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Pete Herron being interviewed on location

Sustainable Forestry is the Focus of OETA Segment

On December 7th, *OETA* filmed a segment on the timber industry in Southeast Oklahoma. The crew visited a Herron logging site and interviewed Pete Herron about the process, advances in technology, and the impact of modern forestry. At the Forest Heritage Center, Calista Stephens discussed the sustainability and history of forestry.



FHC Welcomes New Gift Shop

The Hochatime Hideaway Gift Shop has officially opened! The shop officially opened its doors in January with a fresh look, new merchandise, and more space. All will be invited to the official grand opening this spring. Be sure to watch our @ForestHeritageCenter Facebook page for details!



Watch our Facebook page for announcements regarding the Hochatime Hideaway gift shop grand opening at the Forest Heritage Center!

Fun at the Forest Heritage Center



Frank Griffith and hikers
Photo by April Roberts

On January 1st, Beavers Bend State Park held its annual “First Day Hike.” After exploring the park with BBSP Naturalist Frank Griffith, guests enjoyed lunch and fun crafts at the Forest Heritage Center.



Guests were treated to a “Christmas at the Cabin” event on December 18, led by Brianna Teel and woodturner Earl Braddy. Visitors enjoyed painting tops, making crafts, and sampling locally baked cookies while learning about historic holiday traditions. Dried fruits, paper chains, and cranberries added a festive touch to an Eastern Red Cedar.



Earl Braddy with visitors

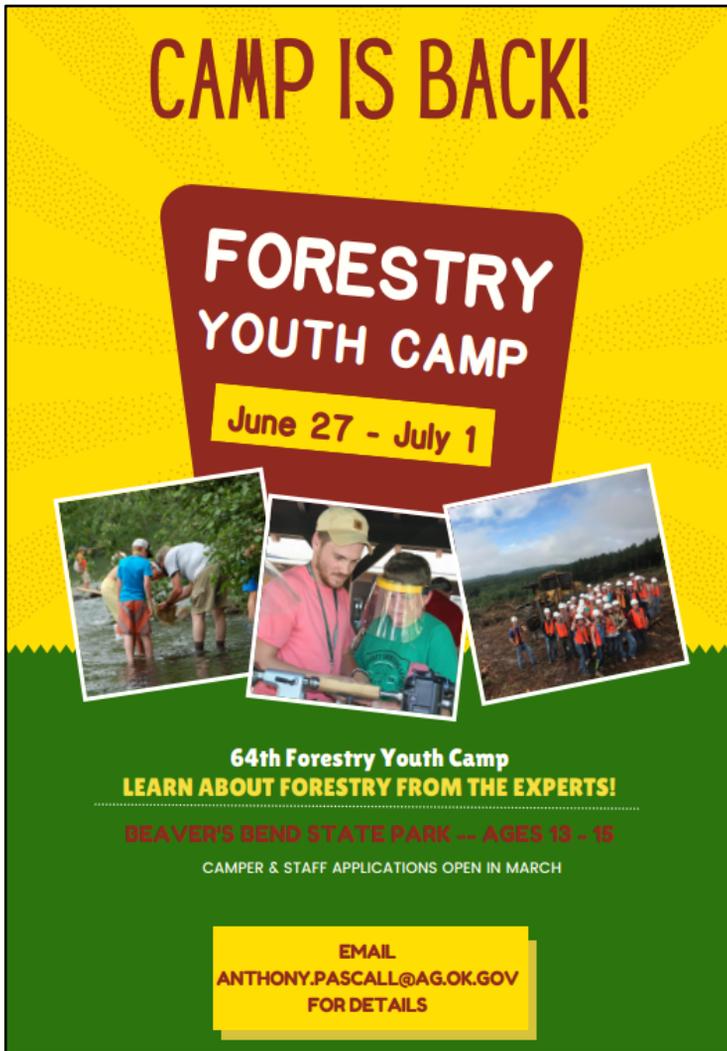


The spicy aroma of gingerbread filled the air at the Forest Heritage Center as FHC and park staff decorated gingerbread houses in a friendly competition. Thanks to all who joined in to create delicious memories.

Wood cookies provided the perfect palette for budding artists, couples, and families. On February 11th and 12th, visitors painted locally sourced wood cookies to create refrigerator magnets. Brianna Teel said, “I was so encouraged by all of the smiling faces.” Brianna plans to do more holiday crafts with guests as the year progresses.



Forestry Youth Camp Scheduled for June 2022

A yellow and green poster for the Forestry Youth Camp. At the top, it says "CAMP IS BACK!" in large red letters. Below that is a dark red banner with "FORESTRY YOUTH CAMP" in white, and a yellow banner below it with "June 27 - July 1". Three photos show people participating in camp activities: one in a river, one using a chainsaw, and one in a field. At the bottom, it says "64th Forestry Youth Camp LEARN ABOUT FORESTRY FROM THE EXPERTS!" and "BEAVER'S BEND STATE PARK -- AGES 13 - 18". It also mentions "CAMPER & STAFF APPLICATIONS OPEN IN MARCH" and provides an email: "EMAIL ANTHONY.PASCALL@AG.OK.GOV FOR DETAILS".

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FORESTRY YOUTH CAMP

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64th Forestry Youth Camp
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The 64th year of Forestry Youth Camp will take place June 27th - July 1st. OFS Education Coordinator Anthony Pascall looks forward to teaching campers the basics of forestry management and wildfire prevention. He aspires to instill in campers a greater appreciation for our natural resources and a love of nature. The camp will include career-based learning exercises, fun activities with educational elements, and plenty of time for students to enjoy the outdoors. For more info, please contact Tony at:

Anthony.Pascall@ag.ok.gov

Education is Focus for Forest Heritage Center, Oklahoma Forestry Services

Brianna Teel is working closely with Oklahoma Forestry Services education coordinator Anthony Pascall to design educational trunks that will be available in multiple locations throughout the state. The trunks will include sensory objects, lesson plans for K-12, interactive activities, and keepsakes.

The first trunk focuses on dendrochronology and will be used as the foundation for the educational section in the Master Woodworking Artist of the Year gallery.



OFS Education Coordinator Anthony Pascall sanding wood cookies

The FHC is Excited to Announce, “1st Saturday” Activities!

Visitors to the Forest Heritage Center will be treated to the sights, sounds, and aromas of some of the most delicious food of the Old West Cattle Trail on March 5, 2022, from 9 am until 1 pm, cooked up by chuckwagon chefs Jason Harris and Lynn Shackelford. This event is free to the public and will be the first in a program of “1st Saturday” activities with a variety of demonstrators, craftspeople, speakers, and educators.

Chisolm Trail Museum director Jason Harris and Little Dixie Chuckwagon owner Lynn Shackelford specialize in “Cattle Trail” cooking. The duo has cooked together for more than ten years, providing a taste of history to thousands of guests. During the 1880s and 1890s, millions of cattle were driven to market by cowboys on horseback. On these drives, “Cookie” was second in command only to the trail boss. He was the first to rise in the morning to prepare the day’s meals and served as doctor, barber, dentist, banker, and seamster. Harris and Shackelford’s extensive knowledge of the history and skills of the cattle trail era, as well as the delicious wood-fired cooking, will delight guests of all ages.

The monthly program of “1st Saturday” activities at the Forest Heritage Center will enhance the experience of guests. Each month will feature a different presenter with a basket-making class, wood art demonstrations, survival class, and cornhole tournament just to name a few. For more information about this event or other monthly activities, contact the Forest Heritage Center at [580-494-6497](tel:580-494-6497) or email fhc@ag.ok.gov.



The Forest Heritage Center’s meeting rooms have received a complete transformation thanks to the hard work of Beaver’s Bend State Park maintenance staff. The rooms feature comfortable seating, soothing colors, and television screens for presentations. The rooms may be rented by calling the FHC reservation desk at 580-494-6300. Thank you to Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department for the beautiful new updates!



FHC Staff Seeks Information to Improve Collections Management

On January 21st, FHC staff members toured the Museum of the Red River's collections to learn about that museum's policies and procedures. During the tour, Collections Manager Daniel Vick shared valuable information about helping the FHC reach the goal of making the collection more searchable, organized, and protected.



Museum of the Red River exhibit

Master Woodworking Artist of the Year to be Named

The work of some of the nation's top wood artists will be on display during the 2022 "Master Woodworking Artist of the Year" exhibit, which will happen at the Forest Heritage Center Museum in the heart of Beavers Bend State Park. Oklahoma's 2022 Master Woodworking Artist of the Year will be named on March 6th and the hand-crafted pieces will remain on display through May 8th.

As the "Wood Art Capital of Oklahoma," the Forest Heritage Center has the honor of bestowing the prestigious title. The show will feature a diverse array of techniques including marquetry, furniture making, woodturning, carving, and sculpture.

The exhibit will be open FREE to the public from March 6th – May 8th at the Forest Heritage Center Museum. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call 580-494-6497 or email the museum at fhc@ag.ok.gov



Applications are Open for Annual FHC Scholarships

Applications are open for three Forest Heritage Center scholarships including a \$500 scholarship for graduating high school seniors, a \$1000 stipend for educational programs, and a \$1500 Scholarship for college forestry students. The deadline to apply is April 4, 2022. The forms are available under "Events" on the Forest Heritage Center Facebook page. For more information call 580-494-6497 or email fhc@ag.ok.gov.



Forest Heritage Center Word Search



Y N P G B V K W E F R J T W H
G U I Z Z U H L I O E R X O X
P A S B J Y P N E R E Z Y O X
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Cabin

Maple

Pine

Tree Bear

Wood Turning

Cedar

Oak

Smokey Bear

Tree Cookie

Forestry

Pecan

Timber Town

Wildfire

Forest Heritage Center Membership and Giving Form

The success of the Forest Heritage Center is due in large part to the memberships and contributions of those who support our mission of *“sustaining our forest heritage through history, education and wood art.”*

We know you are familiar with memberships and donations, but are you aware of our third option of giving? An endowment with the McCurtain Community Fund, an affiliate of the Tulsa Community Foundation, has been established for the FHC. The FHC endowment fund is designed to generate and ensure a stable financial future for the Museum.

Three ways to help secure the future of the Forest Heritage Center

Annual Project

- Annual gift
- One time gift

\$ _____

Membership

- Forest Friend \$25 & up
- Forest Patron \$100 & up
- Forest Benefactor \$500 & up

Endowment

- Annual gift
- One time gift

\$ _____

Total Gift Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

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Thank you for being a part of the Forest Heritage Center family!

If you are ready to leave your legacy, donate to the museum or to our endowment in your will or trust, use the giving form in this newsletter or call us at 580-494-6497. Donations are always appreciated and are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by the law.

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Did you know?

In the 1700's, 70% of the nation's wood was used for fuel.
More wood was burned in the fireplace than the wood
used to construct the house around it!

