

Spirit Of Progress Going Strong At Indianahoma

Civic pride and progress are alive and well in Indianahoma. And in spite of summer sun and soaring temperatures, plans, projects and community togetherness are moving right along as citizens of all ages continue with a spirited momentum that is adding new promise to their home town.

From a colorful sign at the exit on Highway 62, west of Lawton and Cache, that informs folks entering Indianahoma of the benefits in which townspeople take pride, to the streets that are now marked with name signs and brand new traffic control signs, a look of progress is showing clearly. New homes are appearing, new additions show the growth in church and civic interest and attendance, and everybody is talking about the meetings, the committees, the plans for the future.

FESTIVAL A BIG SUCCESS

Lots of visitors came to Indianahoma on Memorial Day weekend to attend the Festival of Home Towns. And the three-day festival of games, contests, music, entertainment and funfare for all ages appeared to be a huge success. Festival committee worked hard to offer "something for everybody," and kids, teen-agers, adults and senior citizens all were well pleased with the effort.

Now folks are just as excited about the prospects for an improved and updated water supply system, summer activities for Indianahoma youth, plans for a "Country Store", and other projects that no longer are just dreams, but are now within sight.

WATER SYSTEM GETS ATTENTION

"A town water supply is of utmost importance," said Barbara Bailey, mayor, "and this town has voted overwhelming approval for a proposal that will authorize the Public Works Authority to borrow \$210,000 from Farmers Home Administra-

tion. And that money, along with HUD grant money will enable the city to update and improve the water system, including distribution lines and fire hydrants," said the mayor.

Indianahoma had been issued an ultimatum several months ago that the town water supply had an excess of fluoride and must be given attention. Two routes to make the improvements were suggested: one proposal included maintaining the present water system but providing necessary water treatment facilities; the second proposal was to convert to a rural water system.

"Indianahoma folks know we have good water, much softer than if we tapped some unknown sources," said civic leaders. The problem was the excessive fluoride content, but studies showed that proper treatment, though costly, could correct this to reach safe health and environmental standards.

A VOICE TO INFORM

Thanks to another recent arrival on the town scene - The Indianahoma Voice - residents were informed of all facts and figures for both proposals. Then a door-to-door survey was made to let all residents express their wishes. 145 preferred the present water system with defluoridation plant; five voted for the rural water system; and seven persons were undecided.

The actual vote paved the way for definite action on necessary funding.

"The Indianahoma Voice" is a town newsletter that now is doing an excellent job of keeping folks informed about issues and activities. VISTA volunteers are making it possible to distribute this newsletter about every two weeks, and a recent issue highlighted not only election and water project news, but a town ice cream social, planned youth activities, possible neighborhood watch to prevent vandalism, news

from the neighboring Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge and Job Corps center, and personal notes of interest.

VISTA WORKERS HELPFUL

Five local citizens have completed training as VISTA volunteers, and their energy and talents are now at work assisting with a variety of projects. They include Joyce Jaye, Kay Chebahtah, Catherine Miller, Mary Work and Ken O'lgren.

Several young people employed under the CETA program are also combining a variety of job training with community cleanup and project assists.

In addition to the improvements in water system, Indianahoma is approaching Step III in its project for updated sewer facilities. And paper work and execution of necessary documents is proceeding to finalize a grant of \$840,000 which has already received approval. Street improvements, housing rehabilitation and many other definite improvements on the scene are expected to benefit from these funds.

PLANS RESULT IN ACTION

Indianahoma will well remember the Bicentennial Year, 1976, when they held a Town Meeting. Many of the programs and activities now coming to reality had their beginning there when people came together to consider what were the problems of the small town and what were some realistic solutions.

Then in June, 1978, many of those same people joined for a Human Development Consultation to pinpoint ways in which local expertise and natural resources might be utilized to develop the improvements that were needed to enhance the future of the town.

Now serving on the committee which is continuing with these plans are Raymond Almanza, president; Clarence Holsey, vice president; Carlena Wisner, secretary; Betty Thrash, treasurer; Jay Dee Robertson, H.C. Brenton and Mayor

Bailey.

"We have made progress. Among our biggest successes, we feel, is in motivating so many townspeople," said committee members.

Watch for more good news from Indianahoma!!!



"A MAJOR DREAM of the community is to have health services available," said one of the goals when Indianoma residents joined for a Human Development Consultation in 1978. Now a health center does make available certain services on a regular schedule. Joyce Jaye, seated, is showing some of the pamphlets and brochures on a variety of health problems which are available at the location. Checking them over are Rhonda Kretzer and Anita Lambert, two Ceta employees who had been on the job getting the center thoroughly cleaned for the visit by a nurse from the county health service.

"The visiting nurse usually sees from twenty to twenty-five area residents on each visit," said Ms. Jaye. The nurse may perform routine blood pressure checks, immunizations and many other types of services which can help to determine needed attention or

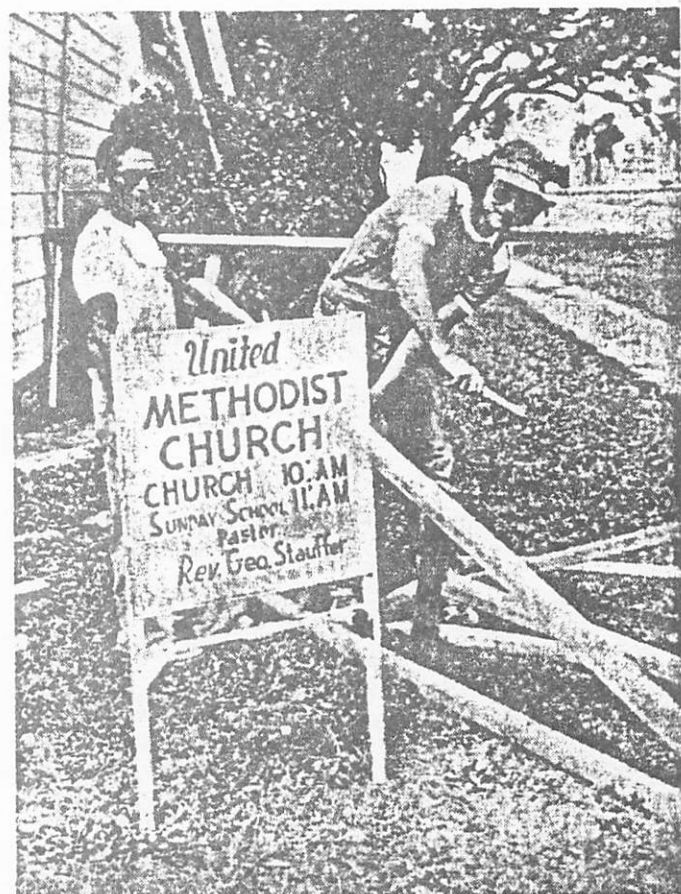


MAILING OUT "THE INDIAHOMA VOICE" with news about community issues and happenings are some of the busy VISTA workers in the area. Cathleen Miller is shown with daughter Rebecca as they had the latest newsletter all folded and ready to go in the mail.

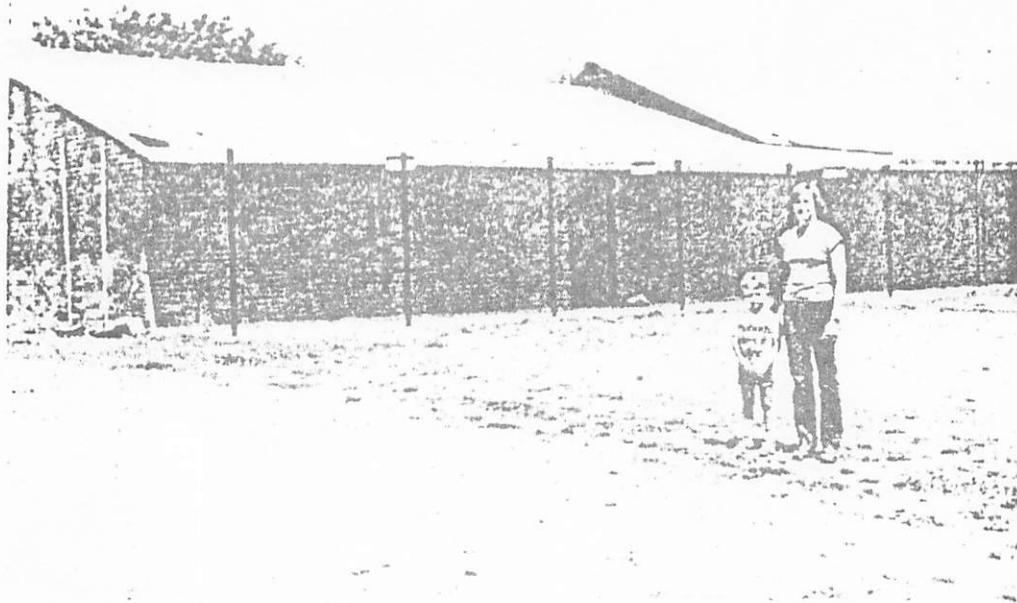


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diahoma postmaster, shows markers that indicate the main intersection in the town, Showplace and Main, across the street from the post office. And other town residents are just as proud to have all streets

clearly named and marked. And another new addition, thanks to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, are appropriate traffic control signs at the corners and intersection, indicating "Stop", "Yield" and other directions.

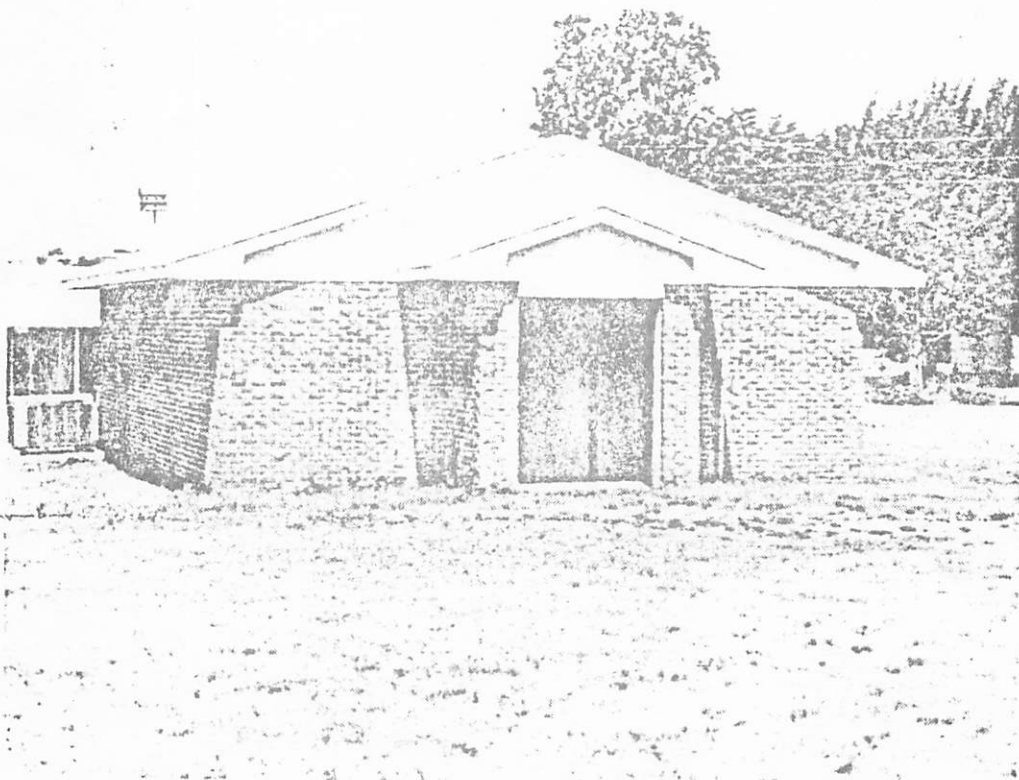


—UNITED METHODIST CHURCH at Indianahoma had simply outgrown its existing sanctuary, said Rev. George Stauffer, pastor. So a remodeling project is underway that will double the size and seating area of the sanctuary. Plus provide the comfort of central heat and air throughout the church, add carpeting for the sanctuary, and other improvements. Pictured at work on the project are Don Clark, Cache, and Maurice Jones, Indianahoma. The church soon will be mapping plans to celebrate its 75th anniversary, and the congregation is highly motivated.



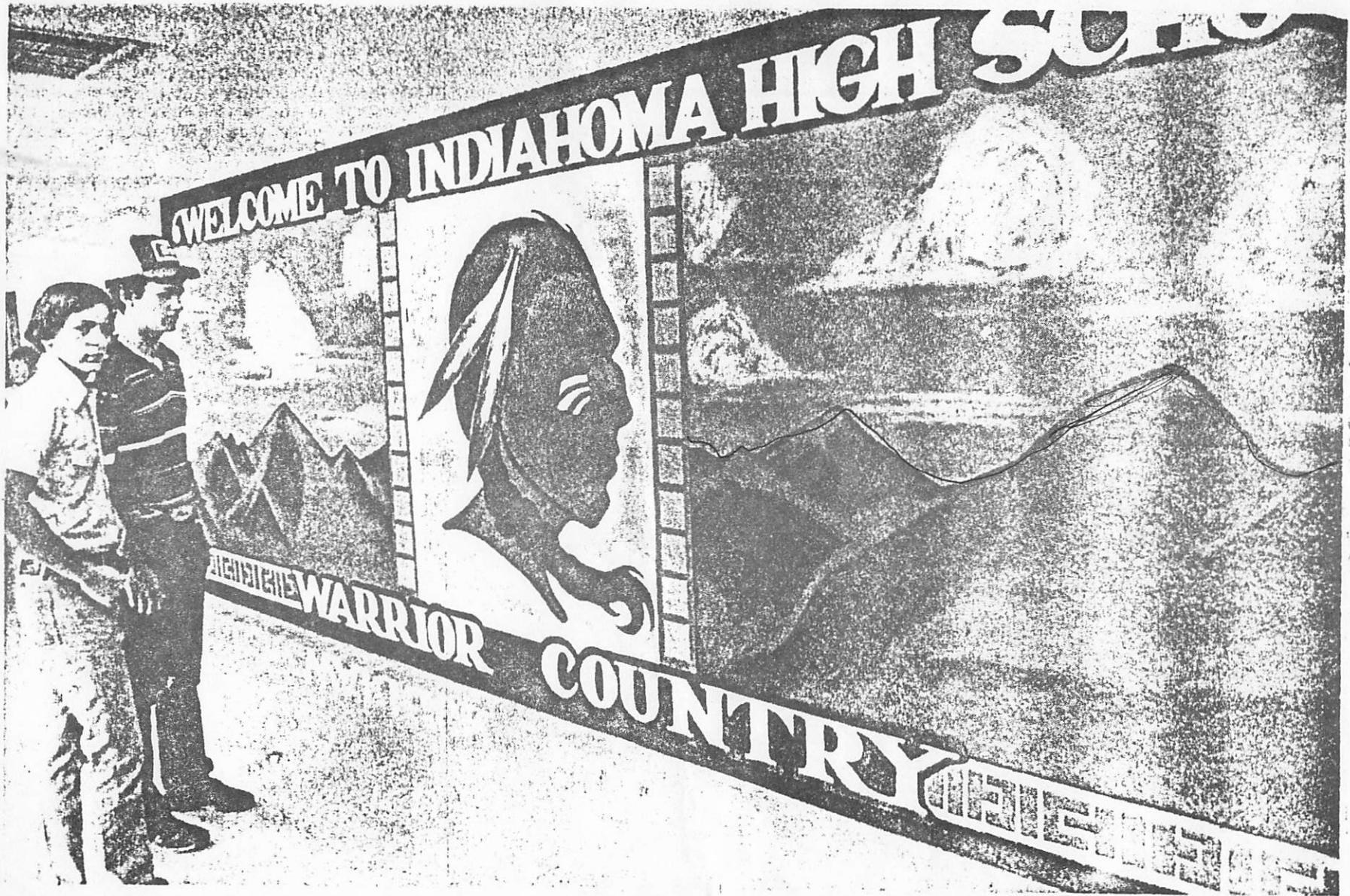
ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS for the Sunday school of Indiahoma First Baptist church were completed late last year and are being put to good use. Edith Brewer and son Billy posed obligingly, since both are pleased with the new facilities. Edith edits the church newsletter and also teaches a Sunday school class. Billy was still bubbling about the fun of Vacation Bible School.

Rev. Reuben Feind, pastor, has served the church since January, coming to Indiahoma from Goodlett, Texas. He is pleased with the added 1100 square feet of classroom space and with the spirit and interest of the church. Summer plans include the annual trip with church youth to Falls Creek Baptist Assembly.



THIS FAMILY CENTER BUILDING was completed by the Indiahoma Church of Christ in 1979. It includes dining, kitchen and fellowship facilities for a variety of church activities. Herman Coffelt, church treasurer, said the church sanctuary was built in 1967, and a busy and dedicated congregation continues to grow. A church dinner in the new family center is held the first Sunday of each month, and the building allows other meetings such as a recent area youth fellowship.

Rev. David Smith, from Duncan, is now minister. He succeeds longtime minister Duard Givens who recently retired.



Warrior Mural

Indiahoma High School juniors Mike Hannabass, left, and Ricky Stoll admire an 8 by 24-foot mural in the school gymnasium foyer which greeted students who returned to school this month. It was painted this summer by Alberto

Cisneros, a member of the Treasure Lake Job Corps. Cisneros has since enrolled in a two-year commercial art course at Southwestern State University.

(Staff Photo)

Indiahoma picks park development board

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — The Indiahoma Board of Trustees appointed several persons to form a park development board at its meeting Monday night.

Mayor Barbara Bailey said the board will collect input from the community and will work with an architect to draw up plans needed to receive a \$3,000 state grant already approved.

The grant will be evenly matched with town funds and volunteer labor to construct a park of approximately three acres in the northeast part of town.

The state money was approved through the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service of the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation.

Park improvements will include a covered pavilion, picnic area, physical fitness trail and restroom facilities. If

the volunteer labor aspect enables the plans to be expanded, a large barbecue pit is hoped to be built.

Park board members appointed Monday were Bill Bigbow, local brick mason; Tom Gordon, Indiahoma water superintendent; Richard Stoll, civil service employee at Fort Sill; Johnny Newton and Darwin Hannabass, local businessmen; A.C. Bennett, Cameron University professor, plus Mrs. H.C. Brenton and Mrs. Bailey.

The board is expected to have its first meeting next week and will eventually recommend park plans to the town board.



Revenge

Kathy Stidham, playing a girls' summer camp director, throttles the boys' camp director played by Billy Dawson after his mixer proposal results in comedic mishaps in a scene from the Indiahoma High School senior play, "Kamp Krazy." The play opens today with performances at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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At the meeting, which was preceded by a buffet dinner, Ben Hotubbee, Baptist minister, delivered the invocation and was the first of five speakers.

"We have definite and real needs and some changes are needed," he said. "We could ignore them, but I never met a 'Mr. Somebody Else' who will solve your problems for you. We chose and voted to build and grow."

Rhonda Simms, city clerk, said some residents were at first reluctant to work on the project but are now ready to "jump in and help to see what happens."

Bill Shicker, project director, and

Barbara Bailey, workshop preparation consultant, outlined the project, answered questions and initiated project preparation by signing on volunteers.

Shicker said he has invited some 35 businessmen and professionals to assist in other town meetings and are people who know how to solve problems to assist and assist in consultation Week. He also announced that the week would be kicked off at a banquet and meeting June 16 with state officials including Attorney General Larry Derriberry and State Sen. Al Terrill. D-Lawton. He said Gov. David Boren was also invited.

Shicker said the planning week will include "how to" workshops defining specific goals and the means by which they can be reached and a follow-up session. He said the plan will include all ages and all problems. He also said an important goal for the week will be to reach residents who are not able to attend the meetings.

A resident then asked Shicker how the town could get people to clean up their property. He said he had no ready answer and the issue would be discussed during the planning week.

Barbara Bailey announced that the Farmer Home Administration girls group already has a project in planning. She then signed on volunteers for a consultation week in assisting, facility, food, beautification and recruitment. One result of volunteered paint labor for a local building that needs painting. Volunteers also signed on to operate mowing machines provided by Comanche County.

Residents also volunteered to erect a Sox Island in Indiahoma. Welcome You sign on U.S. 62.

Plans worked out at the session will be printed in a document which will officially launch the program.

Six to eight one-time staff members will reside in Indiahoma until the completion of the project.

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Roper said all of the projects succeeded in revitalizing the communities.

The Institute of Cultural Affairs was established in the early 1960s in Chicago and is headquartered there. It is a non-profit organization supported by private foundations, corporations, concerned individuals and government departments and agencies on the national, state and municipal levels. It has sponsored similar programs worldwide.

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Indiahoma Studies Two-Year Plan To Be An 'Oklahoma Showplace'

By TOM SHARROCK

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — A meeting to launch a series of plans designed to "make Indiahoma a showplace of Oklahoma" will be held in the high school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

The initial session, preceded by a buffet dinner, will be to discuss a week-long planning session scheduled June 16-24, when a detailed look at specific projects. These include attracting industries that provide jobs, improvement of the water system, a Headstart program, better care for elderly persons, and others.

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Jeff Roper and Mrs. Gloria Brown, Indiahoma residents who are working to create interest in the project, said Indiahoma was selected because of its potential.

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The project will last two years

and will have a low budget, which Roper said will be met by contributions from individuals, businesses, and corporations.

Specific goals, and the means by which they can be reached, will be discussed during the planning week. Some 35 consultants have been invited to the session, Roper said. All volunteers will be asked to pay their own travel expenses and contribute \$400 to the project which will cover all expenses.

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At the completion of the program in Chicago, a blighted area of the city had attracted 16 new businesses, with potential for 500 new jobs. Over 30 residents were trained in neighborhood health care. A commercial school was founded and the community health center was refurbished.

In Delta, a community garden provides vegetables for an in-

proved nutrition program and for local markets. Community residents engaged in regular community workdays and weekly planning meetings. Garbage removal was improved, and volunteer health workers began a nutritious lunch program for pre-school children.

The Ivy City program was an inner-Washington area with results similar to the Chicago program. Standing Rock reservation now has a non-profit development corporation to secure industries; a community-owned shopping center, playgrounds, parks, and 1,200 transplanted cottonwood trees to provide relief from the barren plain.

The Institute of Cultural Affairs is a global research training and demonstration agency concerned with world development. Twenty communities outside the United States have launched development programs based on experience gained from the pilot program in Chicago.

Roper said Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shicker of Oklahoma City will live in Indiahoma for two years while the project is being carried out.

The week-long planning session will start with a banquet in the auditorium at 7 p.m. June 16.

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Rally Kicks Off Indiahoma's Human Development Program

"I've never met a 'Mr. Somebody Else' who will solve your problems for you; instead of standing still we choose to expand and move forward," said Ben Hotubbee Baptist minister, in opening comments for the community rally held in Indiahoma last Friday.

More than 110 residents attended the rally that announced the upcoming Human Development Consult, June 16-24.

Following a potluck dinner, John Heidebrecht, the Menominee minister delivered the invocation and explained his support for the project in Indiahoma. Rhonda Sims,

city clerk said she was "unwilling to sit on the sidelines and let the opportunity pass away."

She introduced the staff members and called upon the project director, Bill Shicker, to answer questions.

Barbara Bailey, a community resident, then called for volunteers to help prepare for the consult in the areas of beautification, hosting, facility, and food and recruitment.

A meeting for the task force was held at 7 p.m. last Monday at the school auditorium.

People were assigned to

different groups with a special focus on the upcoming beautification workday set for Saturday, June 10th, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The consult, will involve local residents, volunteer consultants from across the state, with the assistance of staff members of the Institute of Cultural Affairs in building plans to make Indiahoma a "showplace for the Southwest."

The opening banquet starts Sunday, June 18th at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Dignitaries will be present from across the state. All Indiahoma citizens are invited.

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By Lisa John

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At the meeting, which was preceded by a buffet dinner, Ben Hotubbee, Baptist minister, delivered the invocation and was the first to speak.

"We have definite and real needs and some changes are needed," he said. "We could ignore them, but I never met a 'Mr. Somebody Else' who will solve your problems for you. We chose and voted to build and grow."

Rhonda Simms, city clerk, said some residents were at first reluctant to work on the project but are now ready to "jump in and help to see what happens."

Barbara Bailey, workshop preparation consultant, outlined the project, answered questions and initiated project preparation by signing on volunteers.

Slicker said he has invited some 35 businessmen and professionals involved in other town meetings and are people who know how to solve problems to attend and assist in consultation week. He also announced that the week would be kicked off at a banquet and meeting June 16 with state officials including Attorney General Larry Derberry and State Sen. Al Terrill. D-Lawton. He said Gov. David Boren was also invited.

Slicker said the planning week will include "how to" workshops, defining specific goals and the means by which they can be reached and a follow-up session. He said the plan will include all ages and all problems. He also said an important goal for the week will be to reach residents who are not able to attend the meetings.

A resident then asked Slicker how the town could get people to clean up their property. He said he had no ready answer and the issue would be discussed during the planning week.

Barbara Bailey announced that the former Heine Administration girls' group already has a project in planning. She then signed on volunteers for a consultation week in assisting, facilitating, food, beautification and recruitment. One result of volunteered paint and labor for a local building that needs painting. Volunteers also signed on to operate mowing machines provided by Comanche County.

Residents also volunteered to erect a sign that reads "Indiahoma Welcomes You" sign on U.S. 62.

Plans worked out at the session will be printed in a document which will be mailed to all residents.

Six to eight institute staff members will reside in Indiahoma until the completion of the seven-month project.

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Indiahoma Studies Two-Year Plan To Be An 'Oklahoma Showplace'

By TOM SHARROCK

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — A meeting to launch a series of plans designed to "make Indiahoma a showplace of Oklahoma" will be held in the high school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

The initial session, preceded by a buffet dinner, will be to discuss a week-long planning session scheduled June 16-24, when a detailed look at specific projects. These include attracting industries that provide jobs, improvement of the water system, a Headstart program, better care for elderly persons, and others.

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Jeff Roper and Mrs. Gloria Brown, Indiahoma residents who are working to create interest in the project, said Indiahoma was selected because of its potential.

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The project will last two years

and will have a low budget, which Roper said will be met by contributions from individuals, businesses, and corporations.

Specific goals, and the means by which they can be reached, will be discussed during the planning week. Some 35 consultants have been invited to the session, Roper said. All volunteers will be asked to pay their own travel expenses and contribute \$400 to the project which will cover all expenses.

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At the completion of the program in Chicago, a blighted area of the city had attracted 16 new businesses with potential for 500 new jobs. Over 30 residents were trained in neighborhood health care. A commercial school was founded and the community health center was refurbished.

In Delta, a community garden provides vegetables for an im-

proved nutrition program and for local markets. Community residents engaged in regular community workdays and weekly planning meetings. Garbage removal was improved, and volunteer health workers began a nutritious lunch program for pre-school children.

The Ivy City program was an inner-Washington area with results similar to the Chicago program. Standing Rock reservation now has a non-profit development corporation to secure industries; a community-owned shopping center, playgrounds, parks, and 1,200 transplanted cottonwood trees to provide relief from the barren plain.

The Institute of Cultural Affairs is a global research training and demonstration agency concerned with world development. Twenty communities outside the United States have launched development programs based on experience gained from the pilot program in Chicago.

Roper said Mr. and Mrs. Bill Slicker of Oklahoma City will live in Indiahoma for two years while the project is being carried out.

The week-long planning session will start with a banquet in the auditorium at 7 p.m. June 16.

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Rally Kicks Off Indiahoma's Human Development Program

"I've never met a 'Mr. Somebody Else' who will solve your problems for you; instead of standing still we choose to expand and move forward," said Ben Hotubbee Baptist minister, in opening comments for the community rally held in Indiahoma last Friday.

More than 110 residents attended the rally that announced the upcoming Human Development Consult, June 16-24.

Following a potluck dinner, John Heidebrecht, the Methodist minister delivered the invocation and explained his support for the project in Indiahoma. Rhonda Sims,

city clerk said she was "unwilling to sit on the sidelines and let the opportunity pass away."

She introduced the staff members and called upon the project director, Bill Slicker, to answer questions.

Barbara Bailey, a community resident, then called for volunteers to help prepare for the consult in the areas of beautification, hosting, facility, and food and recruitment.

A meeting for the task force was held at 7 p.m. last Monday at the school auditorium.

different groups with a special focus on the upcoming beautification workday set for Saturday, June 10th, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The consult will involve local residents, volunteer consultants from across the state, with the assistance of staff members of the Institute of Cultural Affairs in building plans to make Indiahoma a "showplace for the South-west."

The opening banquet starts Sunday, June 18th at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Dignitaries will be present from across the state. All Indiahoma citizens are invited.

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Refurbishing Program Breathes New Life into Indianahoma

By Lisa John

INDIAHOMA — The last 60 years have not been kind to this Comanche County town of 500.

Good breaks that could have gone Indianahoma's way, and helped it to build on its early day prosperity, didn't.

The visions town leaders once had of a brighter future faded to hopes of just holding on to what the town already had. Even that modest hope proved to be too lofty.

It has been decades in coming, but Indianahoma's ship may finally have come in.

It is the only town in Oklahoma, and one of only 12 in the nation, that was selected for a two-year refurbishing program sponsored by the Institute of Cultural Affairs, a non-profit organization headquartered in Chicago.

That designation, and what it has meant in its early stages, has Indianahomans venturing the observation that their town seems to be "coming back to life."

Some particularly optimistic residents have even recaptured the well-worn dream that the town could be a "showplace in Oklahoma."

About 100 volunteers, singing while working, took to the streets over the weekend to clear debris, paint an old bank building for a community meeting hall, mark off a future tennis court and clean the former doctor's office building for a future health clinic.

The volunteers unearthed a perfectly good sidewalk that had become covered by several inches of dirt since the bank closed in 1964.

"I've lived here 11 years and didn't know there was a sidewalk here," said home economics teacher Barbara Bailey, a member of the cleanup crew.

"We've cleaned a section of the town, but it will take another day to clean the insides of the bank and health outpost," she said.

Four institute staff members will remain here over the next two years to help community members overcome obstacles they may encounter in their revitalization effort.

It all started when, under the guidelines of the program, Indianahoma residents met in a weeklong seminar to hash out exactly what they want for their town.

They decided they wanted to get



Workers Bette Bogue, left, Tara Jones, center, and Ann Epps scrub recently uncovered sidewalk.

more small businesses, an auto center, a branch bank, a general store and cafe.

The western Comanche county town has dwindled to half its 1911 population of 1,000. At that time it boasted 42 businesses.

"The town went clear to the railroad back then," Perkins said. "Used to, the people would catch a train down there and ride to Lawton."

He recalled that the town suffered two major jolts — Fort Sill's westward land expansion in the early 1950s which pushed out a number of farmers, and the reconstruction of U.S. 62 on a route bypassing the town.

The declining population left only a few businesses, two service station-convenience stores, a lumber yard, grain elevator and a meat processing plant.

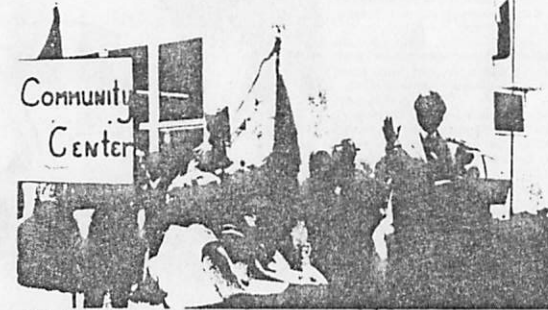
But community members proudly boast that they managed to keep their school, even when it seemed the town would "die and blow away."

Some 300 town residents and volunteers from social service agencies and churches helped compile the list of "community visions" during last week's seminar.

Some goals already achieved include the community clean-up, compilation and display of the town's history, erection of a sign coaxing U.S. 62 travelers to drop by nearby Indianahoma and establishment of a day care center.

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Gov. David Boren addresses approximately 100 people at the Indianoma Human Development Project Center located on the corner of Showplace and Main Streets.

Gov. Boren lauded the spirit of the community as being the very spirit that built the state of Oklahoma.

Boren 'Pleased' With Progress At Indianoma

"I am pleased to see the community spirit that prevails here. I have made many speeches on the subject of people working together for the benefit of their community", said Gov. David Boren in a speech while visiting the Human Development Project at Indianoma last Thursday.

Gov. Boren arrived in Indianoma shortly after 1:30 on a campaign swing through southwest Oklahoma having come from a press conference and luncheon in Lawton and a stop in Cache. The governor was scheduled to stop at Sterling and complete his trip for the day with a barbecue at a private ranch in Meers.

"Our history is one of people working together. People came together and they did it themselves. It's the spirit that built our state and that's why it excites me to see this happening again", continued Boren.

"One of the things that troubles me is that people are beginning to spin off in their little groups, whether political or geographical, and worry only about getting their little piece of the pie".

"I think back to the beginning of our country and realize that they all sat down together and tried to figure out what was best for the whole country. You really are

to be congratulated for this kind of an attitude", said the governor with power and assurance.

"We have freedom in this country, said Boren, freedom to live the way we want. We can be what we want to be and we have the opportunity to have the kind of community that we want to have".

It is becoming evident from the work of building restoration, cleaning of lots, erecting signs, and establishment of a thirteen point plan for the future of Indianoma that the small rural community of 450 people desire to better their community.

Apparently when U.S.

Highway 62 bypassed the smaller communities along its route the people of Indianoma began to lose hope of survival.

"We began to hope that by some miracle we might survive and then we lost our bank, our grocery store, cafes, and business", said Barbara Bailey in a speech during the governor's visit.

"But now we can celebrate new beginnings as we talk about Indianoma becoming a Showplace of the Southwest,

a phrase that originally brought laughter, but now we know that the phrase means putting our efforts together so we can move ahead, it means moving forward, being

committed, it means becoming an example for other communities to follow", said Mrs. Bailey.

In an attempt to measure the community's progress since the Institute of Cultural Affairs began work in Indianoma on the 18th of June Mrs. Colleen Jones, Mistress of Ceremonies, said, "it is something that can't be measured by the week. We must keep pushing on. It took time to regress, it will take time to build back up".

"In any endeavor, the first thing is to get the people together and work toward a common goal. I think that this spirit is lacking in most

towns but we're having it here and I think that's what a town needs", said Mrs. Jones.

During the course of events which took place on the corner of recently named streets Showplace and Main by the old bank building which is now the Indianoma Community Center much praise was directed towards the Treasure Lake Job Corps who have provided the community with much labor assistance.

The Job Corps is currently building a new cafeteria for the school with the community furnishing the material and the Corps the labor.

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"We all (members of the team) rally around the concept that rural communities like Indianahoma need to survive to preserve the American way of life," said Nancy Graves, one of the five consultants who will remain in Indianahoma for the next two years.

What the consultant team has done for the past three weeks is light a fire under the seat of many Indianahoma residents that may never go out.

About 75 of the town's 450 residents attended Saturday's "closing gathering" which signaled the end of Consult Week.

The week was spent picking up litter, restoring vacated buildings and painting signs in addition to countless other activities.

"I got out and talked to people I haven't seen in a long time," said Maude Foley. "That includes my neighbors."

"We sang a lot of songs, had a good time and I believe we're on the road to success," said Tom "Tub" Gordon.

Town Secretary Rhonda Sims heaved a big sigh and reflected on

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the week just passed.

"I'm proud to be here," she said. "I can begin to describe what all happened this week. There's just too much to tell."

Town residents booked Saturday morning to the old bank building that has stood dormant for years across from the post office. It will be cleaned, painted and converted to a community center.

Another building not far away will be converted to a health clinic with and from local medical personnel.

"It's so exciting," said Indianahoma High School teacher Barbara Bailey. "Who would have thought we could do all this."

Bob Boshier, one of the project consultants from Chicago, left the group with some words of encouragement Saturday.

"Work is not a stranger to you people," he said. "In fact, it's now the key to your becoming the showplace of the southwest."

Indianahoma is the institute's first project attempt in Oklahoma, although it now claims 24 success stories around the world.

Despite what I was told when I first came here in March," Boshier said. "I don't think the treasure is in the Wichita Mountains... it's right here in Indianahoma."

"Calling each of their renovation projects a 'miracle' only taints the fire of enthusiasm here."

Like one of the many songs written during recent weeks says about Indianahoma:

"So folks take a look, do you know what you see?"

"How can we improve this community?"

"Let's put down our feet and take a spell."

And create a showplace every day." (Staff Photo)

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"We all (members of the team) rally around the concept that rural communities like Indiahoma need to survive to preserve the American way of life," said Nancy Graves, one of the five consultants who will remain in Indiahoma for the next two years.

What the consultant team has done for the past three weeks is light a fire under the seat of many Indiahoma residents that may never go out.

About 75 of the town's 450 residents attended Saturday's "closing gathering" which signaled the end of Consult Week.

The week was spent picking up litter, restoring vacated buildings and painting signs in addition to countless other activities.

"I got out and talked to people I haven't seen in a long time," said Maude Foley. "That includes my neighbors."

"We sang a lot of songs, had a good time and I believe we're on the road to success," said Tom "Tab" Gordon.

Town Secretary Rhonda Sims heaved a big sigh and reflected on

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—Miracles

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the week just passed.

"I'm plumb tired," she said. "I can't begin to describe what all happened this week. There's just too much to tell."

Town residents flocked Saturday morning to the old bank building that has stood idly for years, across from the post office. It will be cleaned, painted and converted to a community center.

Another building not far away will be converted to a health clinic with and from 100,000 medical personnel.

"It's so exciting," said Indiahoma High School teacher Barbara Bailey. "Who would have thought we could do all this."

Bob Booher, one of the project consultants from Chicago, left the group with some words of encouragement Saturday.

"Work is not a stranger to you people," he said. "In fact, it's now the key to your becoming the showcase of the southwest."

Indiahoma is the institute's first project attempt in Oklahoma, although it now claims 24 success stories around the world.

Despite what I was told when I first came here in March," Booher said. "I don't think the treasure is in the Wichita Mountains... it's right here in Indiahoma."

"Calling each of their renovation projects a 'miracle' only fans the fire of enthusiasm here."

Take one of the many songs written during recent weeks says about Indiahoma.

"So folks take a look, do you like what you see?"

How can we improve this community?

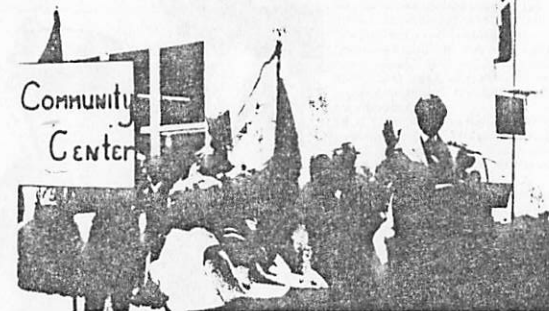
Let's put down our roots and take a spell.

And create a showplace here. To a world.

KIOWA COUNTY DEMOCRAT

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Gov. David Boren addresses approximately 100 people at the Indianoma Human Development Project Center located on the corner of Showplace and Main Streets.

Gov. Boren lauded the spirit of the community as being the very spirit that built the state of Oklahoma.

Boren 'Pleased' With Progress At Indianoma

"I am pleased to see the community spirit that prevails here. I have made many speeches on the subject of people working together for the benefit of their community", said Gov. David Boren in a speech while visiting the Human Development Project at Indianoma last Thursday.

Gov. Boren arrived in Indianoma shortly after 1:30 on a campaign swing through southwest Oklahoma having come from a press conference and luncheon in Lawton and a stop in Cache. The governor was scheduled to stop at Sterling and complete his trip for the day with a barbecue at a private ranch in Meers.

"Our history is one of people working together. People came together and they did it themselves. It's the spirit that built our state and that's why it excites me to see this happening again", continued Boren.

"One of the things that troubles me is that people are beginning to spin off in their little groups, whether political or geographical, and worry only about getting their little piece of the pie."

"I think back to the beginning of our country and realize that they all sat down together and tried to figure out what was best for the whole country. You really are

to be congratulated for this kind of an attitude", said the governor with power and assurance.

"We have freedom in this country, said Boren, freedom to live the way we want. We can be what we want to be and we have the opportunity to have the kind of community that we want to have."

It is becoming evident from the work of building restoration, cleaning of lots, erecting signs, and establishment of a thirteen point plan for the future of Indianoma that the small rural community of 450 people desire to better their community.

Apparently when U.S.

Highway 62 bypassed the smaller communities along its route the people of Indianoma began to lose hope of survival.

"We began to hope that by some miracle we might survive and then we lost our bank, our grocery store, cafes, and business", said Barbara Bailey in a speech during the governor's visit.

"But now we can celebrate new beginnings as we talk about Indianoma becoming a Showplace of the Southwest, a phrase that originally brought laughter, but now we know that the phrase means putting our efforts together so we can move ahead, it means moving forward, being

committed, it means becoming an example for other communities to follow", said Mrs. Bailey.

In an attempt to measure the community's progress since the Institute of Cultural Affairs began work in Indianoma on the 18th of June Mrs. Colleen Jones, Mistress of Ceremonies, said, "it is something that can't be measured by the week. We must keep pushing on. It took time to regress, it will take time to build back up."

"In any endeavor, the first thing is to get the people together and work toward a common goal. I think that this spirit is lacking in most

towns but we're having it here and I think that's what a town needs", said Mrs. Jones.

During the course of events which took place on the corner of recently named streets Showplace and Main by the old bank building which is now the Indianoma Community Center much praise was directed towards the Treasure Lake Job Corps who have provided the community with much labor assistance.

The Job Corps is currently building a new cafeteria for the school with the community furnishing the material and the Corps the labor.

Refurbishing Program Breathes New Life into Indianoma

By Lisa John

INDIAHOMA — The last 60 years have not been kind to this Comanche County town of 500.

Good breaks that could have gone Indianoma's way, and helped it to build on its early day prosperity, didn't.

The visions town leaders once had of a brighter future faded to hopes of just holding on to what the town already had. Even that modest hope proved to be too lofty.

It has been decades in coming, but Indianoma's ship may finally have come in.

It is the only town in Oklahoma, and one of only 12 in the nation, that was selected for a two-year refurbishing program sponsored by the Institute of Cultural Affairs, a non-profit organization headquartered in Chicago.

That designation, and what it has meant in its early stages, has Indianomans venturing the observation that their town seems to be "coming back to life."

Some particularly optimistic residents have even recaptured the well-worn dream that the town could be a "showplace in Oklahoma."

About 100 volunteers, singing while working, took to the streets over the weekend to clear debris, paint an old bank building for a community meeting hall, mark off a future tennis court and clean the former doctor's office building for a future health clinic.

The volunteers unearthed a perfectly good sidewalk that had become covered by several inches of dirt since the bank closed in 1964.

"I've lived here 11 years and didn't know there was a sidewalk here," said home economics teacher Barbara Bailey, a member of the cleanup crew.

"We've cleaned a section of the town, but it will take another day to clean the insides of the bank and health outpost," she said.

Four institute staff members will remain here over the next two years to help community members overcome obstacles they may encounter in their revitalization effort.

It all started when, under the guidelines of the program, Indianoma residents met in a weeklong seminar to hash out exactly what they want for their town.

They decided they wanted to get



Workers Bette Bogue, left, Tara Jones, center, and Ann Epps scrub recently uncovered sidewalk.

more small businesses, an auto center, a branch bank, a general store and cafe.

The western Comanche county town has dwindled to half its 1911 population of 1,000. At that time it

boasted 42 businesses. Howard Perkins, an Indianoma resident since 1929, remembered,

"The town went clear to the railroad back then," Perkins said. "Used to, the people would catch a train down there and ride to Lawton."

He recalled that the town suffered two major jolts — Fort Sill's westward land expansion in the early 1950s which pushed out a number of farmers, and the reconstruction of U.S. 62 on a route bypassing the town.

The declining population left only a few businesses, two service station-convenience stores, a lumber yard, grain elevator and a meat processing plant.

But community members proudly boast that they managed to keep their school, even when it seemed the town would "die and blow away."

Some 300 town residents and volunteers from social service agencies and churches helped compile the list of "community visions" during last week's seminar.

Some goals already achieved include the community clean-up, compilation and display of the town's history, erection of a sign coaxing U.S. 62 travelers to drop by nearby Indianoma and establishment of a day care center.



Bill Slicker, director of the Indian Health Development Project, explains the program at the Lawton Chamber Of Commerce Friday Forum. (Staff Photo)

Program Revitalizing Indian Health, Forum Told

By DAVE HALE

Bill Slicker, project director for the Indian Health Development Project, was the featured speaker at the Friday Chamber of Commerce Noon Forum. Slicker is one of four volunteers from the Institute of Cultural Affairs, a not for profit organization, that is working to revitalize Indian health.

Slicker said the institute is involved with similar programs in other communities throughout the world. "What we try to do is to get people to look at themselves, and we work with the community leaders to help them develop the community the way they want it to."

Slicker said the four volunteers move into and become a part of the community during the two year revitalization program.

The community of Indian Health has a

13-step actuating program listed under three goals: toward the self-sufficiency of Indian Health; toward the stimulation of cohesive style in Indian Health; and toward social self-reliance of Indian Health.

The 13 actuating programs include: appropriate business enterprise; small industry complex; development assistance agency; city utility service; Indian Health 2,000 plan; community engagement network; community identity project; community center facility; town beautification campaign; residential housing development; rural life institute; comprehensive health care; and recreational parks system.

"The program takes people who care," Slicker said. "We have many human resources, but we could not make our program work without the help of Lawton businesses which have helped donate many goods and services."

Accompanying Slicker at the Friday Lawton Chamber of Commerce Forum were several Indian Health officials: Mayor J. P. Stoll, City Clerk Rhonda Simms and Water Commissioner Tom Gordon. Forty-three persons attended the first forum of the winter season.

John Birdsong of Halliburton Services, Duncan, will be the featured speaker at next week's Friday Forum.

Hospital Costs Due Discussion THE SUNDAY CONSTITUTION, October 8, 1978

Health Care Panel To Meet Here

By The Constitution Staff

The rising cost of hospital care will be discussed when the Special Legislative Committee on Health Care Delivery System convenes in Lawton Tuesday.

Committee chairman Sen. Al Terrill, D-Lawton, said the group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Comanche County Memorial Hospital to take testimony from witnesses.

Afterward, committee members will view a demonstration by helicopter rescue services personnel at Fort Sill and will conclude the meeting with a tour of Tulaferro Mental Health Center.

Scheduled to appear during the morning hearing are members of the staff of Memorial, David Bickham, executive director of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, and Cleveland Rodgers, executive director of the Oklahoma Hospital Association. Terrill, chairman of an 18-state

committee of the Southern Legislative Conference which is studying methods of limiting hospital costs, said he especially wanted committee members to understand the system used by Memorial, which was recently recognized by the OHA as one of the 62 hospitals in the state to voluntarily join a cost containment program.

"We as a committee are vitally interested in cost containment as it affects all citizens of Oklahoma," Terrill said.

"We are very proud of the effort being made by Comanche County Memorial Hospital to control costs, and we want to share that information with members of the committee."

Terrill said he was especially proud of the work being done at the Community Health Center established by the Indian Health Development Project. He said experts on that program will appear before the committee.

"Few medical problems in

Oklahoma are more acute than delivery of services in small towns," Terrill said. "This program may well serve as a model for other communities."

The demonstration by the Fort Sill MAST helicopter team will show how they transport critically ill patients from the community to more sophisticated treatment facilities in Oklahoma City.

Terrill said the demonstration is important in view of the fact that the committee is considering the use of helicopters for the state to provide medical services, traffic control and Department of Public Safety man-hunts.

LAWTON MORNING PRESS, Thursday, September 28, 1978

Three-Day Health Fair Slated To Kick Off For Indian Health

INDIAN HEALTH (Staff) — A three-day health fair is scheduled to kick off here tonight with community center presentation on proper diet entitled, "You Are What You Eat."

Tonight's 7:30 presentation will be followed by a second program presented Friday by the Comanche County Health Department entitled, "Well Baby Care."

The fair is being held to dramatize the opening of Indian Health's new health outpost, a product of the community's human development project begun this year, according to development consultant Nancy Graves.

Saturday's activities all center around the new health facility, once the office of Indian Health's only medical practitioner.

Ms. Graves listed among the services and exhibits available at Saturday's all-day affair:

- immunization clinic from 10 a.m. to noon.
- blood pressure checks by Lawton Red Cross throughout the day.
- lung capacity check by Dr. Tom Whitsett.

— presentation on cardiac pulmonary resuscitation by the Oklahoma Trauma Research Society.

Lunch will also be served at the community center with State Sen. Al Terrill slated to commission community health caretakers — individuals committed to work within the community toward preventive health care.

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April 13, 1979

The Hon. P. J. Stoll
Mayor, City of Indianahoma
P.O. Box 38
Indianahoma, Oklahoma 73552

Dear Mayor Stoll:

I regret very much that I am unable to attend your First Year Celebration on May 5. I had previously agreed to speak to another organization at that time.

The kind of work that is being done in Indianahoma by the citizens to reestablish community vitality can serve as an inspiration to other communities. The support and direction offered by the Institute of Cultural Affairs has been helpful, I am sure, but the critical factor remains in the desire and determination of the individual to create for himself and his community a better life.

The rural community is vital to Oklahoma, and I applaud your efforts to bring new life to Indianahoma.

Sincerely,

Henry Bellman
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Mayor P.J. Stoll poses with two of Indianhoma's soon-to-be-erected new street signs, purchased with city money and fund-raising efforts.

(Staff Photo)

Indiahoma Progress Detailed In 'Visitation Day' Festivities

By BILL BRAUN
Of The Constitution Staff

INDIAHOMA — The fire of enthusiasm for community progress lit last June by the conception of Indianhoma's Human Development plan still burns steadily among civic organizers as the halfway point of the two-year project approaches.

About 100 persons attended "Indiahoma Visitation Day" Saturday and heard reports on upcoming efforts as well as details of progress already made.

The program was marked by group singing and testimony about the joys and benefits to be reaped through community involvement, local initiative, determination and united effort.

Indiahoma, a Western Comanche County town of about 500 persons, was one of 12 American communities selected for the human development project sponsored by the Institute of Cultural Affairs, a private non-profit institution.

The aim is to revive a town that some persons thought would decay and slowly fade away when the new U.S. 62 was built miles to the north, rerouting traffic from the central business district.

"We have a long way to go, but we want people to know about Indianhoma," said Barbara Bailey, a school teacher and project activist. "Through working together, we can be an example for other communities."

The effort previously attracted a visit from then governor David Boren and has contributed to several tangible improvements.

Since the inception, an unusual

building has been remodeled into a health outpost, featuring volunteer caretakers and occasional visits from a health official to provide basic screenings and health care; streets have been renamed and street signs purchased for erection soon; and a federal grant was awarded for a water storage tank.

Also, a restaurant has opened and a feed distribution business is being launched; ground was broken for a community park; the meat processing plant has expanded; regular neighborhood cleanups and community meetings have been conducted; and sketches have been completed for long-range targets, including a community center, city hall and health center.

The attitude behind the drive to reverse the recent trend and develop Indianhoma into a "Showplace of the Southwest" is reflected in the street and sign project.

The streets now are named after settlers, Indians, missionaries, community historical sites, or current aspects of Indianhoma's farm and livestock culture.

Grant Approved For Indianahoma Shopping Mall

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — A \$120,000 federal grant to help develop a community shopping mall at Indianahoma was approved Friday, according to a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Tom Steed.

The project is designed to provide eight or 10 new shops for business-shy Indianahoma.

"Oh, great! That's the word we've been waiting to hear. That's tremendous!", an excited Mayor Barbara Bailey said when told of the funding approval. "We'll be going full speed ahead on the project now."

The \$120,000 will be provided by the Economic Development Administration, with an \$80,000 local match required. Donated labor and materials, community contributions, state funds or a combination of these sources can be used toward the matching requirement, Mrs. Bailey said.

The grant applicant, the Indianahoma Community Development Corporation, has been guaranteed a loan, if needed, from a lending firm to provide the required matching money, she said.

The mini-mall will be located on a 2.93-acre tract on Old U.S. 62, at Post Oak Road and Showplace Boulevard. Now that EDA funding is assured, project sponsors will exercise an option to purchase this land, the mayor said.

A groundbreaking at the site will be held next month, with the mini-mall scheduled for completion by next August, she said. As conceived, it will

encompass 4,300 square feet and house eight or 10 small shops.

It is expected that a pharmacy, beauty shop, wholesale Indian costume shop, Indian craft and jewelry shop, women's clothes store and combination coffee-shop bakery, plus other businesses, will be located there, Mrs. Bailey said.

In addition to the shops, plans include a paved parking area and construction of outdoor stalls to allow for

short-term marketing of produce or "flea market" items.

The Institute of Cultural Affairs, a private organization which is piloting a human development effort aimed at revitalizing the Western Comanche County town, has provided technical assistance for the mini-mall project.

Indianahoma now has only a handful of businesses. It hasn't had a grocery store since a fire last winter destroyed the town's only such establishment.



Community Pride Reflected In Indianahoma's

By BILL BRAUN

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — Another step in the ongoing effort to revitalize Indianahoma was taken Tuesday with the erection of street signs.

The signs were mounted on 50 metal poles located at intersections throughout the community, according to Mayor Barbara Bailey.

The attitude behind the drive to heighten a sense of community pride and identity in Indianahoma is reflected in this project.

Previously, what roads that were labeled had rather mundane names,

such as A, B, C, or D Street, and were not marked with signs.

Now, Mrs. Bailey said, north-south streets are named after settlers, Indians, missionaries, geographical landmarks and other fragments of Indianahoma's history. The names include Post Oak, Dillon (an early settler), Becker (one of the first white missionaries), and Chebatah (a Comanche scout), she said.

East-west streets reflect aspects of the current farm and livestock culture; typical names include Hampshire, Wheatland and Charolais.

The street and sign project cost about \$1,200, and was financed with city money and fund-raising efforts. Additional materials were donated, as was the labor involved. The signs have been ready for some time, but officials awaited the arrival of spring and completion of hole-digging and post-installing work before erecting the markers.

The signs are ready in time for Saturday's observance of Indianahoma's first year of participation in a human development project sponsored by the

New Street Signs

LAWTON MORNING PRESS

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Erecting Indianahoma's first pair of new street signs are, left to right, Mayor Barbara Bailey

and Councilmen Bob Wisner and P. J. Stoll.
(Staff photo)

international Institute of Cultural Affairs, a private non-profit institution.

Activities are scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. at the community center, located at Showplace and Main. Lt. Gov. Spencer Bernard is scheduled to speak, future projects will be discussed, and reports will be given on achievements, Mrs. Bailey said.

In May of 1978, cultural consultants and local officials initiated various projects aimed at improving Indianahoma's social and economic quality of life.

Tangible improvements have been made in health, community services, beautification and commercial areas.

The aim is to revive a town which in 1911 had a thriving population of about 1,000 and which served as a center of trade and the cotton ginning industry. Indianahoma has declined since U.S. 62 was built north of town, rerouting traffic from the central business district.

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By The Constitution Staff

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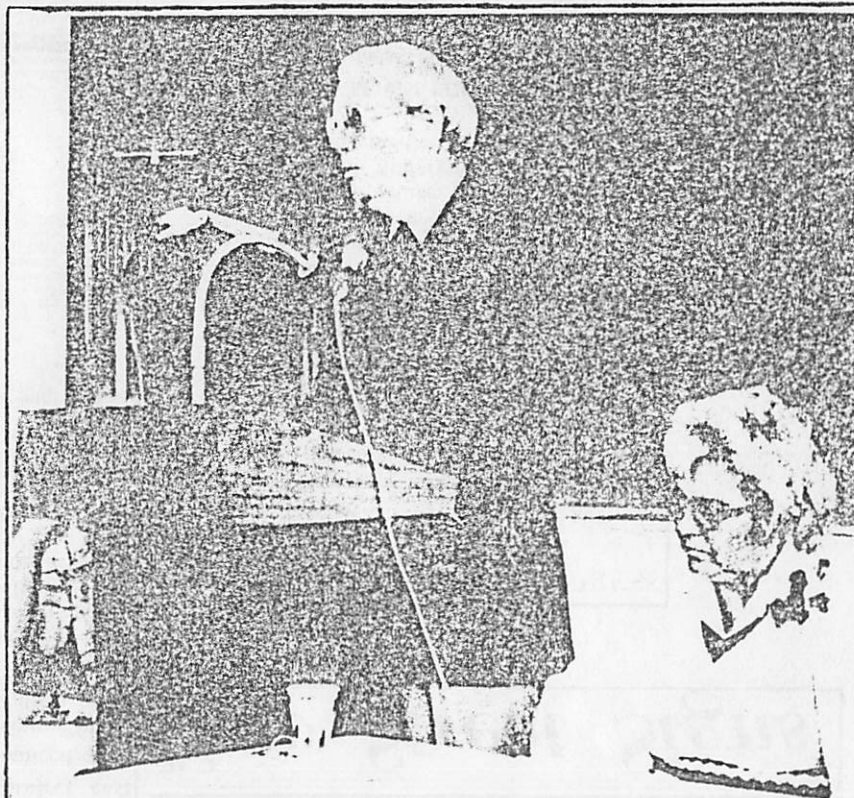
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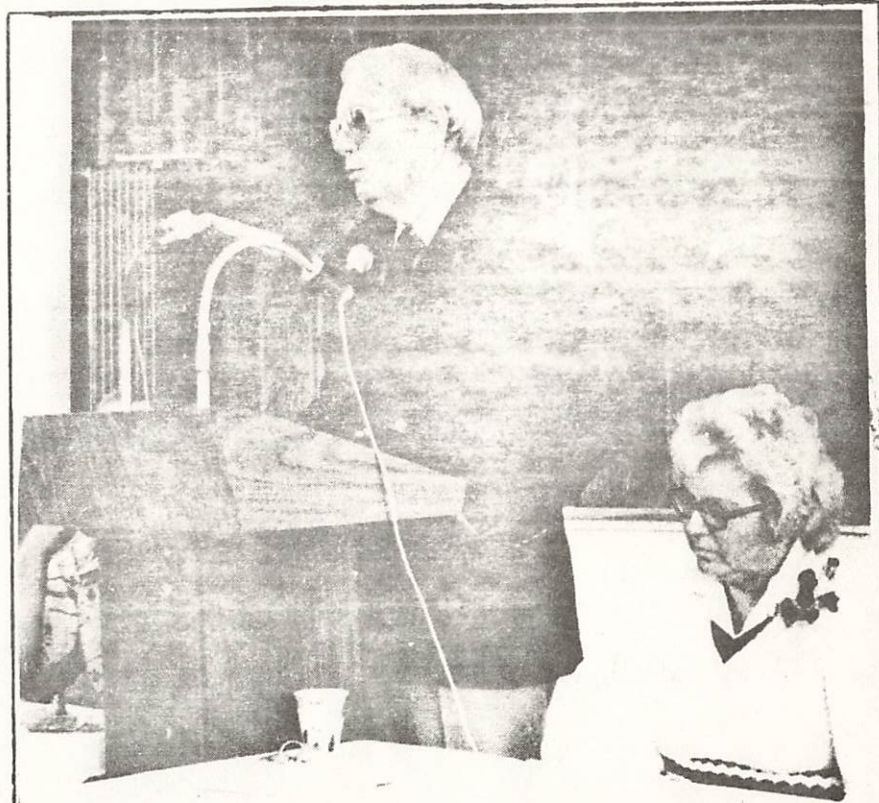
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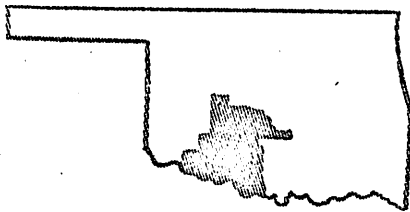
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Indiahoma Community Development Mini - Mall

Ray Almanza, President of the Board of Directors of the Indiahoma Community Development Corporation (ICDC) since its inception, and Barbara Bailey, Mayor of Indiahoma, along with many, many others from the community have spent much of their leisure time promoting Indiahoma and working towards the realization of the Mini-Mall. The 4500 square foot mini-mall designed for eight new shops will be located on a 2.93 acre tract at the intersection of Post Oak Road and Showplace Boulevard on Old U.S. 62.

Formal approval by the Economic Development Administration of a \$120,000.00 grant for the construction of a mini-mall marks the first milestone in the forward movement of the ICDC.

The \$80,000.00 local match required will be met by a combination of sources, largely, donated labor and materials, community contributions and possibly state funds.

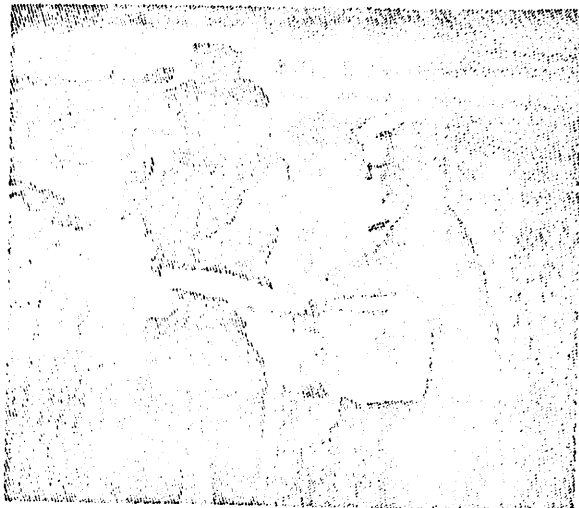
Indiahoma's view of its future began to change about 18 months ago when the townspeople agreed to become a demonstration area, the only one in the state, and invited the Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) to send its workers here. A consult was held in June, 1978, during which the town picked its priorities-what it wanted to see accomplished, what was standing in the way of that accomplishment, and how to overcome the "contradictions."

The outgrowth of the consult was a determination by the townspeople to work toward self-sufficiency, with a grocery store and mini-mall. During the first year a sense of identity as a community developed, streets were named and signs put up. Then the push for the mini-mall began in earnest. The ICDC was formed and once it was established, an architect was contacted, blueprints drawn and altogether ASCOG assisted in preparing a packaged application for presentation to the EDA.

In addition to the mini-mall, which is a community project,

plans are in process by an individual to re-open the grocery store with the help of a Bureau of Indian Affairs loan.

Indiahoma, with a 40% Indian population, is an example of people working together for the benefit and betterment of both.



Pictured - Mayor Barbara Bailey, Indiahoma, and Raymond Almanza, Chairman of the Indiahoma Community Development Corp.

Energy Management Workshop

The following information was presented at an Energy Management Workshop held in Oklahoma City and sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Energy and Oklahoma State University.

By diligently following a maintenance program, an office building owner or operator can conserve a substantial quantity of energy by maintaining the building at its optimum designed conditions. Energy saved as a result of such a program is obviously dollars saved, since little or no capital investment is required. (Cont'd on Pg. 11)

Refurbishing Program Breathes New Life into Indianahoma

By Lisa John

INDIAHOMA — The last 60 years have not been kind to this Comanche County town of 500.

Good breaks that could have gone Indianahoma's way, and helped it to build on its early day prosperity, didn't.

The visions town leaders once had of a brighter future faded to hopes of just holding on to what the town already had. Even that modest hope proved to be too lofty.

It has been decades in coming, but Indianahoma's ship may finally have come in.

It is the only town in Oklahoma, and one of only 12 in the nation, that was selected for a two-year refurbishing program sponsored by the Institute of Cultural Affairs, a non-profit organization headquartered in Chicago.

That designation, and what it has meant in its early stages, has Indianahomans venturing the observation that their town seems to be "coming back to life."

Some particularly optimistic residents have even recaptured the well-worn dream that the town could be a "showplace in Oklahoma."

About 100 volunteers, singing while working, took to the streets over the weekend to clear debris, paint an old bank building for a community meeting hall, mark off a future tennis court and clean the former doctor's office building for a future health clinic.

The volunteers unearthed a perfectly good sidewalk that had become covered by several inches of dirt since the bank closed in 1964.

"I've lived here 11 years and didn't know there was a sidewalk here," said home economics teacher Barbara Bailey, a member of the cleanup crew.

"We've cleaned a section of the town, but it will take another day to clean the insides of the bank and health outpost," she said.

Four institute staff members will remain here over the next two years to help community members overcome obstacles they may encounter in their revitalization effort.

It all started when, under the guidelines of the program, Indianahoma residents met in a weeklong seminar to hash out exactly what they want for their town.

They decided they wanted to get



Workers Bette Bogue, left, Tara Jones, center, and Ann Epps scrub recently uncovered sidewalk.

more small businesses, an auto center, a branch bank, a general store and cafe.

The western Comanche county town has dwindled to half its 1911 population of 1,000. At that time it

boasted 42 businesses.

Howard Perkins, an Indianahoma resident since 1929, remembered,

"The town went clear to the railroad back then," Perkins said. "Usually the people would catch a train there and ride to Lawton."

He recalled that the town suffered two major jolts — Fort Sill's ward land expansion in the 1950s which pushed out a number of farmers, and the reconstruction of U.S. 62 on a route bypassing town.

The declining population left a few businesses, two service stores, a laundry, grain elevator and a meat processing plant.

But community members pride themselves on what they managed to do for their school, even when it seemed the town would "die and blow away."

Some 300 town residents and volunteers from social service agencies and churches helped compile the town's history of "community visions" during the week's seminar.

Some goals already achieved include the community cleanup, compilation and display of the town's history, erection of a sign to attract U.S. 62 travelers to drop by Indianahoma and establishment of a day care center.

Indiahoma CDC Opens Campaign For New Members

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — The Indiahoma Community Development Corporation is in the midst of a two-week membership campaign that concludes with a potluck dinner and membership meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the school auditorium.

A work day is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, with participants to meet at the community center. This week, volunteers will phone and visit local residents in an effort to drum up support in the development effort.

Incorporated last July, the non-profit ICDC consists of about 50 persons involved in promoting social, economic and human development at Indiahoma. Projects the ICDC has been involved with include acquisition of a federal grant to help with construction of a mini-mall, operation of community and health centers, publication of a newsletter, new home construction, and support of a loan application sought for a local grocery store.

"Some of the highlights of the coming year are the Indiahoma Festival of American Communities (in May), construction of the mini-mall, opening of the grocery store, initiation of senior citizens, youth and pre-school programs, and expansion of the health program," according to Raymond Almanza, ICDC president.

In addition to Almanza, ICDC directors include Clarence Holsey, Carlene Wisner, Betty Thrash, Barbara Bailey, H. C. Brenton and Jay Dee Robertson.

Indiahoma wins grant

By BILL BRAUN

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — The impressive string of federal favors extended to Indiahoma was bolstered by Monday's announcement that the Western Comanche County community is destined to receive a three-year, \$840,000 gift to finance housing, street and water system improvements.

The community development block grant, designed to benefit neighborhoods with a high percentage of low- and moderate-income families, will be used to rehabilitate

47 substandard housing units and to clear nine vacant and dilapidated structures.

Grant funds will also be used in reconstructing unpaved and deteriorated streets and for installing water lines, fire hydrants and valves. The water project will replace deteriorated lines, extend service to unserved areas and upgrade firefighting capabilities.

"We've been fortunate," Mayor Barbara Bailey said. "We're real pleased that these things have fallen in place for us."

Funds will be funneled into a project area containing an estimated 95 families. No local matching money is required.

This won't be the first sizable infusion of federal developmental dollars into Indiahoma. The town has been awarded a \$120,000 grant to help develop a community shopping mall and previously received \$105,000 in community development money for a water storage project.

A major sewage expansion mandated and financially aided by

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Indiahoma wins new housing grant

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the Environmental Protection Agency is also underway here.

The CDBG pre-application was approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the sponsoring agency, after being evaluated on a pre-determined point scale. A full application will now be submitted, with funds to be provided as long as routine HUD administrative and procedural guidelines are followed.

Paul Fisher, staff member with the Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments, predicted that Indiahoma will probably receive its first portion of CDBG funds this summer.

As planned, money will be used as follows over a three-year period: \$400,000 for housing and clearance, \$250,000 for street work, \$100,000 for water improvements, and \$90,000 for administrative costs, he said.

The funding announcement was made jointly by spokesmen for U.S. Sen. David Boren and U.S. Rep. Tom Steed. Also within the eight-county ASCOG region, Purcell in McClain County was awarded a one-year, \$432,382 grant for housing, street and drainage improvements, it was announced Monday.

Other Southwest Oklahoma cities notified last month of inclusion in the 1980 sDBG program are Duncan, three years, \$1.5 million; Frederick, two years, \$750,000; and Walters, one year, \$500,000.

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A chuckwagon breakfast by Louie and Linda Alltizer starts the fun Saturday. There will also be a parade at 10

a.m. including Fort Sill Band and Half Section, high school bands, Job Corps and club floats, decorated bicycles, Indian dancers and horse clubs.

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Food booths, serving Indian fry

bread and other favorites, display and commercial booths will be open throughout the weekend.

A children's pet show is scheduled Saturday along with a puppeteer and magic show.

A united church service, horse show at the Indiahoma Ag Barn and tours to the Wichita Wildlife Refuge will be held Sunday.

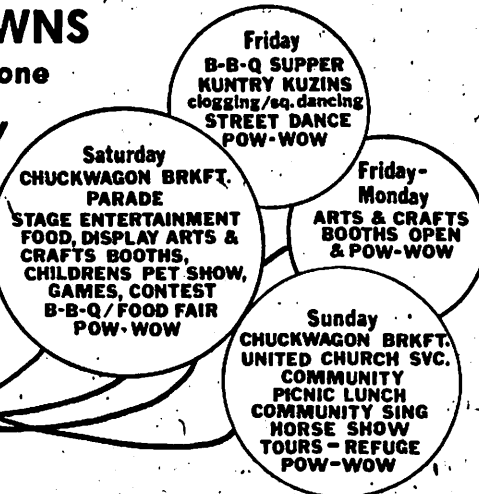
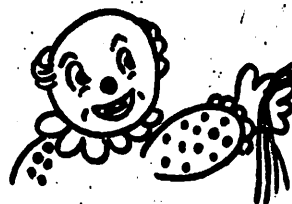
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INDIAHOMA FESTIVAL OF HOME TOWNS:

The purpose of the Festival is to recognize the importance of having a home town and of the individualism of these home towns. The Festival will celebrate the fact that Every Home Town is a Great Place to Be Alive, whether it be a rural town or an urban neighborhood, whether it be highly developed or just beginning to care for itself anew. People working together for a common goal, communities working together for a common goal, nations working together for a common goal - this is our reason for celebrating with the Festival of Home Towns.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Listed in the Oklahoma State Calendar of Events in May, this Festival will provide an opportunity for each Home Town to tell its story through displays of history, culture and crafts unique to its locale.

Friday May 23rd	Saturday May 24th	Sunday May 25th	Monday May 26th
Registration	Chuck Wagon Breakfast	Chuck Wagon Breakfast	ASSEMBLY OF HOME TOWNS
Barbeque	PARADE	UNITED CHURCH SERVICE	Memorial Day Service
Square Dance	TRADE FAIR	Gospel Singing	INTER-TRIBAL POWWOW
STREET DANCE	Stage Entertainment	WILDLIFE REFUGE TOURS	
INTER-TRIBAL POWWOW	Games and Contests	Horse Show	
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Indiahoma to host first Festival of Home Towns

By SKIP GIBSON

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — The population of Indiahoma, some 430 strong, could easily double and then triple beginning Friday as the community hosts the first annual Festival of Home Towns, celebrating the "gifts and greatness of every home town that participates" according to festival organizers.

The celebration, featuring exhibits, booths, barbeques and dances will run Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26. Indiahoma is located 20 miles west of Lawton on U.S. 62.

Festival organizers Wednesday said visitors from throughout Oklahoma, and from Texas, Arizona, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Iowa and Washington State are expected for the weekend.

Booth and exhibits will be set up beginning 1 p.m. Friday. Festivities begin 5 p.m. Friday with a barbeque catered by Underwoods, following by a 7 p.m. clogging and square dance demonstration by Lawton's Kuntry Kuzins.

A STREET DANCE follows with music by the Country on Tap band and a powwow with the Comanche Gourd Clan.

Saturday will be the biggest day activity wise. It begins with a 7 a.m. Western breakfast sponsored by Indiahoma High School 1981 Senior Class mothers. A two-mile run with a \$5 entry fee will begin at 8:30 a.m. Finishers will be awarded T-shirts.

A parade is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. It will include the Fort Sill 77th U.S. Army Field Artillery Band, horse-drawn cannon, the Altus Air Force Honor Guard, the Job Corps drill team and float, decorated bicycles, Indian dancers and horse clubs.

The Fort Sill Band will perform on stage at noon followed by the famous Indian dancing twins, Gene and June Sova and Woogie Watchetaker. Watchetaker is nationally famous for

his rain dancers, but will not perform his rain dance during the festival.

VISITORS ARE asked to bring lawn chairs for viewing activities such as the parade and Indian dancing.

A children's pet show is scheduled for 1 p.m. followed by children's games and prizes at 2 p.m.

Visitors are invited to bring their pies, cakes, cookies, and preserves between 1 and 3 p.m. for a Food Fair scheduled at 3 p.m. Ribbons will be awarded.

It will be followed by a pie auction and cake walk at 3:30 p.m.

Also at 3:30 p.m. a magic show is scheduled for festival goers.

A 4 p.m. tug-of-war will be held with a \$5 entry fee per team. A trophy will be awarded.

At 4:30 p.m. Saturday the country western gospel singers Ray and Ella Darby will perform. An Underwoods barbeque will begin at 5 p.m. followed by a powwow by the Comanche Gourd Clan at 8 p.m.

BOOTHS WILL be open all weekend. They will include food booths with Indian fry bread and other favorites. There will also be commercial booths featuring arts and crafts from home towns in Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, Korea and Japan.

Sunday activities begin with a chuckwagon breakfast sponsored by the 1981 Indiahoma High School Senior Class mothers. A united church service will be held at 11 a.m. followed by a community picnic lunch.

A community sing is scheduled following the picnic. An open horse show to be judged by Larry Graham will be held at the agriculture barn at 1 p.m.

Refuge tours are slated for the rest of the afternoon beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Comanche Gourd Clan's powwow will begin at 8 p.m.

MONDAY A Memorial Day service will be held at 8:30 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. conference on small communities and rural development. The Comanche

Gourd Clan will provide its final powwow at 2 p.m.

The festival is being supported by donations, the sale of soft drinks and food booth sales and by the State Arts Council and Great Plains Country.

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Festival Considered Success

The Indianoma Festival of Home Towns has been declared a success as well as a learning experience for festivals to come.

Ms. Ronda Jaye, who helped extensively with the festival, said she was pleased with the festival but that "four days was a bit too long." She said the Friday activities and dance was good and Saturday was fine but Sunday and Monday there just wasn't enough to hold people.

"Next year we'll make some minor changes and probably shorten it to a two day event and try to keep everything in the same area." She said it had been distracting for people to have to go to the ballpark for the Indian Pow Wows and then return to another area where booths and concessions were set up.

Ms. Jaye said she didn't know yet how they had come out money wise, but she looked for it to balance out real well. She said the horse show on Sunday turned out real well and that the parade on Saturday had really been something.

She said that as far as anyone knew the parade was the first one to ever come through Indianoma.

The parade featured the Ft. Sill Half Section Ft. Sill Band, the Cache Riding Club, an Indianoma Indian Heritage Float, which won

the best float prize, the Lawton Antique Car Club, a Treasurer Lake Job Corp float, an FHA Float, and kids on bicycles.

Ms. Jaye said she figured that during the four days there were 800 to 1000 people who came to enjoy the festivities.



INDIANS HELD POWWOWS during Indianoma's Festival of Home Towns over Memorial Day weekend. The group are members of the Comanche Gourd Clan.

Festivities also included a Country and Western dance, a horse show, display booths, a dog show, and a large parade.

Indiahoma Election Set

A local election previously scheduled for May 27 has been reset to June 10 at which time Indiahoma voters will go to the polls to

decide whether to incur a \$210,000 FmHA debt in order to solve the towns water problem.

According to Ms. Ronda

Jaye a public meeting has been scheduled at 7 p.m. Friday, May 30 in the school auditorium to discuss the towns needs, resources and avenues of solution.

Ms. Jaye said that Glen Briggs, Altus engineer, who is surveying the towns water systems will be present at the meeting to answer any questions as well as Paul Risher a representative of ASCOG (Association of South Central Oklahoma Government).

Fisher has been instrumental in helping Indiahoma obtain the \$840,000 Community Development Block Grant of which will be given by the Federal Government to the town over a three year period. The first year Indiahoma will receive \$226,000 of which \$100,000 has been allocated for water improvements. Water has been given the priority because of poor distribution lines and excessive levels of floride in the towns wells.

The remainder of the first year money will be used toward housing development with a total of

\$400,000 allocated for the rehabilitation of some 47 units. The second year the town is slated to receive \$315,000 and the third year \$300,000 with street and sewer work having the last priority.

The town has two alternatives to solve their water problem. One is to purchase Tom Steed Lake water through the CKT Rural Water District and mix this with well water to lower floride levels. The second is to build a floride treatment plant.

Ms. Jaye said they had not gotten any firm commitments from CKT on how much water would cost and how much they could obtain.

CKT currently purchases Tom Steed Lake water from the City of Snyder which they (CKT) use to supply rural areas east and south of Snyder.

The \$210,000 FmHA loan, if approved by Indiahoma voters, would be a forty year rate at five percent interest, according to Ms. Jaye.

Festival Of Hometowns Held In Indiahoma



First Indiahoma "HOME TOWN DAYS" was held over Memorial Day Weekend. A Camouflage canopy provided shade for the numerous displays, sale tables and refreshment stands. Some of the highlights of the event included a chuckwagon breakfast, pet show, contests, Pow-Wow, street dance

and horse show. One of the most unusual snack stands was an Indian Arbor it was made of branches and leaves they formed an arch and made shade for the stand, we were told it took one day to build.

Pastor and Mrs. Mark Allen share the spotlight



Pastor and Mrs. Mark Allen, Cache Assembly of God sing modern gospel songs at the Indianahoma "HOME TOWN DAYS" celebration.

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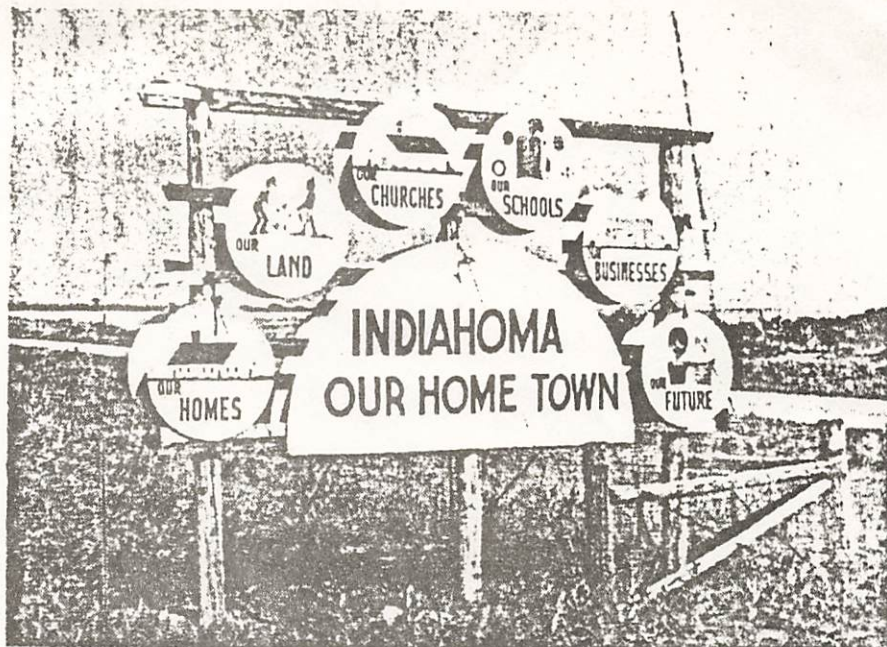
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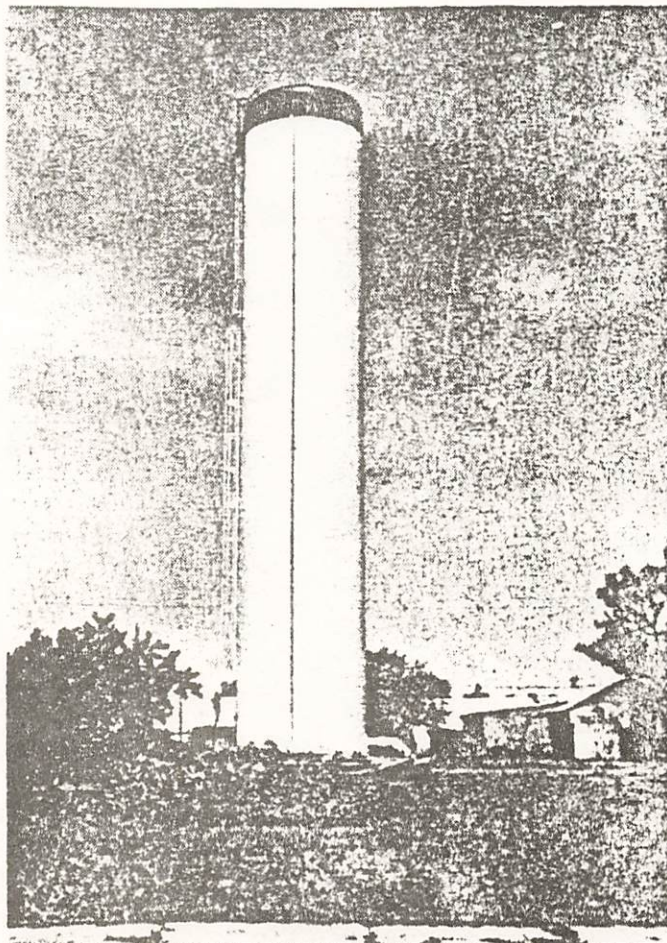
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HOMETOWN PRIDE AND COOPERATION are plentiful these days among residents of Indiahoma, located in the northwest corner of Cotton Electric system. This colorful sign marks the exit from Highway 62 to the town's entrance.

A contest for design of such a sign was held, and the winner was Betty Thrash. Buster Brenton and Ed Miller are credited with much work in constructing and mounting the sign. For more on the community cooperation that is helping a variety of improvements be realized, see story inside.



WATER HAS BEEN ADEQUATE for Indiahoma citizens, in spite of record heat this summer. "We are still able to water lawns and gardens," they report. And this 200,000 gallon storage facility is now being ac-

Indiahoma sets special town week

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — Several events have been set for Indianhoma Week, Nov. 18-22, with the purpose of bringing family and community closer together.

The Indianhoma Future Homemakers of America and Young Homemakers of Oklahoma will hold a reception for community senior citizens and newcomers at 2-4 p.m. Nov. 18 in the high school auditorium.

Prior to the reception the Indianhoma High School senior class will sponsor a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in the school cafeteria.

The senior class will also present a country and western show at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 21 in the high school auditorium that will highlight local talent. Tickets will be available at the door at \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Proceeds will go to the senior trip fund.

Other activities, scheduled so far, include a turkey shoot at 2 p.m. Nov. 23 at the agriculture barn sponsored by the Indianhoma Future Farmers of America.

"The idea is to take one week out of the year, spotlight community activities and get people involved," said Mayor Barbara Bailey.

Indiahoma board eyes locker rooms

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — The Indianhoma Board of Education discussed building new athletic dressing rooms at its meeting Monday night.

Superintendent Don Dale said the old dressing rooms under the gymnasium bleachers are poorly designed and are becoming inadequate. The new locker rooms and shower facilities would be built on the west end of the present gym, Dale said.

The school board has set a meeting for next week with Treasure Lake Job Corps officials in hope of obtaining that group's assistance in building new facilities. Dale said the project would be footed through the regular school building fund.

Indiahoma hires grants manager

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — A home-town attorney was hired by the Indianhoma Board of Trustees at its regular meeting Monday night to be its federal grants manager.

Darryl Perry, 27, will start his work on Indianhoma's three-year, \$840,000 development grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Perry, an Indianhoma High School alumnus, studied business and accounting at Cameron University and graduated from the University of Oklahoma Law School in 1978. He is also a part-time municipal judge at Indianhoma.

He and his wife, Sydney, are expecting their first child in a few months.

"Darryl is a local person who knows the community and its needs," said Mayor Barbara Bailey. The grant Perry will manage is for renovation of the town's water system, streets and some housing.

Indiahoma Week Proclaimed

The period of Friday, November 14 through Sunday, November 23 has been proclaimed, "Indiahoma Week: Past, Present, and Future," by the Indiahoma community and the Institute

of Cultural Affairs, the organization which has been working within the community since June 1978.

According to Rob Work, a

director of the ICA plans began about two months ago for the "Indiahoma Week" and have since escalated with participation and activities slated by the school, the churches, the ICA and an outgrowth of Indiahoma's recent activities the Community Development Corporation.

Friday the 14th there will be a general town cleanup day, then Saturday morning several members of the ICA both locally and from other areas will make door to door visits in the community seeking the views of the citizens on what has occurred and what they would like to see happen in the future.

Saturday evening an opening supper will be held in the community center at 7:00 p.m. Sunday church services are slated followed by a Indiahoma senior class dinner in the school cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. then a community tea from 1 to 3 p.m. sponsored by the Future Homemakers and the Young Homemakers of Oklahoma.

Monday and Tuesday evening, 7 p.m. will be Jr. High and Sr. High basketball as well as school displays. Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. the county nurse will

be available and a community sing will be held at 7:30 that evening.

Thursday a slide show will be held at the Community Center. According to Work the slides are to be of various activities and achievements through the last two years.

Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. the school will have an open house and at 8 that evening the Third Annual Country and Western show will be held. Saturday a workshop will be held beginning at 1 p.m. in order to discuss the future outlook for the town. That evening a closing community supper will be held with discussion of the future of small communities. Sunday church services are slated with a FFA turkey shoot at 2:30 p.m.

Work said some of the accomplishments during the last two years have been the completion of the towns 110 foot water tower, the obtaining of a \$210,000 FHA loan to construct a floridation plant and replace water lines, the future constructing of a mini mall, a small health center, a community center, inception of the Community Development Corporation which consists of 50 members and a governing board of seven. The Development Corporation has been instrumental in obtaining federal grants in excess of one million dollars working through ASCOG (Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments).

President of the Board is Raymond Almanza, vice-president is Clarence Holsey, secretary is Mrs. Carlene Wisner, treasurer is Mrs. Betty Thrash, members are Buster Brenton, J.D. Robertson, and Indiahoma Mayor Barbara Bailey.

Some, \$105,000 of the money has already gone towards the towns water system the remaining money will be forthcoming over a three year period to finance the rehabilitation of housing, sewer, water, street paving, fire hydrants, and the proposed mini mall.

Other accomplishments have been new street signs, a welcome sign on U.S. Highway 62, lots of clean up activities, plus the printing of the "Indiahoma Voice, a semi-weekly newsletter."

Work said several community celebrations and get togethers have been held the major one being the Festival of Home Towns held in May. During the four day festival the town experienced its first parade, horse show and trade fair in its history plus the first Commanche Indian powwow held there since 1919.

Work, who has been in Indiahoma for one year but has been with the ICA in various locations around the world for 12 years said the most exciting thing to him though has been the change in attitude within the community.

"Since World War II the

community has been on the decline but more recently the residents are beginning to have hope."

Work said in the past year there have been 18 new families move into the community and 38 new students enrolled in the school.

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Indiahoma bank on historic listing

By TIM FORD

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — The old bank at Indiahoma has been added to the National Register of Historic Places, Congressman Tom Steed announced recently.

The small building just off Old Highway 62 was believed by its last owner to have been built in 1908 or 1909. It opened as the First State Bank of Indiahoma in 1909.

It had been owned by the Moore family since A.B. Moore bought it in the 1920s. The building was vacated in 1964, and his son, Ben Moore of Cache, donated the building to Indiahoma for use as a community center in July of 1978.

As it is now, the bank was the center of community activities in the early days, including several bank robberies.

One story is told about Ike Prince, who regularly rode into town on his blaze-faced sorrel, "Mac." Prince was in a nearby store on one such trip in 1918 when he heard a commotion outside.

He ran outside to discover bank robbers had stolen his horse. Prince joined a posse on another mount, but the bandits were never caught.

He later found Mac at the edge of the Wichita Mountains. The horse had nearly been ridden to death but eventually recovered.

In 1933 two significant events occurred. First, the bank was one of the few such institutions in Southwest Oklahoma to reopen without any restrictions after the national bank moratorium that year.

But far more exciting was the 1933 robbery. Bandits held Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Moore hostage overnight until the time-vault would open. The robbers fled with the loot but were later caught and jailed.

A few years later modern times caught up when two bandits used an automobile as their getaway vehicle. This time Moore and bank employee Archie Hagle were kidnapped during the getaway.

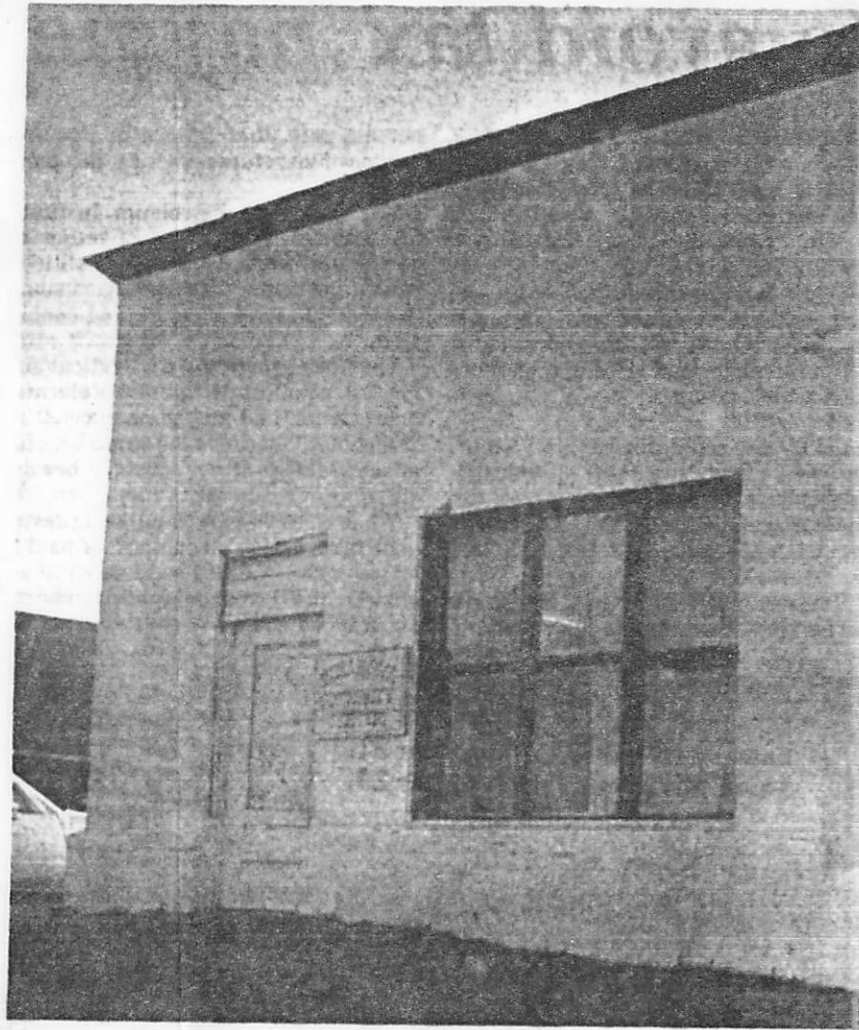
Hagle managed to roll out of the car just in time to prevent a merchant from firing a rifle at the vehicle, crying "Don't shoot, A.B. is in the back seat!"

However, it is still told that a shot was eventually fired through the automobile's radiator, forcing it to halt in a creekbed. Moore was again returned to safety, and the robbers were eventually punished.

It's said that one of the Indiahoma bank robbers was a young buck starting on the wrong foot who quickly reformed his ways and still lives in the Lawton area.

In 1978 community members began restoring the building that sports a 12-foot ceiling and vault room with advice from Treasure Lake Job Corps employees. The original bank fixtures have been donated and are on display at the Museum of the Great Plains in Lawton.

Today the building can be found abuzz with activity at almost any time. It serves as a meeting place for the city council and many other Indiahoma groups.



Silent History

If walls could speak the old First State Bank of Indiahoma, recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places, would tell a colorful story of community events and even daring robberies.

(Staff Photo)

Indiahoma Week due wrap up with dinner

INDIAHOMA (Staff) — Indiahoma Week will be concluded with a dinner tonight and a turkey shoot Sunday.

The community supper will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Awards will be presented to Indiahoma citizens and guests plus visitors from Texas, Lawton, Oklahoma City and other local towns.

The Future Farmers of America Turkey Shoot is set for 1 p.m. by the ag barn. Competition classes will include school district residents, students, age 16 and under plus open.

The week of reflecting on the town's "Past, Present and Future" included days for community clean-up, visiting, church services, meals, singing, school sports, a history presentation and workshops. A country and western show was presented Friday night.

Friday afternoon FFA students and VISTA volunteers tore down and cleaned up a porch on the old Indiahoma Oil Co. building. The porch had been damaged and presented a hazard.

Indiahoma began its successful course of community action in 1978 when it consulted with a group from the Institute of Cultural Affairs, a non-profit human development organization, and others.

Through these efforts Indiahoma citizens have improved the town using their own resources and also by seeking outside expertise plus government grants and loans.

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Indiahoma Week Closing

The "Indiahoma Week" has been progressing well according to a spokesperson on behalf of Mayor Barbara Bailey. This weekend will close the weeks activities. Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. Indiahoma School is having an open house and then the

Third Annual Country and Western Show will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Saturday a workshop will begin at 1 p.m. Discussion will be of the future outlook for the town. That evening at 6 p.m. in the school

cafeteria a closing supper will be held. Awards are to be presented and achievements outlined as well as the look to the future.

Sunday church services will be held followed by a FFA sponsored turkey shoot at 2:30 p.m.

Indiahoma

Fighting for Survival Has Evolved into Local Action in Southwestern Community

By HENRY BUCHANAN

ASSOCIATE EDITOR, THE OKLAHOMA FARMER-STOCKMAN

"INDIAHOMA, Showplace of the Southwest."

Perhaps it doesn't look quite that grand to the outsider driving along old U.S. 62 in western Comanche county, but to the few hundred residents of this small community it is becoming a showplace for their volunteer efforts.

Once a thriving community of more than 1,000 people—a center for the wheat, cotton and rail industries of the area—most would evaluate the town as being past its prime, or even in the process of dying.

Moving the local bank to Cache and rerouting the highway a mile north of town are cited as causes of the decline in community importance.

Not willing to watch their town vanish into the prairie from which it sprouted, a number of local residents got together with the non-profit Institute of Cultural Affairs two years ago to map their future.

Held in June, 1978, the Indiahoma Human Development Project came up with 13 programs containing 52 separate goals for the advancement of Indiahoma as an economically self-sufficient and socially self-reliant community.

Barbara Bailey, town mayor, said the casual observer might not be able to see much difference in the community today compared to two years ago—but changes are coming. "You're going to begin to see everything coming together at one time," she explained. "After all the work we've done, it may seem hard to believe it really does look any better than it did before—but it does."

Through volunteer efforts, federal grants and loans, plus money raised locally to be used for current spending in Indiahoma is now in excess of a million dollars. The community is already working toward 23 of its 52 original goals, Bailey said.

Earlier this year, the town erected a new water tower—

with a \$105,000 price tag picked up by the federal government. An additional \$840,000 grant was recently received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a three-year program aimed at laying a new water distribution system, constructing a defluoridation plant, improving town streets and rehabilitating local housing.

Also recently received, according to Bailey, is a \$120,000 matching grant for construction of a "mini-mall," and \$3,000 for park improvements.

"Soon," she said, is when the rest of the world will be able to identify a new Indiahoma. "We have to be patient because these

things take time. It doesn't happen overnight."

Still, the community's business district is mostly boarded up and vacant. Perhaps that will improve next spring with the completion of the mini-mall with space for eight to nine small businesses under one roof.

Indiahoma's streets aren't in the best of condition. Some of them are still dirt. But the city is wisely delaying any street improvements until after new water lines are laid so that one construction project won't mar another.

Upon closer examination, it's obvious social services have improved in the community. Ben Moore and Maud Foley each contributed the use of a building to the town for a community center and a health center, respectively.

The community center is available for various community meetings, and is even available for private use on a space-available basis. A nurse visits the town once each month at the health center to treat a variety of community health concerns.

In what is hoped will become a Memorial Day annual event, the Indiahoma Festival of Home Towns was held last May. Bailey and town clerk Mearlene Fatheree both said they were heartened by the enthusiasm of the local people who sponsored and organized the event.

Activities at the four-day festival included a barbeque, street dance, inter-tribal powwow and various other activities.

They've even named the town's streets and erected street signs identifying them. North-

south streets honor early pioneers, while east-west thoroughfares honor the area's agricultural activities.

The town water system has been one of major concern.

Bailey said residents like their soft well water, but health officials won't allow any additional customers to be connected to the system because of its high fluoride content.



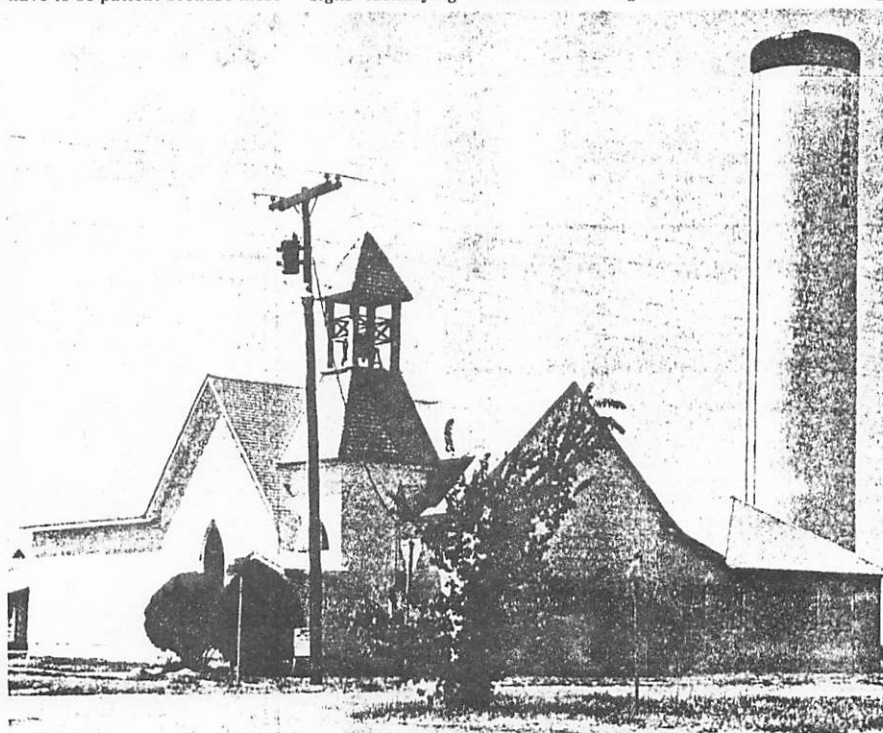
Rather than purchase water from a rural water system, the mayor said residents voted overwhelmingly to acquire a loan from the Farmers Home Administration to construct a defluoridation plant.

The loan is now in process, and in combination with the HUD grant the plant is about to become reality.

Bailey said people from other small Oklahoma communities often wonder why their communities don't receive federal funding to the extent Indiahoma does.

"Why Indiahoma?" she said they ask. "Well, you've got to ask for federal help," she explained. "They don't go looking for communities to give their money to."

"We've made a number of applications for federal funds. When they turn us down, we just fill out another form and apply again."



A water tower provides new scenery in Indiahoma. Still planned are a defluoridation plant and distribution system.