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Choctaw Nation

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With 2,175 tribal members in Haskell County, The Choctaw Nation offers a variety of programs, services and activities.

THEY INCLUDE

- Lunch for elders on Wednesdays at Choctaw Nation Community Center.
- Adult GED classes at the community center.
- Help for high-school age or adult tribal members with tuition and books for college, and offer career advice from career development counselors.
- Bus tours which leave from the center to other Choctaw Nation destinations.
- Seminars, home health care and emergency assistance.

The Choctaw Nation Recycling Center, which won the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful tribal government award in its fourth year in 2014, has a recycling drop-off location at the Choctaw Nation Community Center in Stigler. Recyclables should be sorted before they are deposited. The recycling team takes any type of paper, plastics No. 1, No. 2 and No. 5, aluminum, tin and steel cans, printer cartridges and styrofoam. For answers to questions about recycling, call (580) 920-0488.

Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton said education is a major objective of the recycling program.

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The nation's Stigler Health Clinic offers quality care for Native Americans. Services at the clinic include family medicine, optometry, dental care and prescriptions. Immunizations and flu shots are also offered and the clinic offers diabetes education.

The clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Patients are asked to call in advance for appointments.

Choctaw Casino Stigler provides a thrilling gaming experience. The casino has 200 slot machines and table games. Check the website – choctawcasinos.com – for promotions and additional information.

