

Fresh garden plots are ready for planting at the Okmulgee Community Garden

The Okmulgee Community Garden, a project of the Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition, is full into its Spring season.

Participants of this group come together with a true interest in the betterment of the community. All of the members are very busy individuals, but are highly committed to the purpose of the organization and its overarching purpose of making a positive difference in Okmulgee County.



Bob Seabeck with the Okmulgee Community Garden was on hand last week to share some improvement in the garden and to show the progress that is being made this growing season. Seabeck wants to let everyone know they are currently taking applications for community gardening plots. The garden is located at 1202 S. Belmont in Okmulgee west of the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital.

Anyone can make application to use a plot throughout the Spring and Summer, no matter what your income is. The goal of the project is for supporting a healthier lifestyle by eating more fruits and vegetables. The garden also has a dual purpose as the overflow is used to donate to other worthy organizations such as the Okmulgee Homeless Shelter and Open Gate.

Dr. Ed Osborn also spoke about the healthy difference they are trying to make in the community. "As we know Okmulgee ranks very low in vegetable consumption and activity level contributing to the obesity epidemic. We are trying to make a difference by providing a six pack of vegetable seedlings to all the 4th and 5th grade students in Okmulgee County, more than 1100 students and instruct them in how to grow them at home."

The most recent development to the community garden was the addition of a Greenhouse where these seedlings are now being started. Educational clinics are planned throughout the season.

Anyone interested in having a plot can contact Bobby Howard 918-756-1883 x140.

