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Ruthe Blalock Jones to be honored

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It is no secret that the Skiatook area is home to many people of Native American descent.

The Tulsa City-County Library is hosting its annual Festival of Words, and Ruthe Blalock Jones will be inducted into the Circle of Honor on March 1 at 10:30 a.m., at the Hardesty Regional Library in Connor's Cove auditorium. Hardesty Regional Library is located at 8316 E. 93rd St. in Tulsa. I know you may be thinking that it is a long drive to that end of the county, but I assure you it will be worth the trip.

Ruthe's artwork has won many awards and honorable mentions beginning at the age of 13. She was born in Claremore, and began work as an artist at the age of 10 under the tutelage of Charles Banks Wilson.

Jones has been the commissioner of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB) since 2011 and is director

emeritus and associate professor of art at Bacone College in Muskogee.

Her work as an artist focuses on the traditional American Indian ceremonial and social events. She has used several mediums of art, including paintings, drawings, linoleum block, woodcut and serigraphs. Her work can be seen in the Gilcrease Museum, The National Museum of Natural History (Washington D.C.), and several other venues nationwide.

The Circle of Honor ceremony recognizes American Indians for their achievements and how their work has enriched the lives of others.

The award is sponsored by the Maxine and Jack Zarrow Family Foundation, Cherokee Builders Inc., the American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) at the Zarrow Regional Library, and the Tulsa Library Trust.

Jones will be presented with a \$5,000 honorarium and a medallion featuring the AIRC's turtle logo. Please put this event on



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Ruthe Blalock Jones will be inducted March 1 into the American Indian Resource Center's Circle of Honor. The induction ceremony will be at Hardesty Library.

your calendar as well as the other events being hosted throughout the month of March by the Festival of Words.

There will be dancing, artwork, pottery and lots of other fun events. Please check the Tulsa City-County Library event guide or stop by and talk to us about it. See you soon.

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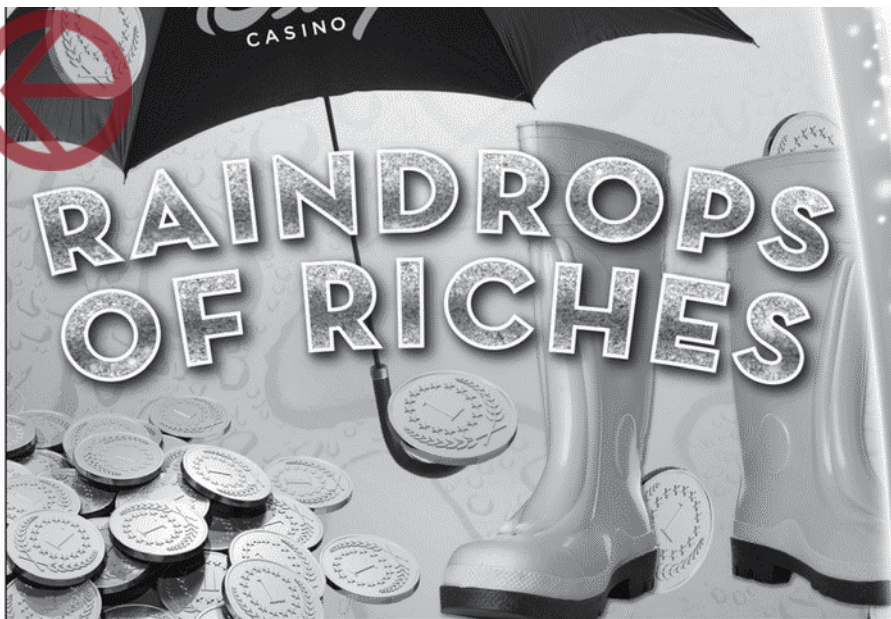
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Children in Marla Jeffries' third-grade class at Skiatook Intermediate Elementary School were very excited last week, when they received new dictionaries from the Skiatook Rotary Club. The club distributes the dictionaries annually as a service project.



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