee Nation to apply for citizenship on Monday, citing that the family wanted to ensure his citizenship right away.

Cherokee Nation's Registration Department received a record number of citizenship applications starting in 2021 after Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Deputy Chief Bryan Warner announced that the tribe would provide COVID-19 assistance payments to all enrolled Cherokee citizens to help defray COVID expenses and aid in recovery.





To meet the higher demand in citizenship applications, Registration added significant staff and expanded work shifts to 7 p.m. during the weekdays and worked on Saturdays.

"I really commend our Registration Department for meeting the needs of our citizens. COVID-19 taught all of us that there is a great need out there in terms of broadband, food insecurities and vital services that our people need," Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. said. "We are the largest tribe in the United States and for our citizens to engage and connect with us is a sign that our Cherokee Nation government is strong and focused where it should be—serving our people. With this growth, we will continue to be an important force for economies, education, health care, and quality of life."



For Cherokee Nation citizenship, an individual must prove direct lineage to an ancestor on the Dawes or Freedmen Roll.

"I'm proud of the hard work our Registration team has put forth to ensure that citizens are being reached," Deputy Chief Bryan Warner said. "We continue to say that our Registration Department is the most visited office in our tribal government and registering 50,000 new citizens in the past year and a half, is sheer proof. I'm truly proud of this achievement and the office as a whole."



Among the Cherokee Nation's 450,000 tribal citizens about 140,000 live in the Cherokee Nation Reservation and more than 270,000 reside in Oklahoma.



INCREASED INFLATION MEANS INCREASED FOCUS ON BUDGETING

By Sarah Alexander, Native American Financial Services at BOK Financial

Inflation impacts every Native American household differently and can make it more challenging to hit savings goals.



Though the annual inflation rate has been consistently reported over 6%, it feels much higher to many consumers. Why? Because while the reported rate is for a standard “basket of goods,” whereas our individual rate of inflation is instead influenced by our own household’s mix of purchases, frequency of purchase and the city we live in—among other factors. Consequently, it’s important to calculate your household’s own inflation rate when budgeting, especially as many believe that high prices will continue through the year.

Furthermore, a close look at inflation numbers from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics can support the “mine’s more than 8%” feeling, as many of the areas with the highest inflation are consumer staples.



The elevated price of food eaten at home, categorically up 10.4% year-over-year through December 2022, explains why prices for bakery, dairy, poultry and packaged or processed foods are up 15% - 30%. Though rent is reported as 8.3% higher, many metros are reporting double-digit increases. Electricity and natural gas prices have increased 14.3% and 19.3%, respectively, with home heating oil up 41.5%.

Prices for new vehicles averaged \$47,000 through mid-2022. While used car prices are said to be moderating, many remain high, with the 13-year average auto age reflecting purchase price resistance and/or new auto shortfalls.



When preparing a household budget, it’s important to take these higher prices into account. And if you don’t budget already—you should, as not having one can result in overspending and relying on credit cards to get by from month to month.



So let higher inflation be your cue to revisit and bolster your budgeting practices:

- + First, review your spending. This is a good opportunity to review subscriptions, memberships, and any auto payments you might have forgotten about. Get a clear picture of where your money is going.
- + Review your insurance policies and look for places to trim premiums while keeping coverage at similar levels.
- + Make sure you have a debt re-payment plan. It's key to know exactly how much outstanding debt you have and at what interest rates as these can determine your pay-off strategy.
- + Find a budgeting style you'll stick to. For many this is pen and paper while others prefer an app. While some like a zero based budget, others prefer the 50/30/20 method.
- + Remember that your budget is a living document that can, and should be, changed month to month. Additionally, budgeting isn't just expense tracking.

Having a budget may not be glamorous, but it will give you far more control over your lifestyle down the road—whatever the future may hold for the U.S. economy.



It's tax refund and bonus season!

What to consider before spending that extra cash!

By David Reynolds, *Director of product strategy and credit delivery with BOK Financial*

Counting the months until you receive your annual bonus or tax refund? You're not alone.

To better cope with inflation, two out of three Americans said they've been blowing through their savings, a 2022 Forbes Advisor study found. Others are relying on credit cards. In the third quarter of 2022 alone, credit card balances increased by \$38 billion.

All that spending just to keep up with rising prices may influence what some consumers choose to do with their tax refunds and annual bonuses, particularly in households that may be struggling to make ends meet.

Among families struggling to keep up with the pace of inflation, I think we may see tax returns that might have otherwise gone toward a big annual purchase, whether it be a car or a computer, instead be used to cover ongoing and regular expenses or to pay down debt they have been forced to acquire to compensate for higher prices.

Other consumers may be concerned about the potential for more financial hardships this year and use their tax refunds and bonuses to beef up their emergency funds.

We're entering period with a lot of unknowns. With the Fed raising rates, the end goal is really to slow consumer demand. They're trying to slow down the economy, which means a certain amount of job loss should be expected. How much slower, how much job loss, is really anyone's guess. That puts people in a position where they may be focused on adding more to their emergency fund.

How to decide

- + The best use of your tax refund or annual bonus really depends on your unique financial situation, but there are a few factors to consider.
- + Since interest rates are higher than they were a year ago, it's costlier to carry credit card debt. Paying down balances can save you on interest and might even improve your credit score.
- + If you don't have an emergency fund—ideally totaling a few months' worth of expenses—you may want to build that up instead. Independent of the interest rates, having that emergency fund available should something go wrong is invaluable, so the first thing to address is really that base level of security.
- + When deciding how much emergency savings you need, it's important to take inflation into account. The dollar doesn't go as far as it used to. In the past, where somebody may have felt pretty good with a \$2,000 cushion, they may not feel as good about it right now, so I expect some people to try to increase their savings.
- + Another factor to consider is your age, including how close you are to retirement. For example, older individuals may choose to max out on their retirement savings, including "catch-up" contributions, which may also help reduce your tax burden.

Anecdotally, we've seen generational differences between how people choose to use their tax refunds or bonuses. For example, young consumers tend to spend the money on goods—such as a down payment for a car or paying for a couch—or opt to pay down student loans or build savings. And we've seen people in their late 20s through early 40s choose to continue to build their emergency funds, contribute to their retirement savings, pay down credit card balances, or contribute to college savings plans for their children.

A trusted banker or financial partner help you decide what's right for you, so tax return and bonus season is a great time to meet with them.

NATIVE ARTISANS

TRADE POST/GIFT SHOP LISTING

SUPERNAW'S OKLAHOMA INDIAN SUPPLY

213 E W.C. Rogers Blvd | Skiatook, OK 74070
918-396-1713 | www.supernaws.com

SOUTHWEST TRADING COMPANY

1306 E 11th St | Tulsa, OK 74120
918-760-3237 | Facebook: @SouthwestNativeGoods

OKLAHOMA NATIVE ART & JEWELRY

2204 Exchange Ave | Oklahoma City, OK 73108
405-604-9800 | www.oknativeart.com

THE ART MARKET

5014 S. Sheridan Rd | Tulsa, OK 74145
918-664-0626 | www.indianarttulsa.com

TRIBES 131

131 24th Ave NW | Norman, OK 73069
405-329-4442 | www.tribes131.com

CHA TULLIS GALLERY

108 W. Main St. | Hominy, OK 74035
918.885.4717 | www.chatullis.com

NATIVE AMERICAN ART

317 S. Main St. | Tulsa, OK 74103
918-584-5792

SOUTHERN PLAINS INDIAN ART

2720 Ave J | Lawton, OK 73505
580-699-2983 | www.mitchelllearlboyiddleok.com

OKLAHOMA INDIAN ARTS & CRAFTS

214 NW 2nd St. | Anadarko, OK 73005
405-247-3486 | Facebook: Oklahom
Indian Arts & Crafts Co-Operative

AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

900 N Broadway Ave | Oklahoma City, OK 73102
405-239-5500 | www.famok.org

S & L GALLERY

511 W. Main St. | Henryetta, OK 74437
918-652-5387 | Facebook: @SAndLGallery

JACOBSON HOUSE

609 Chautauqua Ave | Norman, OK 73069
405-366-1667 | www.jacobsonhouse.org

RED EARTH

100 N Broadway Ave | Oklahoma City, OK 73102
405-427-5228 | www.redearth.org

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

1899 Gordon Cooper Drive | Shawnee, OK 74801
405-878-5830 | www.potawatomiheritage.com

SEMINOLE NATION MUSEUM

524 S. Wewoka Ave | Wewoka, OK 74884
405-257-5580 | www.seminolenationmuseum.org

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES MUSEUM

1101 Honor Heights Dr. | Muskogee, OK 74401
918-683-1701 | www.fivetribes.org

GILCREASE MUSEUM

1400 N. Gilcrease Museum Rd | Tulsa, OK 74127
918-596-2700 | www.gilcrease.org

CHEROKEE HERITAGE CENTER

21192 S. Keeler Dr. | Park Hill, OK 74451
918-456-6007 | www.cherokeeheritage.org



Mvskoke Citizen Language Consultant for Upcoming Miniseries

Edwin Marshall provides his Mvskoke language expertise for "1883: The Bass Reeves Story"

by Kaylea Berry

WETUMKA, Oklahoma – Mvskoke citizen Edwin Marshall was chosen to be a language consultant for the upcoming miniseries "1883: The Bass Reeves Story", which is set to premiere on Paramount+. Bass Reeves was the first African American Deputy U.S. Marshal west of the Mississippi River. During his 32-year career as a Deputy U.S. Marshal Reeves is believed to have over 3,000 arrests including that of his son's for murder.

Reeves was born a slave to Arkansas state legislator William Steele Reeves and moved to Texas with William as a child where he stayed until the Civil War. William's son, Colonel George Reeves joined the Confederate Army and took Bass with him. Sometime during the Civil War Bass escaped slavery and fled to Indian Territory where he lived among the tribes until the 13th Amendment passed. Around 1875, James Fagan appointed Reeves as a Deputy U.S. Marshal because he could speak multiple Native languages and knew his way around Indian Territory.

Pictured Above: Moses Brings Plenty (left) and Edwin Marshall (right) pose for a photo on the set of "1883: The Bass Reeves" Story Feb. 16. (Courtesy photo from Edwin Marshall)

Moses "Mo" Brings Plenty, an Oglala Lakota from South Dakota and famously known as Mo on Yellowstone, attended an Intertribal meeting at River Spirit and shared Taylor Sheridan's vision of the miniseries on Bass Reeves. Brings Plenty met with Muscogee Nation Principal Chief David Hill to find a Mvskoke language consultant.

Chief Hill recommended Marshall to Brings Plenty to be the language consultant. Marshall is a first language speaker and has been involved with the Muscogee Nation in various roles over the years. Marshall worked as Seminole Nation's Language Program Director, has a Facebook group "The Original Muscogee Word of the Day" with over 10,000 members, and has provided speeches in the Mvskoke language at many public events.

Marshall is of the Fuswvlke clan, a member of Tukvpytce tribal town and the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Baptist Church in Wetumka. He grew up in a multigenerational household of first language speakers.

Another advantage Marshall has for this opportunity is that Chiefs from the Five-Civilized Tribes appointed him to be the Intertribal Inaugural Representative to the U.S. Marshals Museum Board of Directors. During his time working with the museum, he expanded his knowledge of Reeves and played a part in proposing recognition of Tribal Lighthouse Officers' part in working with the Marshals in Indian Territory. There is now a 13' tall Lighthouse statue at the museum in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. He was on the museum's board until 2017.

Marshall is working with the network by translating, phonetically spelling Mvskoke words, and ensuring words are pronounced correctly. He is able to work with the cast on pronunciation on set or over video calls or phone calls.

"I would like to think that our citizens would take pride in hearing their own language on the big screen, to hear someone speaking Mvskoke whether they're Creek or Seminole," Marshall said.

The team behind "1883: The Bass Reeves Story" seems to want to represent the different tribes in the series accurately. There are also language consultants for other tribes that play a role.

"That's one of the highlights in this business now is that there's a shift and now people want everything accurate when it comes to language, culture, and hopefully it'll be inspiring for our young people to pick up and embrace their identity, their full identity," Brings Plenty said. "It's just a great honor to be able to have Edwin on board with us to share the language."

Brings Plenty continued, "We're building a good friendship and rebuilding and reconnecting Indian Country."

The airdate for the miniseries has not yet been released.



Pictured Above: Bass Reeves



REI MINORITY BUSINESS CENTERS

We open the door to businesses and homes!

Questions? Please contact
Susan Dean - Minority Business center Program Manager
sdean@reiok.org

**www.reimbc.org
918.282.4771**

3902 E. 51st St, Suites 208-210, Tulsa, OK



ADVERTISE IN NOK NOW!

**Promote your business through Native Oklahoma!
Ads work!**

**Contact Adam Proctor for more at
adam@nativeoklahoma.us
or call 918.409.7252**

adam@nativeoklahoma.us

918.409.7252

*You Deserve
...a Break*



7CLANS
CASINOS

www.sevenc clans.com

877-725-2670

7CLANS
CASINO RESORT
FIRST COUNCIL

12875 N. HWY. 77 • NEWKIRK, OK
877.725.2670

7CLANS
CASINO
CHLOCCO

12901 N. HWY. 77 • NEWKIRK, OK
580.448.3210

7CLANS
CASINO
PARADISE

7500 HWY. 177 • RED ROCK, OK
866.723.4005

7CLANS
CASINO
RED ROCK

8401 HWY. 177 • RED ROCK, OK
580.723.1020

7CLANS
CASINO
PERRY

511 KAW ST. • PERRY, OK
580.336.7260

NATIVE *oklahoma* MAGAZINE





BLUE STAR PREPARES FOR GROWTH WITH OFFICE EXPANSION

Company Debuts New Office Space with Open House Event

Tulsa, OK – This week, Blue Star Integrative Studio announced the completion of renovations and expansion of their office suite, located in the 320 South Boston Building in downtown Tulsa. The new office provides room for growth at Blue Star, which is part of a larger group of architecture and engineering companies that has seen exponential growth in recent years.

Acquired by Mno-Bmadsen in May of 2021, Blue Star Integrative Studio is one of four companies that comprise the Bodwé Professional Services Group of Mno-Bmadsen, a non-gaming investment enterprise and wholly owned instrumentality of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. Over the past two years, Bodwé Group has nearly doubled its staff to more than 140 team members across all companies.

Blue Star's locality among the 39 Tribes of Oklahoma provides Bodwé Group the opportunity to expand their work in the area. Blue Star is currently engaged in projects for the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma and has previously worked with Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Osage Nation on several community and master planning projects. The expansion of the Blue Star office follows closely behind the announcement of a new satellite office in San Antonio, Texas for sister company Seven Generations Architecture + Engineering,

which is headquartered in Kalamazoo, Michigan. “Blue Star is key to expanding our presence in Oklahoma, throughout the Great Plains, and into the Southwest,” says Jeremy Berg, Chief Operating Officer of Bodwé Group and Interim President of Blue Star. “We want to keep meeting people, moving forward, and supporting Tribal Nations across the region.”

Completed in two phases, the renovation and expansion of the Blue Star office combines the original space with another suite on the 17th floor, now totaling nearly 2,700 square feet and providing room to hire additional architecture and interior design staff. Other notable changes include aspects that pay homage to Blue Star’s Indigenous roots. The office features a land acknowledgement on one wall to honor the traditional caretakers of the land that now makes up Tulsa.

Also prominent is a star quilt designed in the company colors. “My friend made the star quilt that hangs in the office, along with six others to gift to our leadership and sister companies,” says Isa Cournoyer, Blue Star Operations Specialist and a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe. “Being gifted a star quilt is one of the highest honors to my people, so it felt like a great way to thank everyone involved in getting the new space completed.” When entering the main Blue Star conference room, guests are greeted with “Welcome” signage in eight Indigenous languages, honoring a handful of Tribal Nations the Bodwé Group works alongside.

To celebrate the new office, Blue Star hosted an Open House on March 2, 2023. The event brought together staff from Bodwé Group along with invited friends, colleagues, clients, and partners.

About Blue Star Integrative Studio

Blue Star was founded on belief in the power of place that comes from a relationship between people and the land. Blending this with an integrated design practice, we explore the challenges of today while bringing to life beauty, safety, comfort, and durability. We work with Tribal, public, and private clients, holding high standards for ourselves as well as the people we engage, from architectural and interior design, to wayfinding, signage, and graphics, to development consulting and master planning.

www.bsi.studio

About Bodwé Professional Services Group

Bodwé is the Professional Services Group of Mno-Bmadsen, the non-gaming investment enterprise of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. Bodwé Group is comprised of Seven Generations Architecture + Engineering, WBK Engineering, The Steelhead Engineering Company, and Blue Star Integrative Studio. Bodwé teams provide architecture, interior design, master planning, environmental consulting, and structural, civil, and MEP engineering design and staffing services. We partner with Indigenous, healthcare, federal and municipal government, community, and private clients across the country.

www.bodwegroup.com

About Mno-Bmadsen

Mno-Bmadsen is a wholly owned instrumentality of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, launched in 2012 and independently managed with the mandate to diversify the Tribe's business interests, revenue streams, and wealth for future generations. The Mno-Bmadsen Family of Companies is comprised of four actively managed investment portfolios, including Bodwé Professional Services Group, D.A. Dodd Construction Services Group, Mno-DREK Manufacturing Services Group, and Red Tail Properties Commercial Real Estate Services.

www.mno-bmadsen.com

About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians' sovereignty was reaffirmed under legislation signed into law by President Clinton in September of 1994. The Pokagon Band is dedicated to providing community development initiatives such as housing, education, family services, medical care and cultural preservation for its approximately 5,000 citizens. The Pokagon Band's ten-county service area includes four counties in Southwestern Michigan and six in Northern Indiana. Its main administrative offices are located in Dowagiac, Mich., with a satellite office in South Bend, Ind. It owns and operates a variety of business via Mno-Bmadsen, the tribe's non-gaming investment enterprise. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

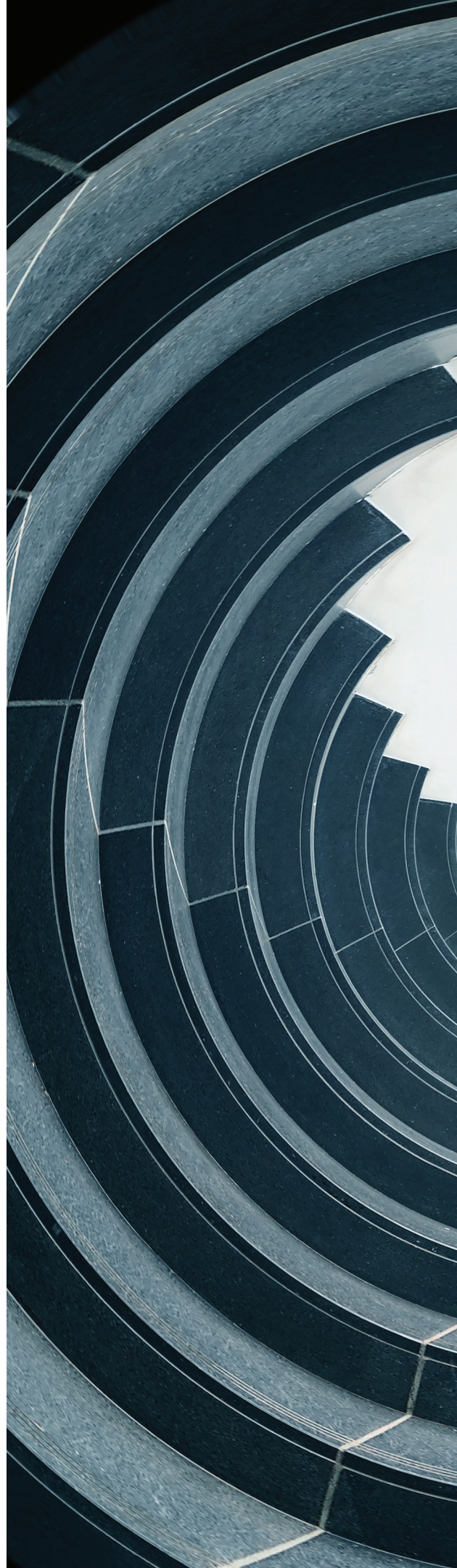


BLUE STAR
INTEGRATIVE STUDIO

Jeremy Berg

Blue Star Integrative Studio LLC

Jberg@bodwegroup.com | 301-661-4343





TOPGOLF SWING SUITE[®]

**SCHEDULE YOUR TOP GOLF EXPERIENCE TODAY!
WALK-INS WELCOME**

**SCAN NOW TO
LEARN MORE!**



**Peoria
Ridge**
GOLF COURSE

1ST YEAR MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL CORPORATE PACKAGE

\$5,000 ANNUAL COST

TOTAL PACKAGE VALUE: \$10,000

PEORIARIDGE.COM

(918)542-7676 10301 S 600 RD. MIAMI, OK 74354

**pricing does not include applicable taxes*

**Proof of company required*

**\$416.67/MONTH
FOR 1 YEAR
INCLUDES:**

UP TO 5 MEMBERS

**2 FREE CONCERT TICKETS
PER MONTH**

**MONTHLY BUFFALO RUN
CASINO FREE PLAY**

ADVANCE TEE TIMES

**1 FREE NIGHT HOTEL
STAY PER MONTH**

**UNLIMITED GOLF CARTS
& RANGE BALLS**

**20% OFF APPAREL
AT PRO SHOP**



BUFFALO RUN | CASINO & RESORT

MIAMI, OK | EXIT 313

FOCUS ON UNCHANGING GOD

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and the rivers will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, and the flame will not burn you." —Isaiah 43:2

When everything around you is uncertain, the key to stability is to focus on unchangeable truth. You need to focus on what never changes: God's Word and God's character.

Here are some unchangeable truths you need to tell yourself during a time of uncertainty:

God sees everything you're going through. "But look, the Lord keeps his eye on those who fear him — those who depend on his faithful love" —Psalms 33:18

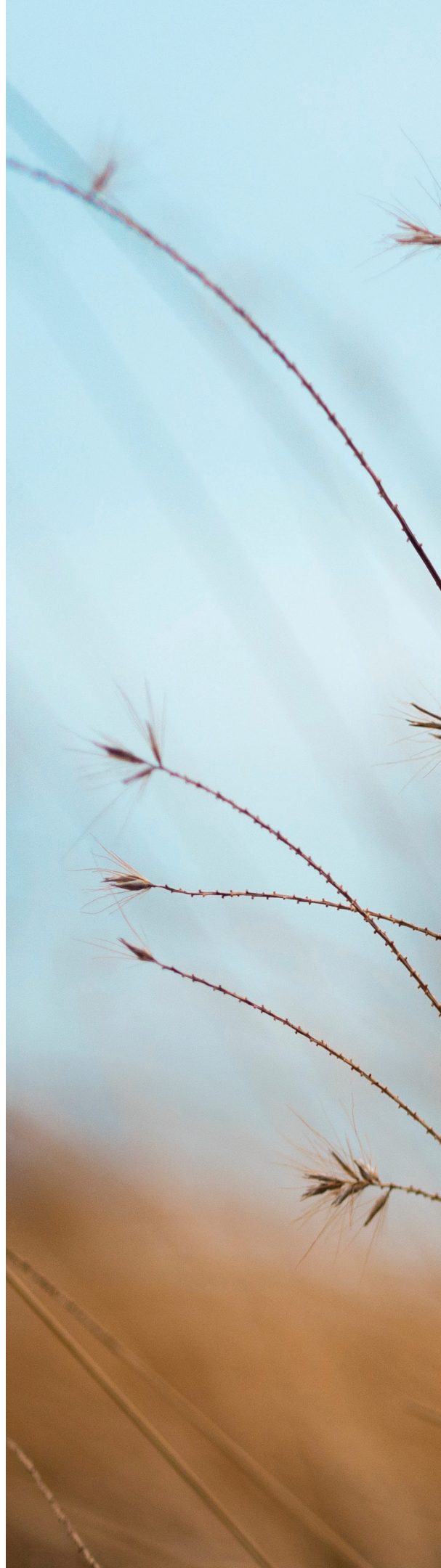
God cares about everything you're going through. "But I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me." —Micah 7:7

God has the power to change what you're going through. "Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you." —Matthew 7:7

God always acts out of his goodness to you. "We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." —Romans 8:28

God's plan is always better than your plan. "For I know the plans I have for you" — this is the Lord's declaration — "plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." —Jeremiah 29:11

God will never stop loving you. "Though the mountains move and the hills shake, my love will not be removed from you and my covenant of peace will not be shaken," says your compassionate Lord." —Isaiah 54:10





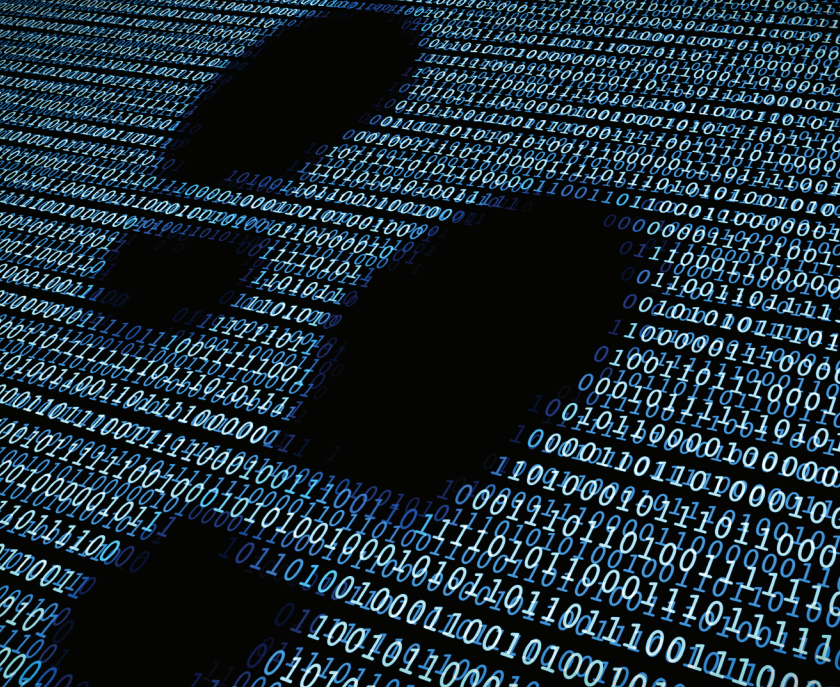
Once you have put your trust in Jesus Christ, you cannot lose your salvation. “and that is why I suffer these things. But I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day.” —**2 Timothy 1:12**

No matter what you go through, God is with you. “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and the rivers will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, and the flame will not burn you.” —**Isaiah 43:2**

To replace your panic with prayer, your worry with worship, and your anxiety with adoration, focus less on what social media and the news and other people are saying and more on God’s unchanging truth.

“I am not saying this as a command. Rather, by means of the diligence of others, I am testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” —**2 Corinthians 8:8-9**

John Morris is currently serving with Oklahoma Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is supported financially by faith partners. If you are interested in more information on FCA or being a faith partner go to this link <https://my.fca.org/johnmorris>. John can be contacted through email: johnmorris@fca.org or by cell number (785-760-1627).



What is a Digital Footprint and Why is it Important?

In today's digital age, it is essential to have a digital footprint. A digital footprint is the trail of information that is left behind when you use the internet. This trail can consist of information that you intentionally share, such as social media posts, as well as information that is generated when you browse the web, such as cookies and search history.

Having a digital footprint is important for several reasons in 2023. In this article, we will explore some of the key reasons why having a digital footprint is crucial in today's world.

Building a professional reputation

Since the birth of eCommerce, having a strong digital footprint is essential for building a professional reputation for your business and positions you directly in front of your target audience. Consumers conduct online searches for products and services they need before making buying decisions. By having a positive digital footprint, you can showcase how your business solves their problems or resolves a

Establishing a personal brand

Having a digital footprint is also important for establishing a personal brand. Your digital footprint can help you showcase your personality, interests, and values to the world. By curating your online presence, you can shape how others perceive you and build a personal brand that aligns with your goals.

For example, if you are interested in fashion, you can use Instagram to share photos of your outfits and create a following of like-minded individuals. If you are passionate about a social cause, you can use Twitter to share news and insights related to the issue and build a following of activists and supporters.

Connecting with others

Nowadays, social connections are often established and maintained online. Having a digital footprint can help you connect with others and build relationships that can benefit you personally and professionally.

By sharing your interests and engaging with others online, you can find like-minded individuals and establish a network of contacts.

For example, you can join online communities related to your interests and engage with other members by sharing your thoughts and insights. You can also connect with professionals in your field on LinkedIn and build



relationships that can lead to job opportunities and collaborations.

Protecting your identity

Having a digital footprint is also important for protecting your identity online. By actively managing your digital presence, you can ensure that the information that is available about you online is accurate and reflects your true identity.

For example, you can monitor your online accounts for any unauthorized activity and report any suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities. You can also use privacy settings on social media

platforms to control who can see your posts and information.

In conclusion, having a digital footprint is essential in 2023. By managing your online presence, you can build a professional reputation, establish a personal brand, connect with others, and protect your identity. With the right approach, you can use your digital footprint to achieve your personal and professional goals in today's digital world.

If you'd like to build or expand your digital footprint for your business, please visit:

<https://linktr.ee/luksiconsulting> for details.



**ONE-STOP SHOP
FOR ALL THINGS
GAMING**

**LONG-TERM BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS
GAME ANALYSIS MARKETING SUPPORT
TECH SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FINANCING
CAPITAL FOR CASINOS AND HOTELS**

 gaming capital group

www.gamingcapitalgroup.com



BRONCOS & BUCKS

DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT

SATURDAYS IN MARCH

CASH DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES STARTING AT 5PM

SATURDAYS. MARCH 18 AND APRIL 1 ONE PLAYER WILL WIN A

BRONCO SPORT

DOWNSTREAMCASINO.COM



SHOP NATIVE
ART, TEXTILES,
PRINTS & MORE
WWW.NATIVEOKLAHOMA.US

Creators Blessings | **Buffalo Gouge**

NATIVE
oklahoma
MAGAZINE



Mahota

CHICKASAW MAP II BLANKET

\$320

Originally painted on deerskin, The Chickasaw Map of 1723 is an important visual of Chickasaw history as it illustrates how the world was viewed by our ancestors. The map outlines in an artistic way, waterways, trade routes, and the relationships with other tribes at that time. Experiences and memory were depended on by the Chickasaw people who knew what lay beyond the southeast region, which was coveted by colonists who needed maps. The Chickasaw Map is credited to Fani' Minko' (Squirrel Leader or Squirrel King), a Chickasaw warrior and leader.



“Fixico Works Tirelessly At Being a Slacker”

By: *Fus Yvhikv* *March 2023*

It’s a busy Saturday morning at The Home Depot. The Doers are getting things done. Scores of customers are pouring through the front door. Dressed in an orange Home Depot apron, Fixico is there to greet them.

“Excuse me, sir,” a female customer addresses Fixico. “Where can I find screwdrivers?”

“Are you talking to me?” an indignant Fixico responds. “You talkin’ to me?”

Fixico puffs his chest out like a male peacock fanning his luminescent tail feathers during mating season. He glances behind him and then scans the big box store like Travis Bickle in the movie *Taxi Driver*.

“Are you talkin’ to me?” Fixico asks. “Then who are you talking to? You must be talking to me because I’m the only one here.”

The female customer stares at Fixico wide-eyed and open-mouthed. Fixico leans in towards her. She whips out a can of mace and sprays Fixico. He staggers about rubbing his eyes as he coughs and wheezes.

Fixico loses balance and crashes into a tall display of light bulbs. The bulbs land on top of Fixico completely covering him. Other bulbs

hit the concrete floor. The explosions sound like a fireworks show. Me, Yahola, and Tarpalechee approach Fixico’s buried corpse.

“What the hell?” Yahola exclaims.

“Exactly,” Tarpalechee says as he holds a pack of bulbs. “I’ve been trying to find these for a week!”

“We need to help Fixico!” I yell. The pile of bulbs begins to shake and shimmy. Fixico’s head pops out. His eyes resemble roasted Brussels Sprouts.

“Water! Water!” Fixico cries. Tarpalechee crams a water bottle into Fixico’s mouth.

“No, spray his eyes,” I command. Tarpalechee sprays water on Fixico’s swollen black eyes.

“What happened, Fixico?” I ask.

“I was practicing my Travis Bickle impersonation for next week’s production of *Taxi Driver*,” Fixico replies. “When suddenly a Jodie Foster look-alike maced me.”

“Such acting skills!” Yahola says. Me, Yahola, and Tarpalechee burst out laughing. The store manager appears and surveys the damage.

“Another big mess you’ve made, Fixico. This is coming out of your paycheck,” The manager says.

“Yeah, I’m ok,” Fixico replies. “Thanks for asking.”

Then Fixico senses an opportunity.

"Actually I can't see. I'm going to the doctor. I could be legally blind," Fixico says. "May need extended sick leave."

"Don't you dare game the system!" the manager declares.

We realize Fixico's angle.

"Yeah, he needs to go see a doctor. We know just the guy," Tarpalechee says smiling.

"You mean Dr. C.C. Feelgood?" I ask.

"Yes. Ole Cash and Carry Feelgood," Fixico says with a huge grin. The manager shoots us a Clink Eastwood narrow-eyed stare.

"Hold on, boys. I know where this is going," the manager says.

"Can you say Workers Comp?" I ask. Me, Yahola, and Tarpalechee all high-five each other. Fixico attempts to high-five but misses by a mile.

"Let's get down to brass tacks," the manager says. "What will it take to end this workers comp charade? Your last claim of Mad Cow's Disease cost my store thousands."

"MOOOOOO!" Fixico bellows.

"See," Yahola says, "The poor man still isn't over MCD!"

"MCD my butt! He's going to have brain damage when I get finished with him," the manager replies.

"Are you threatening my client?" Tarpalechee asks.

"Ha! So now you are an attorney?" the manager responds.

"I did stay at a Holiday Inn last night," Tarpalechee jokes. "Let's talk settlement. What are you offering my client?"

The manager thoughtfully scratches his head.

"How about a raise and a promotion to Assistant General Manager?" the manager offers.

"What kind of dollars are we talking about?" Tarpalechee asks. "Show me the money!"

"I'll double his salary." The manager responds. Tarpalechee's face brightens.

"How's that sound?" Tarpalechee asks Fixico. Fixico rubs

his eyes. He manages to conjure up a weak cough.

"I don't know. Still can't see. What would I be doing?" Fixico asks.

"As little as possible," the manager replies. Fixico's face brightens.

"That's my kinda job! How about Hulu on the breakroom TV?" Fixico asks dreamily.

"Deal!"

"A pinball machine?"

"Deal!"

"Hot tub?"

"Don't push it Fixico. You'll be avoiding work for years to come."

Fixico and the manager shake hands.

"I'm a Doer," Fixico says with a huge grin. "Home Depot: How Doers Get More Done."





RESORT LISTING

DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT

69300 East Nee Road, Quapaw,
OK 74363 | 1-888-DWNSTRM (396-7876)
918-919-6000
E: info@downstreamcasino.com
www.downstream.com

BUFFALO RUN CASINO RESORT

1366 N. Highway 69A, Miami, OK 74354
Phone: 918-542-2900 | Fax: 918-542-2908
GPS Address: 8414 S 580 Rd
www.buffalorunhotel.com

INDIGO SKY CASINO

70220 East HWY 60, Wyandotte,
OK 74370
1.888.992.SKY1 | www.indigoskycasino.com

GRAND LAKE CASINO & LODGE

24701 S 655 Rd., Grove, OK, 74344
Phone: 918.786.8528 | RSVP: 918.786.4406
| Event Center: 918.786.1974
www.grandlakecasino.com

CHEROKEE CASINO WEST SILOAM SPRINGS

1.800.754.4111 2416 Highway,
412 West Siloam Springs, OK 74338
1.800.754.4111 (press 1, then 1) to RSVP
www.cherokeecasino.com

CHEROKEE INN

Cherokee Boulevard, Roland, OK
74954 800.256.2338 | EXT: 205

HARD ROCK CASINO HOTEL RESORT

777 West Cherokee Street, Catoosa,
OK 74015 | 1.800.760.6700
www.hardrockcasinotulsa.com

OSAGE CASINO HOTELS

1.877.246.8777
www.osagecasinos.com/hotels
Skiatook & Ponca City
First Council Casino Hotel 12875
North Highway 77, Newkirk, OK 74647
(877) 7-CLANS-0 or (877) 725-2670
www.firstcouncilcasinohotel.com

GRAND CASINO HOTEL RESORT

777 Grand Casino Boulevard
Shawnee, OK 74804
Casino: (405) 964-7263
Hotel: (405) 964-7777
www.grandresortok.com

ARTESIAN HOTEL

1001 W. 1st Street, Sulphur, OK 73086
1.855.455.5255 | www.artesianhotel.com

RIVERWIND CASINO HOTEL

1544 State Highway 9, Norman, OK 73072
1-405-322-6000 | www.riverwind.com

CHOCTAW CASINO RESORT - DURANT

4216 S. Hwy 69/75, Durant, OK 74701
Tel: 1-580-920-0160 | Toll Free: 1-888-
652-4628 | Fax: 1-580-931-2725
E: hotel.shift@choctawcasinos.com

CHOCTAW CASINO HOTEL - POCOLA

3400 Choctaw Road, Pocola, OK 74902
Tel: 918-436-7761
Toll Free: 1.800.590.5825
Fax: 918.436.7723
E: pocola.hotelmanagers@choctawcasinos.com

CHOCTAW CASINO RESORT - GRANT

US Hwy 271, Grant, OK 74738 USA
Tel: 580-317-8500 | Fax: 580-326-5171
E: nancy.hedrick@choctawcasinos.com

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO & RESORT

777 Casino Ave, Thackerville, OK 73459
1-800-622-6317
www.winstarworldcasino.com

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO HOTEL

1-866-946-7787

THE INN AT WINSTAR

21943 Anoatubby Way, Thackerville,
OK 73459
1-866-946-7787

APACHE CASINO HOTEL

2315 East Gore Blvd., Lawton,
OK 73501 580.248.5905
www.apachecasinohotel.com

COMANCHE RED RIVER CASINO

Oklahoma 36 Devol, OK
1-877-369-8351
www.comanchenationcasinos.com

RIVER SPIRIT CASINO RESORT

8330 Riverside Pkwy, Tulsa, OK 74137
918-299-8518 | www.riverspirittulsa.com



GOLF CLUBS

EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB

2742 Ben Pell Dr • Joplin, MO
64804 | 417-623-5050
www.downstream.com/
Golf_eaglecreek
18 holes | Par 71 | 6,785 yards |
Dress code | Bar/lounge

FIRELAKE GOLF COURSE

1901 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
405-275-4471
www.firelakegolf.com
18 holes | Par 72 | 6,595 yards

WILL ROGERS DOWNS

20900 South 4200 Rd.
Claremore, OK 74019
918-283-8800
400 RV pads | 50/30 amp | Full hook-
ups | Restrooms | Laundry | Shower
facilities | 4-hr security | Over 40,000
sq ft of versatile meeting space |
Wi-Fi | Dog park | Horseshoe pit |
Playground | Tent sites | Barbecue grills
& picnic tables | Club House | Chapel

CHEROKEE HILLS GOLF COURSE

770 West Cherokee Street
Catoosa, OK 74015
1-800-760-6700
cherokee.golf@cnet.com
18 Holes | Par 70 | 6635 Yards
| Dress code | Bar/Grill | Pro-
shop | Banquet room

WINSTAR GOLF COURSE

Casino Ave., Thackerville, OK 73459
1-800-622-6317 777
27 Holes | 7,200 yards | Par 72 |
Dress code | Bar/Grill | Pro-shop

WINSTAR GOLF ACADEMY

Fountainhead Creek Golf Course
HC 60-1350, Checotah, OK 74426
918-689-3209 | 18 Holes | Par 72 |
Dress code | Bar/Grill | Pro-shop

CHEROKEE SPRINGS GOLF COURSE

700 E. Ballentine Rd, Tahlequah,
OK 74464 | 918-456-5100
18 Holes | Par 70 | Dress
code | Bar/Grill | Pro-shop

RV LISTINGS

WILL ROGERS DOWNS

918.283.8800, 20900 South 4200 Rd.
Claremore, OK 74019, RV PADS | 400,
AMPS | 50/30, Accommodations:
Restrooms, Laundry, Showers, Wi-Fi,
Picnic Area, Club House, Meeting Room

PEORIA RIDGE GOLF

(918) 542-7676, www.peoriaridge.com
10301 South 600 Road • Miami, OK
74354, RV PADS | 18, AMPS | 72
Accommodations: Restrooms | 6960, Showers,
Wi-Fi, Picnic Area, Club House, Meeting Room

FIRELAKE GOLF COURSE

(405) 275-4471, www.firelakegolf.com
1901 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801, RV PADS | 18,
AMPS | 72, Accommodations:
Restrooms | 6595, Showers

CHEROKEE HILLS GOLF COURSE

1.800.760.6700, cherokee.golf@cnet.com,
770 West Cherokee Street Catoosa, OK 74015,
RV PADS | 18, AMPS | 72, Accommodations:
Restrooms | 6635, Showers, Wi-Fi, Picnic
Area, Club House, Meeting Room

WINSTAR GOLF COURSE

1-800-622-6317, 777 Casino Ave. Thackerville,
OK 73459, RV PADS | 27, AMPS | 72,
Accommodations: Restrooms | 7200, Showers,
Wi-Fi, Picnic Area, Club House, Meeting Room

FOUNTAINHEAD CREEK GOLF COURSE

(918) 689-3209, HC 60-1350 Checotah,
OK 74426, RV PADS | 18, AMPS |
72, Accommodations: Showers,
Wi-Fi, Picnic Area, Club House

CHEROKEE SPRINGS GOLF COURSE

700 E. Ballentine Road, Tahlequah,
OK, RV PADS | 18, AMPS | 70
Accommodations: Showers, Wi-Fi, Picnic Area





Mahota

MAHLI BLANKET

\$320

Sweeping across the center of the blanket is Wind, Mahli, bringing both the fluid curvatures of change and the sharp edges of the unexpected, an integral revival of ancient motifs of Chickasaw mound builders. Wind represents our life's journey; bringing the many changes we go through from the time of birth to the afterlife. It was said in the Chickasaw story of Wind, Aba' Binni'li' knew that eventually, young children would grow up, and the wind would bring this change to them. Mahli blows across the blanket to remind us that change will come, and resilience will always be the way of the Chickasaw people.

OKLAHOMA TRIBAL DIRECTORY

ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE

2025 South Gordon Cooper
Shawnee, OK, 74801 | 405.275.4030

ALABAMA-QUASSARTE

Tribal Town, 101 E. Broadway
Wetumka, OK, 74883
405 452-3987

APACHE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

511 East Colorado Drive
Anadarko, OK | 405-247-9493

CADDO NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Hwys. 281 & 152 Intersection
Binger, OK | 405-656-2344

CHEROKEE NATION

South of Tahlequah, Hwy. 62
Tahlequah, OK | 918-453-5000

CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES

100 Red Moon Circle, Concho,
OK 405-262-0345

CHICKASAW NATION

124 East 14th Street, Ada, OK
(580) 436-2603

CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

529 N. 16th St., Durant, OK
800-522-6170

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

1601 Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK | 405-275-3121

COMANCHE NATION

584 NW Bingo Rd., Lawton,
OK 877-492-4988

DELAWARE (LENAPE) TRIBE OF INDIANS

5100 East Tuxedo Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK
918- 337-6550

DELAWARE NATION

31064 State Highway 281
Anadarko, OK | 405-247-2448

EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

127 Oneida St., Seneca, MO
918-666-2435

FORT SILL APACHE TRIBE

Route 2, Box 12, Apache, OK
580-588-2298

IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

RR 1, Box 72, Perkins, OK
405-547-2402

KAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

698 Grandview Drive, Kaw City, OK
580-269-2552

KIALEGEE TRIBAL TOWN

623 East Hwy. 9, Wetumka, OK
405-452-3262

KICKAPOO TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

P.O. Box 70, McCloud, OK
405-964-7053

KIOWA INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Hwy. 9, West of Carnegie,
Carnegie, OK
580-654-2300

MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

202 S. Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, OK
918-542-1445

MODOC TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

418 G Street, Miami, OK
918-542-1190

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

Hwy. 75 and Loop 56,
Okmulgee, OK
800-482-1979

OSAGE NATION

813 Grandview, Pawhuska, OK
918-287-5555

OTTAWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

13 S. 69 A, Miami, OK
918-540-1536

OTOE-MISSOURIA TRIBE

8151 Hwy 177, Red Rock, OK
877-692-6863

PAWNEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Pawnee, OK
918-762-3621

PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

118 S. Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, OK
918-540-2535

PONCA TRIBE

20 White Eagle Drive,
Ponca City, OK
580-762-8104

QUAPAW TRIBE OF INDIANS

5681 S. 630 Rd., Quapaw, OK
918-542-1853

SAC AND FOX NATION

920883 S. Hwy 99, Stroud, OK
918-968-3526

SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Junction Hwys. 270 and 56
P. O. Box 1498, Wewoka, OK
405-257-7200

SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

23701 S 655 Road, Grove, OK
918-542-6609

SHAWNEE TRIBE

29 S. Hwy. 69A, Miami, OK
918-542-2441

THLOPHTLOCCO TRIBAL TOWN

09095 Okemah Street, Okemah, OK
918-560-6198.

TONKAWA TRIBE OF INDIANS

1 Rush Buffalo Road, Tonkawa, OK
580-628-2561

UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

PO Box 746, Tahlequah, OK
918-431-1818

WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES

(Wichita, Keechi, Waco, Tawakonie)
Hwy. 281, Anadarko, OK
405-247-2425

WYANDOTTE NATION

64700 E. Highway 60,
Wyandotte, OK
918-678-2297



RIVER SPIRIT CASINO & RESORT, TULSA

JULY 23rd-25th

2023

JOIN US FOR AICCO's
LARGEST
EVENT OF THE YEAR!

LEARN MORE AT AICCOK.ORG