

# AD-VANTAGE POINT

Celebrating  
Over 20 Years!

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## Battle of the Brains Trivia Challenge

Competitors filled 43 tables during this year's Battle of the Brains Trivia challenge, an annual benefit for the Education Foundation of Muskogee. The challenge featured six rounds of six questions each, plus a "mulligan" question for each round.

The Advantage Controls team took second place. "We came for blood," said Dan Morris, who joined fellow competitors at a front table. "We are the trivia masters of Muskogee."

Morris said he and other teammates took first at the Foundation's 2014 Trivia Challenge and third last year. They also won five Muskogee Rotary Club trivia contests in a row, he said.

"I read Wikipedia cover to cover before I came," said team member Jeff O'Neal. O'Neal said his specialty is "13th-century Japanese literature."

Morris, president and chief executive officer of Advantage Controls, said he recruits members "based on triviaology." He said he is well versed in history and geography.

Questions in the first round ranged from "Performance artist Stefani Joanne

Left to Right:  
Dan Morris, Mike Moulder, Jon Shaw, Pam Moulder, Jacob Potter, Jessica Rosson, Jeff O'Neal and Maury Morris



Angelina Germanotta is better known as this," (Lady Gaga) to "The countries in the geographical area governed by NAFTA" (Canada, United States and Mexico).

Foundation President Alice Adair said the Foundation sold out all 43 tables this year. She said teams bought two tables at \$1,500 each, seven at \$1,000 each and the rest at \$500 each. That means the foundation raised \$27,000 from tables alone, Adair said.

Even more money was raised through a live auction and a silent auction of cakes, cupcakes, pies and other baked goods.

Money raised Friday would help cover costs of class programs. Looming state funding cuts weigh heavily on the Foundation, she said. "With the expected shortfall next year, it's even more critical to fund schools," Adair said.

Muskogee Schools Superintendent Mike Garde called the Trivia Challenge an excellent fundraiser.

## Shiver in the River

For the third consecutive year, Advantage Controls has participated in the Shiver in the River plunge that benefits Muskogee County Council of Youth Services (MCCOYS). Each year, a few employees dress up in costumes and take the icy plunge at Three Forks Harbor in Fort Gibson. Last year they dressed as super heroes and this year they dressed as the Village People and even performed the YMCA for their coworkers.

Luckily, this year the temperature outside was in the high 50's, which is considerably better than it was in years past. The air actually felt warm in comparison to the chilly winter water.



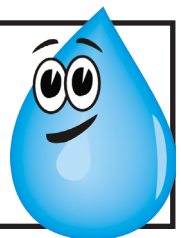
Left to Right: Mike Moulder, Kyle Martin, Aaron Kassaw, Dason Morgan and Jacob Potter before their jump

This benefit plunge has become an enjoyable event for the employees of Advantage Controls and will hopefully continue for many years to come.



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## Muskogee Citywide Cleanup



Every year, the Mayor of Muskogee leads everyone in a citywide cleanup to prepare for the April Azalea Festival and to keep our town looking beautiful. The goal back in 2015 was to have 500 people participate and more than 1300 people showed up! Advantage Controls was also recognized for having the largest team out of the entire city.

This year our team had about 40 participants and filled 2 dumpsters full of trash. A big thanks goes out to all our employees who helped as well as to their families. We hope to have an even better turnout next year.



Top: Advantage Controls team prepares for a day of cleaning. Bottom: Jeff, Todd & Heidi carrying bags of trash.

## Happy Birthday!

### APRIL

Kamryn Pilkerton  
Donna Guthrie  
James Finley  
Billy Sims  
Brent Rodden

### MAY

Ernest Joseph Clemens  
Justin Owens  
Tony Steele  
Domitilo Macareno-Quistia  
Barry Boren

### JUNE

Steven Kohrmann  
Kyle Martin  
Brandy Justice  
Lisa Tittle  
Jeremy Garrett  
Roy McClaslin  
Dason Morgan  
Kimberly O'Keefe

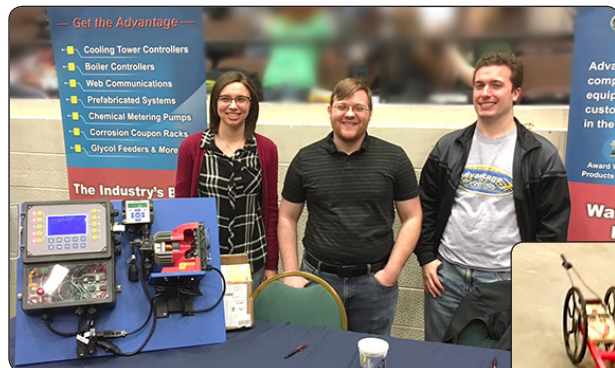
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## Math & Engineering Competition



Left to Right: Heidi Stair, Matthew Williams and Steven Kohrmann

Below: Mouse trap Powered Car

Some of our engineers represented Advantage Controls at the Muskogee Area Education Consortium's annual Math and Engineering Competition. This competition featured students from 34 area schools along with representatives from local manufacturers, colleges, & engineering firms. This event helps students develop science and math skills as well as introduces them to prospective employers who rely on such abilities.

Advantage Controls won the manufacturer's challenge, our engineering team's mouse trap powered car traveled the winning distance of 57 feet. We were represented by Heidi Stair, Matthew Williams, and Steven Kohrmann as students visited our booth to inquire about our company's products and careers in the engineering field.