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Rucker, general manager at Stone Bluff Cellars, said this year's wine festival will be the biggest and the best in the event's six-year history.

## Green Country Wine Festival Scheduled Saturday near Haskell

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Think a wine festival is an only affair, think again.

This family festival is what we've been trying to promote for years,"

Rucker, general manager of Stone Bluff Cellars, which is hosting the annual wine festival on Saturday.

At that end, Rucker said there will be more activities for children, including an exhibit from the Tulsa Aquarium.

Of course you should bring the kids, said Licia Kellerstrass, festival director.

Local firefighters will be blowing up balloons for the kids, and there will be book signings throughout the day, Kellerstrass said.

There will be grape juice tasting and a raffle — just like that 'Lucy' raffle," she said.

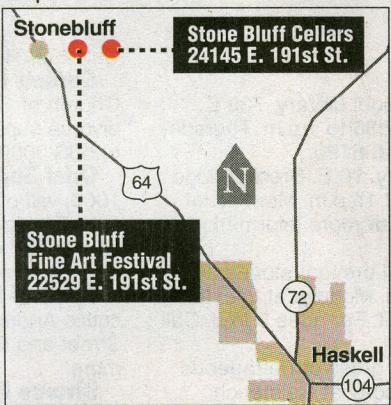
"The kids love it, they just love it." It's hard to plan for a late September day heat-wise, but organizers have planned for plenty of shade in case it's hot, Rucker said.

"I would like to see it cool down, but the odds are 50-50," he said.

Large tents will provide shade in case of heat, and they will have refreshments, wine sales and live music.

### Sixth annual Green Country Wine Festival

September 24.



One of the tents will have live music.

Ameriprise Financial is also providing a tent for its clients' use, Kellerstrass said.

The festival is getting bigger, and Kellerstrass and Rucker think it's getting better.

"We have up-scaled this event.

"It used to be more home style, kind of a country event, but now we think of this as sort of a retreat, a little paradise just out of Tulsa," Kellerstrass said.

Music acts scheduled to perform

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Cynthiana grapes are grown in the vineyard at Stone Bluff Cellars. The grape is native to North America and is used to make Cynthiana dry red, Maria sweet red and Royale dessert wines at the Stone Bluff winery.

## Art festival coincides with wine festival

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A little art festival is popping up on Saturday about a mile down the road from Stone Bluff Cellars, where a sizable gathering of people will be attending its annual wine festival.

John and Eileen Whitesill are opening their home and the surrounding grounds to 25 artists for display and sales of their works at the Stone Bluff Fine Art Festival.

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