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National holiday features competition



Principal Chief Chad Smith, left, snatches the ball for the Black Shirt team during the Cherokee National holiday stickball game. (Photo by Bryan Pollard)

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TAHLEQUAH, Okla. - The Cherokee National Holiday includes many events and competitions, and when there are competitions there are winners.

At the parade, Health Services won the Ga-Du-Gi competition while Cherokee Nation Industries won best float. Best vehicle went to Mary Kliest of Tahlequah while the Tahlequah Tigers Band won best marching unit. Steeley Baptist Church won for best business or church.

In pageant competitions, Michelle Locust of Tahlequah won Miss Cherokee while Junior Miss Cherokee went to Danielle Culp of Claremore.

In the Little Miss and Mister Cherokee Leadership competitions, Darsi Woolard won the girls 3- to 4-year-old competition while Landen Dry won for the boys side. The girls 5- to 7-year-old crown went to Chelbie Turtle and Garret Tune won the age division for the boys. Katlynn Kent won the girls 8- to 10-year-old title while Kiah Goff won the boys. For ages 11 to 13, Natalie Mulholland won the girls crown and Christian Sizer won the boys title.

In the Senior Miss Cherokee competition, Wanda Girty of Tahlequah was crowned.

The holiday also featured its inaugural juried art show and Charley Johnson won the jewelry division with a triple gorget called "Horned Serpent." Ron Tanyon won the pottery category with his "Spider" work and Joan Hill won the painting category with "Cherokee Eagle Victory Dance."

Robin Thomas won the drawings/graphics division with "Boy in Denim Jacket" while Harry Oosahwee won the sculpture category with "Bird Clan Warrior." Wade Blevins won the basketry division with his "Oalr" piece while Tonia Hogner-Weavel won textiles with "Blue Brocade." Martha Berry won the diverse arts category for her "Quantum Envy" - a glass beads, wool and trade beads piece.

Winning the judge's choice prize was Nancy Enkey for her untitled coil pot while Demos Glass won best in show for his wood, steel and pewter "Fish Dream"

sculpture.

In the powwow dance competitions, Virginia Plumley won the golden age women crown and Earl Plumley won the golden age men prize. In the junior girls division, Anna Spottedwolf took home the crown while Berwen Leader Jr. won the junior boys. Tammy Cunningham won first place for women's cloth and Tonya Moore won the women's buckskin category.

In jingle dress, Lois Wildcat danced her way to first place with Tracey Moore doing the same for fancy shawl. Clark Pepper won the men's straight division while men's traditional went to Pat Moore. George Alexander won the men's fancy title while Rudy Youngblood won the men's grass category.

At the fiddler's contest, Douglas Thompson won both the junior and open division titles while Neil Gourd won the senior division. Bubba Hopkins won the Cherokee division.



Bobbi Smith, Miss Cherokee 1975, presents the new Miss Cherokee, Michelle Locust, with flowers and gifts. (Photo by Will Chavez)

Earning the principal chief's choice award at the car and bike show was Vinny Roberts' 1970 Plymouth Cuda while Kay Brower's 1962 T-Bird Roadster won the deputy chief's choice award.

Winning the show director's choice award was Don and Donna Johnson's 1927 Ford Model T while Jim Robison's 1967 Chevy Chevelle won the mayor's choice award, and Yance Day's 1989 Chevy truck won the people's choice award.

Harland Seabolt's 1949 Chevy Fleetline won the early bird award while a 1969 Buick Wildcat belonging to Charles and Nancy Huckson of Lane, Kan., won for most miles traveled. The Outlaw Cruisers of Locust Grove won the club participation award.

The Robison's 1967 Chevelle also won best of show while the Huckson's 1969 Wildcat also won best car. Taking home best truck was Darren Pendergraft's 1972 Chevy pickup while Monty Robbins' 2003 Harley won best motorcycle.

Best engine went to the Johnson's 1927 Model T as Jim Lasater's 1930 Ford Model A Coupe won best paint, and Carol Moss' 1934 Chevy Sedan took best interior.

The car and bike show also had pageants with Alexandra Johnson winning Little Miss Car and Bike Show while Dalton and Aaron Asher won Johnny Hot Rod Car and Bike Show.

In the battle of the bands competition, the Shacks from Tahlequah won first place while Unknown from Lost City and The Very Last Thought from Tahlequah placed second and third respectively.

In sporting events, the team of Bub Davis of Kansas, Okla., Aaron Kingfisher of Twin Oaks, Isich Cochran of Rose and Gerard Vann of Colcord won the Cherokee marbles tournament.

Danny McCarter of Tahlequah won the blowgun competition while Webster Grayson, also of Tahlequah, won the cornstalk shoot.

In the stickball game, nearly 50 players participated in the game of Black Shirts vs. Red Shirts, with both teams featuring Mississippi Choctaw players. Black Shirts beat the Red Shirts, 6-4.

In the horseshoes tournament, Bobby Ballou and Junior Davis won the men's draw-a-partner competition while Dennis Gourd and Jonathan Kingfisher won the

bring-a-partner bracket. Paul Crittenden won the singles competition. In the women's draw-a-partner competition, Patti Seneca and Karen Cochran won.

At the softball tournaments, the Seminoles of Hollywood, Fla., won the men's slow-pitch tournament while the Renegades of Stilwell won the women's bracket. Team EOS of Sallisaw won the co-ed slow-pitch championship.

In the women's fast-pitch tournament, the Cetto Harjo team of Sapulpa won and the men's fast-pitch title went to AO2 of Tahlequah.

Team Side Out won the volleyball tournament with its team of Roger Robbins, A.J. Jones, Carlene Rosebrough, Matt Dawson, Connie Decker, Karen McNutt and Ronnie Duncan. The respective male and female most valuable players were Dawson from Team Side Out and Danita Kingfisher from Team Kingfisher.

At the holiday golf tournament morning scramble, Hastings Shade, George Holuby, John Jodowski and Marvin Thuunal walked away winners while David Stand, Jeff Adair, David Ballard and Phyllis Chaffin won the afternoon scramble.

For the individual golf tournaments, Chaffin won the ladies' flight while Lee Perry won the men's A flight. Winning the men's B flight was Christian Keller, and Eric Cheater won the C flight. Taking the D flight title was Drew Pillard, and winning the senior flight was Cleo Leaf.

In the 3-on-3 basketball competition 10-and-under girls group, the Lil' Feathers won the title while the Stilwell Natives 1 won the boys 10-and-under. The Cherokee Babe's-Ricky's Girls won the girls 12-and-under title and Team Salina won for the boys. For the 14-and-under girls, the Cherokee Stars were named champs while Sum Boys took the boys title.

In the 18-and-under bracket, the Lvste Gurls won and Da Labambas won the boys side. In the women's bracket, Team Hoops won the championship while a team by the same name won the men's title as well.

In the holiday's 5K run, Pete Orban of Claremore won the men's title with a time of 16:45 and Tammy West of Tahlequah placed first among women at 20:44.

In the fishing derby's 4- to 9-year-old group, Preston Welch won the first big fish prize while Tyler Barnes caught the most fish. In ages 10 to 13, Dustin Andrews won first big fish and Candace Pryor caught the most fish.

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