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Did You Know?

- A study indicated that children who heard the greatest amount of language in the first three years of life had the highest 3rd grade achievement test scores.
- Social emotional indicators such as self-regulation, turn-taking, and negotiation are highly related to school readiness and success. These are skills whose foundations are firmly laid during the first five years of life. They are primarily learned through play and nurturing relationships.

For more information about early childhood development, contact Dianne Juhnke (580) 548-2365

Mark Cromwell photography featured on note cards. Proceeds benefit nonprofit center.

Mark Cromwell takes beautiful photographs of Oklahoma nature. Some of his bird photographs are featured on a series of note cards that are being sold at CDSA. Thanks to Mark's generosity, proceeds will benefit the nonprofit center being planned at the old Newman's store in downtown Enid. CDSA volunteers, Bonnie Henderson, Sherrel Jones, Pat Anderson, Kayle Costello, and Christianne Chase worked together to select the photographs and design the collection.

The series of 20 full color note cards features five different birds, including a Tricolored Heron, a Dickcissel, a Painted Bunting, a Scissortail Flycatcher, and a Lesser Prairie Chicken. The series of cards can be purchased for \$20.00 at our offices, 2615 E. Randolph, or at Soapweeds and Cactus, 4RKids, or Security National Bank. Cards can also be purchased on-line at CDSA's website www.cdsoak.org and shipped for an additional charge.

Newman's to Become Center for Nonprofits



This historic image of Newman's Department Store in downtown Enid was taken from the west side of the post office. The small lettering on the sign directs people to the current Newman's location on the east side of the square for membership cards in the Sidewalk Superintendent's Club. This photo is provided courtesy of Bass Construction and the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center.

The building replaced a wood frame structure that burned. Several people have told us how they stood across the street with their parents and watched the building burn. Today, the building being constructed above still stands in its original concrete and steel, solid as a rock, condition. However, not much updating has occurred. We purchased the Newman's building and are developing a center for nonprofits and a center for early childhood resources. Already, we have raised over 50% of the funds needed to complete the renovation. If you have not already done so, we hope you will join us in this work!

Rx for Oklahoma Helps Hundreds of People Receive the Medicines They Need



Rx for Oklahoma is a prescription assistance program for people who are uninsured or underinsured. We access pharmaceutical company assistance programs to help people receive the medications they need but could otherwise not afford.

Last year, we accessed over \$1 million in prescription medications for clients over a 17 county area. Many of the people who were able to receive their medications through our program would have gone without. Others use the money they would have spent on medications for food or rent. Sometimes people even ration their medications, for instance taking one per day instead of three as the doctor prescribed.

Please call Carolyn Pickard at CDSA for more information about Rx for Oklahoma.

CDSA Supports Downtown Merchants on First Fridays- Free Apple Crisp in October!



Everyone likes a party! That's what it feels like downtown on First Fridays. We have been participating by providing free refreshments and inviting other nonprofits to join us in front of the Newman's building as we also provide information about our services. In October, we gave information about early childhood creativity and let little ones chalk our sidewalks. We were joined by the Enid SPCA and "I Love Enid." Our free apple crisp was a hit. See Cheri's corner on the back page for the recipe.

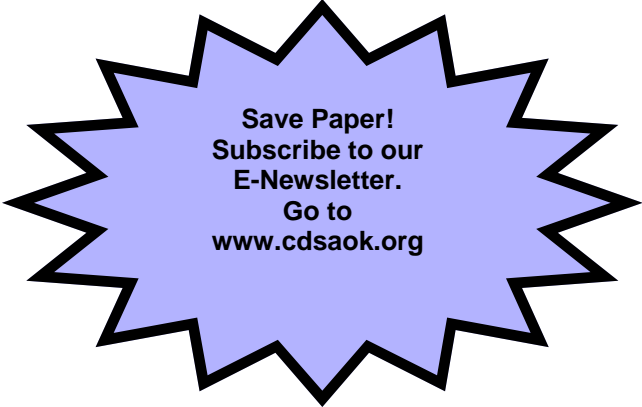


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Cheri's Corner



Okay, here it is. This is the apple crisp recipe we used for First Friday last month. You will be surprised at how easy it is. Especially if you own a food processor with a slicing attachment. We hope you enjoy it!

Apple Crisp

5 Granny Smith apples, 1 cup flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 stick butter, 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon salt

Quarter and core apples. Don't peel them. Slice thinly and layer into a small rectangular glass casserole dish.

Blend flour, sugar, salt and cinnamon together and cut in the cold butter until the mixture is well combined. Use your food processor if you have one. A few pulses will do it.

Press this mixture on top of apples and bake at 350 degrees for about an hour or until the top is slightly browned. This is best served warm with vanilla ice cream. David has been known to eat leftovers for breakfast.

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