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ABOUT TAHLEQUAH.....

A COMMUNITY RICH IN OKLAHOMA HISTORY and RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP TOWNS IN THE U.S.A.



THE HISTORY OF TAHLEQUAH

THE FIRST OFFICIAL CHEROKEE EXPLORERS of the Arkansas river valley came in 1809. This was just six years after the United States purchased the huge inland Empire of Louisiana from the French.

They came because, in the homelands of the Lower Cherokees, in Georgia and Alabama, the White settlers were pushing them back, invading their ancestral hunting grounds and demanding that the native Cherokees be moved to the new American wilderness empire.

THE EASTERN CHEROKEES WHO REMAINED behind in Georgia and Alabama when the Western NSU. The university, one of Tahlequah's most important Cherokees crossed the Mississippi, had been making economic influences, also forms the center for cultural important strides in the development of a true Cherokee development of the city. culture

The Lower Cherokees returned to their homelands with such favorable reports of the land between the Arkansas and White rivers that many families moved immediately, without either the aid or the coercion of the United States government.

By 1817, about 2,000 Lower Cherokees were in the western lands where they became known as the Arkansas or Western Cherokees. In 1822, an unlettered but brilliant Cherokee, Sequoyah, developed a completely phonetic alphabet for the Cherokee language, the first alphabet for any Indian tribe. The alphabet was so simple that even illiterate Indians could learn to use it rapidly.

Another major achievement came in 1827 when the



Cherokees became the first American Indian tribe with a written constitution. Under the constitution written at the Cherokee capital at New Echota. Georgia, Jotin Ross was elected Principal Chief, highest administrative office in the Cherokee Nation.

SPURRED BY SEOUOYAH'S INVENTION, IN 1828, Elias Boudinot began publishing The Cherokee Advocate, America's first Indian newspaper. The paper was published in both English and Cherokee and brought the Cherokees not only their own national news, but also news of the United States.

Pressures intensified to move the Cherokees in 1828 when gold was discovered in Cherokee country. Actions of the state of Georgia became harsher, especially after the election of Indian fighter Andrew Jackson as President of the United States.

In May1839, General Win field Scott and Federal troops occupied the Cherokee nation, rounded up the remaining Cherokees and forced them to move to the

4,000 of the original 16,000 Eastern Cherokees died on greater numbers of tourists and residents each year. the Trail of Tears.

TRADITION SAYS THAT THREE CHEROKEE Commissioners were selected to choose a site for the Western capital. Only two survived the Trail of Tears. They chose the rolling hills and clear streams where Tahlequah now stands for the new capital. When convinced the third commissioner would not arrive, one turned to the other and said: "Tah-le-Quah" which means "two is enough" in Cherokee.

The coming of Statehood for Oklahoma in 1907 had two important influences on Tablequah. The city was named the county seat for the newly created Cherokee County. Then, the first Legislature authorized purchase of the



Cherokee Seminaries and established Northeastern State Normal School at Tahlequah. Later, the college was renamed Northeastern State Teachers College, then Northeast Oklahoma State University, and now evolved to prestigious

Northeastern State University, or commonly known as



In 1917, Tahlequah established its first municipal water service and, in 1920, set up its own electrical system. These municipal utilities have played an important role in keeping Tahlequah's property taxes among the lowest in the state.

Following World War II, a new element entered the economy of the Tahlequah area when Lake Tenkiller was built in southern Cherokee County. Each year the lake attracts thousands of visitors and has become a retirement mecca. Lake Tenkiller, with other water developments in the Arkansas valley, has opened up the Tahlequah area as a tourist and recreation center.

IN RECENT YEARS, RENEWED INTEREST IN Tahlequah history has resulted in the establishment of the Cherokee Heritage Center at the site of old Park Hill. These developments have renewed one of Tahlequah's oldest and greatest asset, which is the natural beauty that has attracted people to the region for centuries.

The Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce enjoys a close working relationship with the City and County governing bodies, the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, and Northeastern State University. Working together toward common goals, these groups have provided strong leadership as Tahlequah has progressed.

Indian territory. This removal, one of the darkest TAHLEOUAH'S RICH HERITAGE, commitment to episodes in American history, is known as the Trail of quality education, and unbound natural beauty blend to Tears, because of the intense sufferings en route create a unique quality of life that is enjoyed by area caused by blizzards, disease, and hunger. An estimated residents and visitors Tahlequah's attractions draw

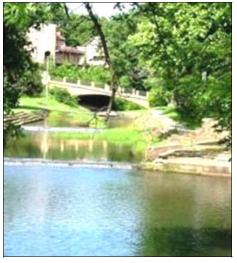
TAHLEQUAH ONE OF THE TOP TOWNS IN THE U.S.A.

ACCORDING TO PRENTICE HALL, Tahleguah is right up there nationally in popularity. This company, considered a major American publisher, was the one which rated the Tahlequah area as one of the four top areas in the United States for retirement. And, the Prentice Hall book titled "The 100 Best Small Towns in America" had named Tahleguah as one of the Best in the Nation. The beginning of this book reads, "Are you fed up with city living?': Would you like to start a new life in a place with clean air, safe streets, good schools and friendly neighbors? If so, here are one hundred all-American small towns where you can find your dream!"

The author nationally researched towns with populations between 5,000 and 15,000 and sought features such as scenic location, viable economic base, population diversity, high education level, good schools, readily available health care, and low crime rate. Tahlequah was an obvious choice.

The big export item of Tahlequah and such small towns has always been people, mostly young people. and most reared in an environment where traditional values of family, community. faith, hard work, and patriotism remain strong. Small wonder the nation places small towns up on a pedestal - as those such as Tahlequah are helping to preserve the American dream. Selfreliance is a key quality of the residents, and the willingness to look problems square in the eye probably comes first.

In Tahlequah one learns of hospitality, absence of serious crime, and preservation of good manners The residents do not have that anonymity that allows a rude, hostile, aggressive, pushy attitude. The citizens of Tahleguah are pleased to be recognized as one of the outstanding small towns in the nation. But, to those who live in Tahlequah. it came as no surprise. Known as 'Oklahoma's and the Nation's best kept secret', Tahleguah was an obvious choice.



CENTURY 21 Wright Real Estate is proud to be a part of the Tahlequah community and its growth.

Interesting TAHLEQUAH AREA Facts



www.CityofTahleguah.com

Tahlequah is Oklahoma's 30th largest city.

Tahlequah is Oklahoma's 9th fastest growing city.

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- City Population
- County Population
- City population change from 2000 to 2005
- Owner-occupied housing units
- Renter-occupied housing units
- Av household size of owner-occupied units
- Av household size of renter-occupied units
- The land area of City of Tahleguah:
- The land area of Cherokee County:
- The water area of Cherokee County:
- Tahlequah elevation:
- Tahleguah location position
- Average temperature
- Average days above 90 degrees
- Average days below 32 degrees
- Average annual rainfall
- Average snowfall

TAHLEQUAH POPULATION PROFILE & STATISTICS

SEX & AGE

- Male
- Female
- 18 Years & Over
- 65 Years & Over
- Median Age
- RACE % 53 % 77.8 % 13 % Asian 26.4 yrs
 - White Hispanic or Latino

• Two or more races

59 % • American Indian - Alaska Native 26.9 % 7.3 % Black or African American 2.5 % 0.5 % 6.9 %





IMPORTANT AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

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Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce	918-456-374
Tahlequah Tourism Council	918-456-374
Tahlequah Main Street Assoc	918-431-165
911 Business Office	918-458-651
Tahlequah Public Schools	918-458-410
Tahlequah City Hospital	918-456-064
Northeastern State University	918-456-551
Cherokee Nation	918-453-500
United Keetoowah Band of Okla	918-431-181
Cherokee Heritage Center	918-456-600



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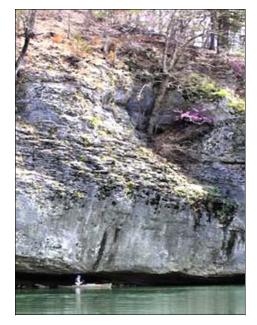
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16,255 (2006 Estimate) 44,617 (2005 Estimate) +12.08% 2.416 3.287 2.45 persons 2.15 persons 12 miles 751.0 square miles 25.4 square miles 850 ft above sea level Lat:35.56N - Lon:94.58W 60 degrees F 59 days 79 days 48.14 inches 8 inches

HOUSEHOLDS

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 Households 	5,703
 Family Households 	54.8%
 With children under 18 	35.5%
 Married-couple family 	65.6%
 With children under 18 	30.2%
 Householder living alone 	34.2%
 Householder 65 years and over 	11.6%
Households - indiv. under 18 yrs	29.7%
 Households - indiv. over 65 yrs 	22.5%
 Median house value 	\$71,600
 Median mortgage owner costs 	\$698
 Median gross rent 	\$399
 Median household income 	\$23,238
 Median family income 	\$34,811
 Per Capita Income (dollars) 	\$13,371
 Number of Banks 	5
 Deposits (in millions) 	>\$350

- Number of Credit Unions



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Information provided by Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Taheauah Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma