



Alfalfa

This county is named for William H. “Alfalfa Bill” Murray, president of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention and ninth Governor of Oklahoma. Cherokee was chosen as the county seat by an election in 1909.

While the principal agricultural products are wheat and grain sorghums, cattle raising, alfalfa hay, manufacturing, and oil production also contribute to the economy of the area. Churches, Lions Club, Future Farmers of America, Farm Bureau, and other groups represent an active segment of the community.

Places of interest include the Cherokee Salt Plains and the Great Salt Plains Lake and recreation area, located on the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River. Other points of interest include the Byron State Fish Hatchery, and the artesian water well. Places of historic interest include: the Union Valley Church, Locust Grove School, and an original sod house, all more than one hundred years old.

Cherokee hosts the Selenite Crystal and Birding Festival in May each year. It is also home to the Alfalfa County Historical Society Museum. Cherokee celebrated its centennial in 2001. The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce also serves as a tourist center. For more information, call the county clerk’s office at 580/596-3158.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 3	Court Clerk	Lori Irwin (R)	Aline
St. Sen 20	Clerk	Bruce Martin (R)	Aline
St. Rep 58	Sheriff	Charles Tucker (R)	Cherokee
D.A. 26	Treasurer	Carolyn Stands (R)	Cherokee
Ct. of Appeals. 6	Assessor	Sonya Booher (R)	Burlington
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 5	Election Brd. Sec.	Joyce Thornburgh (D)	Helena
Supreme Ct. Jud. 4	Dist. 1 Comm.	Richard Polson (R)	Amorita
E. Cent. Jud. Adm. 4	Dist. 2 Comm.	A. J. Rexroat (D)	Aline
(Div. I)	Dist. 3 Comm.	Roger Nichols (R)	Helena

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$30,473,341	\$29,883,003	(\$590,338)
Personal Subject to Tax	\$12,086,668	\$9,286,175	(\$2,800,493)
Total Locally Assessed	\$42,560,009	\$39,169,178	(\$3,390,831)
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$1,484,007	\$1,432,930	(\$51,077)
Net Assessed Locally	\$41,076,002	\$37,736,248	(\$3,339,754)
Public Service Assessment	\$6,586,431	\$6,575,488	(\$10,943)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$47,662,433	\$44,311,736	(\$3,350,697)

