### Gaming compact passes State Senate and House

The Choctaw Nation Tribal Council meeting last week approved a gaming compact that the tribe says will provide much-needed additional funds for education in Oklahoma. The compact, which was negotiated with the state, will allow the tribe to open two new gaming facilities near Tulsa and McAlester. The tribe estimates the compact could bring in $15 million per year, with the tribal government using most of the money for education programs.

The compact also includes provisions for health and social services, with the tribe agreeing to provide health care for its members and to work with the state to improve access to medical care. The tribe also committed to investing in workforce development and economic development initiatives.

### Head Start begins spring recruiting

The Choctaw Nation Head Start Program is recruiting prospective students for the 2004-05 school year. The program accepts applications year-round, with children in the program beginning their education in the spring. The Head Start program provides a comprehensive approach to early childhood education and development, with services provided to children from birth to age 5.

### Cemetery all that remains of thriving community

Skullyville Cemetery is a favorite site for visitors interested in the heritage of the Choctaw Nation. The cemetery is a memorial to those who have passed on, with many of the graves bearing the names of tribal leaders and community members.

### Tribal Council approves additional funds for housing

The Choctaw Nation Tribal Council met in regular session February 18 at Skullyville, Homma. Councilmembers approved allocation of funds to the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation in order to use additional loans to tribal members for housing and/or to use as leverage for other funding to assist with housing. Also on the agenda were bills to submit a public relations campaign to promote a positive image of Native Americans, recodifying a 2002 Council Bill which established a governing board for the Recovery Center and a bill stating that the hospital board would oversee the center, a 28-year business lease to Kiliam Conservation District of Hugo for land in Choctaw County which they will allow for the maintenance of a sleep-conference room, and supplemental funding for LIRRA.

### Anderson installed in DC

The new Assistant Secretary of Interior, Dave Anderson, was honored with installation ceremonies on February 23. Anderson shares the heritage of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Lac Courte Oreilles Lake Superintendence of tribal origins. With his hand on his personal Bible that was held by his sister, Rebecca St. Germaine, Anderson became the ninth member to hold the office of Assistant Secretary of Interior since the position was created in the late 1970s.

The oath of office was administered by Secretary of Interior Gale Norton.

### Chockahee Governor Bill Amassador, former Cherokee Chief E. Gregory E. Pyle, talks Indian law

Chief Gregory E. Pyle opened the event with prayer, and the Chairman of the Lac Courte Oreilles, Louise Taylor, was present on stage to show support for Anderson.

“I believe God has made this possible,” said Anderson. “My story today is one of hope for far too many people. This institution is the key to our success. It is our destiny to work together to make the world a better place.”

### Chaplains spiritual instruction began in the cradle

For eight decades, the Rev. Bertram Edwards Bobb has been rich–with the love of Jesus and God. Bobb and his wife, the late Mrs. Bobb, lived in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and of the Inter-Tribal of the First Choctaw Tribe, Bobb said that he was 80 years young this month. He has spent most of his life teaching Christianity, teaching and/or witnessing to all ages, and he considers it a privilege to do God’s work.

Bobb’s parents, Johnson Wilson and Mary Estelle Edwards Bobb, lived the Christian life before Bertram. They began praying for him when they learned that he was coming to join the family. Johnson and Mary Estelle Bobb were students at the Fowlers Training School in Skullyville, Oklahoma, when Bertram was born on March 30, 1924. His father graduated, ready for any service the Lord had for him.

### The Lord used the Rev. Johnson Bobb mightily among the Choctaws and others the last...An oft-quoted passage was from the Bokchito Church of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in the mid-1920s. Bertram remembers well the younger Choctaw and the adults living in the area and attending the Bokchito-Church and Cisco School in those days. He learned much from his environment while growing up. After graduation from college, Bobb moved to a small town in the southeastern United States.

He married the Rev. Mrs. Bobb, and they have three children. The Bobbs have lived in several different states, including Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma. They have been active in various religious and community organizations throughout their lives. Mrs. Bobb passed away in 2001, leaving a legacy of love and faith for all who knew her. Bertram continues to serve the Lord and his community, sharing his faith and ministry with others.
Dear Chief Pyle and the Choctaw Nation,

We, the staff of the Youth Emergency Shelter in McAlester, Okla., would like to take this opportunity to thank you to everyone who made a donation for the children’s holiday program. Your generosity has been acknowledged as a gift of love for underprivileged children. Due to all the generous donations we received we were able to help 79 children from our community. Thank you once again for remembering some of our forgotten children.

Kristy Cusher, Shelter Counselor

A merrier Christmas

Dear Chief Pyle and the Choctaw Nation,

Thank you for making our Christmas merry! With your help, 70 children in Baskin County foster care were treated to a Christmas party complete with food, games, primitives and presents. It was a very needed and appreciated gift. I am raising four children and attending school full time. I consider it a true blessing and after graduation, I hope to go back to school in need of the same opportunity to achieve his dreams. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your graciousness will always be remembered.

Cindy Johnson Martin

Hospital is a great resource

Dear Choctaw Nation,

My husband, Chuck Regan, was treated as an outpatient in the Tahlequah Hospital during the month of January. I want to tell you how much we appreciated the staff and how they treated us. They were very professional in doing their jobs and are very compassionate in doing their jobs. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your help and support. We are blessed to have a hospital like this in our community.

Chuck and Brenda Regan

Contacting a counselor

Dear Editor,

I am trying to locate a cousin of mine, Max Bevelin. The last time I saw him was in April 1997 at Las Vegas. His son is Donnie Bevelin and we are very close friends. He is currently living in Glendive, MT. If you know of anyone that may be able to help, please call me at 402-993-7500 or 915-749-4598. He lived in Las Vegas on Ponce Pine Way. Thank you for posting this in your March newspaper. Thank you.

Yvonne Collins

BISHINIK deadline

Articles to be submitted for publication in the BISHINIK need to be received by the 10th of the month for the following month’s edition.

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Mike Bailey
Assistant Chief

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Dear Chief Pyle and Assistant Chief Bealey, the family of Edward “Eddie” LeFlore would like to thank the following people for their kind assistance during our loss. We thank Jill Hutchison, Sharon Clifton and the staff of the Choctaw Housing Center. Your employees came together to assist our family with food and emotional support that goes beyond any words we could express. Their kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Daniel and Carle LeFlore

Scholarships make a difference

Dear Higher Education Department,

I just want to tell you how much I appreciate the scholarships from the Choctaw Nation. The timely manner in which my questions are answered by the always pleasant staff really makes a difference. I am currently taking a semester off as I am also employed full-time and am a mom. I plan to continue my education in the fall of 2004 semester. Thanks again for all of your help. It really makes a difference.

Sherri Dolson Doleman

Tribe aids in education

Dear Editor,

My family and I would like to thank the Choctaw Nation for my scholarship. It has been a big help. It is wonderful to know the Choctaw are helping get people an education. Thank you.

Bill Blackmore Moore
Seminole, Oklahoma

Appreciates assistance

Dear Chief Pyle,

Thank you for the glasses and dental care received through the Choctaw Nation and also to-fuck Austin and the Choctaw Nation for allowing me to purchase the medical bill at Arkansas Memorial Hospital.

William and Velma A LCBE, Shreveport, Louisiana

Keep up the good work

Dear Chief Pyle,

I have intended writing to you for some time now to compliment you for your work. Thank you to the Choctaw Nation. It has been a big help to me and my son. We are very grateful to the Choctaw Nation for the help.

Bill Blackmore Moore
Seminole, Oklahoma

“Jimmy Houston Outdoors”

“Jimmy Houston Outdoors” on ESPNC will feature Houston’s fishing trip with Chief Gregory E. Pyle and Assistant Chief Mike Bailey on May 1. Times that “Jimmy Houston Outdoors” airs are: Saturdays at 7 a.m., Sundays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (central time).

Card W. McCurtain Beaumont, Texas

The hotel for this year is the Holiday Inn Select, located in the heart of downtown Bakersfield. It is connected to the Convention Center, adjacent to the Centennial Gardens, one block from county and city offices and within walking distance of several locally owned restaurants, antique shops, the Amtrak station and more.

Driving directions:
California Ave. — exit from Hwy. 99, 500 ft. on California Ave. — exit north on Chester to Truxton Ave. — right on Truxton Ave.

Activities this year include:
• Banquet-off Contest
• Special 2004 T-shirts, designed by Choctaw artist Sue Folsom
• Pictures in Choctaw Traditional Clothes
• Class to teach traditional games to children

You can buy the beads at cost to start your own or watch a demonstration. Demonstrations take place at the Choctaw Nursing Home:

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From the desk of Chief Gregory E. Pyle...

New head of BIA wants to help tribes have economic success...

It was truly a pleasure to get to know the late Secretary of Interior, Ivan Anderson, and it was an honor to offer the opening prayer at the BIA’s annual conference ceremony. He took the oath of office March 1 under Secretary of Interior Gale W. Norton, in Washington, D.C., with the Bible from his personal collection.

“Love thy neighbor as thyself” is a biblical maxim that comes from no less than Jesus Christ himself. The Bible states explicitly in Leviticus 19:18 (The Message translation), “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” This was the theme of Ivan Anderson’s farewell address. And it’s the theme that serves as the guiding principle for the Indian Country Today (ICT) staff as we work to bring you the news and context you need to understand the current events and challenges faced by Native America.

In contrast to that, we are not able to pay our writers and graphic designers. However, we are committed to providing a service that is free of charge and to uphold the highest standards of journalism and ethics. In order to continue providing this service, we need your support. Your donation will help fund our operations, ensure that we can continue to bring you important news and insights from Native America, and support our mission of promoting a more just, equitable, and inclusive Native future.

If you are able to contribute, please consider making a donation today. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Art by Michael Kleiner

Chapter 3

Chaplin's Corner...

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by observing and listening, especially while watching and traveling with his father in ministry.

There’s never a day off in the ministry. Bertram stays busy with his cookbook, “Famous Dave’s Bar B Que Cookbook.”

If you’d like to leave a message of encouragement, you can write to him at Chapter 3/Christopher Bobb/210 North Mitchel Street/Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123 or email him at cbobb@oklahoma.org.

Lana fohns 4/13

Arts and Letters...

From the desk of Assistant Chief Mike Bailey...

Legislative victory on compact calls to belong to all of us...

The recent victory in the state legislature for the gaming compact comes after a hard fought battle. Four years of negotiations, fines, with Keating and McHenry’s office, resulted in a compact that is good for the Choctaw Nation and the Choctaw tribe.

The Choctaw Nation is seventy percent of federal government funding for services. Today, the Choctaw Nation is over $250 million, and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has received over $150 million for federal programs for tribes.

I am grateful to the many people who have contributed to this effort, including our state legislature, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and the Choctaw tribe.

Thank you for your support and your patience. We are committed to continuing this work to ensure that the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Choctaw tribe have access to the resources they need to thrive.

Bobbi Bailey
Assistant Chief Mike Bailey

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March is National Disabilities Awareness Month

The March of Dimes has a long history of fighting on behalf of women, children, and families. This month, we celebrate the successes of individuals with disabilities and the achievements of the Americans with disabilities community. The March of Dimes awards and scholarships are available to Animas Indian Americans.

March is a time to reflect on the progress that has been made and to renew our commitment to achieving full participation for people with disabilities. Through awareness and advocacy, we can ensure that all Americans have access to the resources and opportunities they need to live full and productive lives.

The March of Dimes supports the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities. The ADA guarantees equal access to all aspects of life, including education, employment, transportation, and voting. The March of Dimes also supports the National Council on Disability (NCD), which is responsible for ensuring that the federal government complies with the ADA.

The March of Dimes also supports the American Indian Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to Native American students pursuing college degrees. These scholarships are available to students who are members of a participating tribe or who are American Indians who have been born and raised on a reservation or in a Native American community.

March is a time to celebrate the achievements of individuals with disabilities and to honor their contributions to our society. Through education, advocacy, and support, we can ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The March of Dimes is proud to be part of this important month. We are committed to working towards a future where all Americans have the opportunity to live full and productive lives. Together, we can make a difference.

The March of Dimes will be hosting a variety of events throughout the month of March to raise awareness and funds for these important causes. For more information, visit the March of Dimes website at www.marchofdimes.org.
Food Distribution Sites

ANTLERS – Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 306 S.W. 4th St.
BETHEL – Choctaw Nation Community Building.
BROKEN BOW – Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.
COALGATE – Choctaw Community Center.
DURANT – Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 100 Waldron Dr.
HURO – Housing Authority.
IDABEL – Choctaw Village Shopping Center.
MACLEVELLER – Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 121 S. Main
POTEAU – Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.
SOMERVILLE – Big Lick Church.
STIGLER – Choctaw Community Building.
TALBIA – Boys & Girls Clubs.
WRIGHT CITY – Choctaw Head Start Building.
The Food Distribution Program workshops will take a 30 minute lunch break from 11:30 to 12 noon. Please bring boxes to pick up your commodities. If you cannot pick up commodities when you are scheduled, please call the FSA office or you can contact the FSA office in Durant at 580-927-9957.

Frazier Memorial Gospel Singing

The Frazier Memorial Gospel Singing will be held at 7 p.m. March 26 at the First Freewill Baptist Church Family Life Center, 332 W. Ester.

Frazier Family Reunion

There will be a family reunion on Saturday, May 22, for descendants of Joseph G. Moore. It will be held at the Little City Baptist Church in Little City, Oklahoma. It starts at 8 a.m. and lasts as long as folks want to stay. It is four miles to the cemetery and will be easy to visit throughout the day for those who want to go. For more information, please call Ron Moore, 940-823-4046 or e-mail ronat249@aol.com.

University of Arkansas holding annual Horse Festival

The University of Arkansas is holding its 5th Annual Horse Festival, March 26-27, at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas. This annual event showcases the vast variety of breeds, types and uses of horses. Nationally known equine clinicians, vendors, riding exhibitions and food are part of this event, as well as the popular “Silent Auction.”

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Meeting exceeds expectations

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In addition to the meetings, the Oklahoma delegation had two major planning sessions with the federal officers, the national technical assistants, and major consultants. The partnerships that are being formed at the state, tribal, and public school levels are exciting because there are many multiple grants in multiple sites but one that he was aware of that are trying to connect them all in a significant way. Oklahoma was one of the few states in the nation to include all three entities (state, tribal, and public schools) in the endeavor to transform mental health care for children, and could truly be a model for the nation.

The Choctaw Tribe in Lawton, Oklahoma, will meet 6-8 p.m. April 6 at the Choctaw Community Center in Atoka. Seventeen people are currently participating in the class. For information, please call Ruth Laws, 580-927-9957.

Crowder center plans Wild Onion Dinner

Everyone is invited to a Wild Onion Dinner at 6 p.m. April 6 at the Choctaw Community Center in Crowder, Oklahoma. Each family is asked to bring a dessert.

Hugo center plans Wild Onion Dinner

Everyone is invited to a Wild Onion Dinner at 6 p.m. April 16 at the Choctaw Community Center in Hugo, Oklahoma.

Choctaw shirt-making class to be held in Spiro

The Choctaw Craft Cooperative is sponsoring a Choctaw Shit-making Class from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 26 at the Spiro Choctaw shirt-making class to be held in Spiro. It is easy to visit throughout the day for those who want to go. For more information, please call Ron Moore, 940-823-4046 or e-mail ronat249@aol.com.

Crowd Under way for Bottomland Timber Program

Sign-up has begun for the Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands Program, a CRP initiative to restore bottomland hardwoods on private lands.

Participants will receive 50% of the cost to establish the trees, an annual rental payment of $14 to $15 per acre and technical assistance to plant the trees. Participants will also retain their right to sell or market their carbon-saturated credits (credits that are produced from bottomland hardwoods, or other environmental credits. Bottomland hardwoods include oak, maple, ash, cypress and tupelo. Land must be located within a 100-year floodplain, comprised of primarily wetland soils and adjacent to permanent rivers and streams.

The contractual period is intended to be completed by the time that is allowed in the first six years. Land considered planted is land that may be harvested in the first six years by a summer follow rotation, during the period.

For more information, please contact the Safety Development Program, Department of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Unemployment insurance ratio for Oklahoma

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Happy birthday! Kyle Meabon of Talihina, Oklahoma, would like to wish a happy birthday to his grandfather, Lloyd Meabon of Talihina on January 10 his aunt, Brenda Meabon of Poteau, on February 4; his uncle, Anche Meabon of Talihina, on January 12; cousins, Jalonda Baldwin of Fort Smith, Arkansans, on January 28, Nakuse Meabon of Poteau on February 5; and Neville Meabon of Talihina who celebrated his first on February 5.

Happy birthday to the Felikatubbes
Twin Robert and Roberta turn 44 on February 26. Robert lives in Monroe, North Carolina, and Roberta lives in Ponca, Arizona. The Reginald A. Van Etten Felikatubbe family, also, held a birthday celebration on February 24. Their cousin, Toha, of Long Beach, Calif., also celebrated her birthday with a family party. Happy birthday with love from Danah and Brandon.

50th anniversary
Charles and Renee Brower of Roseville, California, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on March 25. They were married in 1964 at the Methodist Church in Modesto, California. They are the parents of four children, John of Chico, California, and Donna, Wayne and Dorothy, all of Roseville, California. Charles is a five-year veteran of World War II and was also employed by McCollum Air Force Base for 30 years as an engineering supervisor. He now volunteers as a member of the Board of Directors at Carnegie Museum.

Happy birthday, Edith
Edith Marie Burke will celebrate her 81st birthday on February 2. She was born on February 14, 1933 in Oklahoma City. Her family, friends and loved ones are being sent to Lucretia Johnson from all the people of her family.

Jeannie turns three
Jeannie Marie Robertson, daughter of J.D. and Lisa Robertson, turned three on February 21. She will be celebrating her birthday 10 with all of her friends. Her brother, Luke, and sister, Lisa, are coming from California. Happy birthday! We love you - Mom and Dad.

Morgan celebrates second birthday
Morgan Alexis Connell will celebrate her second birthday on March 19. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Dustin Connell of Grove, Oklahoma. Her grandparents are Don and Darlene Connell of Seminole, Oklahoma, and Leasha Young of Springfield, Missouri. Grandparents are Chet Smith of Grove and Adam and Barbara Holt of Oklahoma. Also, happy birthday to Dustin who will celebrate his birthday on March 12, a belated happy birthday to Jennifer who celebrated her birthday on January 23 and happy birthday to Emily Kay and T.J. with love from Poppy Don and Gigi.

Happy 17th to Brock Jefferson
Happy birthday wishes are sent to Brock Jefferson of Bozio, Oklahoma, who turned 19 on February 7. We love you, Brock. We love you.

Happy 13th, Talesa
Happy belated 13th birthday on January 26 to Talesa Jefferson, the daughter of Vickie Bailey of Oklahoma and grand-daughter of Truman and Bertha Jefferson of Tulsa. We love you!

Celebrating first year
Danny Baker and Heather Baker celebrated their first year together on December 23.

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Shelby Grace Perry was born November 7, 2003 in Garland, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces, and measured 18.5 inches long. Proud parents are Rob and Jenny Perry of Garland, Texas.

Cameron turns five
Cameron Blake Ludlow celebrated his 5th birthday on January 29 with a party and a Finding Nemo cake with all the trimmings. Cameron’s parents are Tony and Kimberly Ludlow of Antlers, Oklahoma. Along to celebrate were his cousin, Wesley; Uncle Jim; Jason Hunsucker; Nannie Cheryl Hunsucker, and Grandma Margaret and Grandpa Roy Ludlow of Antlers. Happy birthday, Cameron.

Happy birthday, Daddy!
Cameron Ludlow would like to wish his dad, Tony Ludlow, a happy birthday on February 25. Tony lives in Antlers, Oklahoma, with his wife, Kimberly. He is the son of Roy and Margaret Ludlow of, also, Antlers.

Irene celebrates third birthday
Irene Leona Flores turned three years old on February 21. She loves to play with her sisters, Ciera, Dina, Katrice, and Keelie. Irene loves Dora the Explorer. Her parents are David and Brenda Flores of Owasso, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Pam Wright of Palm Desert, California, Jo Flores of Fontana, California, and Robert and Mickey Caldwell of Idaho.

Happy anniversary to Danrell and April Brians.
The were married three years on March 1. Danrell also celebrated his 35th birthday on February 25. The family would like to wish them all the best in years to come.

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World Champion Hoop Dancer

Jace “Peanut” Roberts, a member of the Choctaw Nation from Shawnee, Oklahoma, was crowned the World Champion Hoop Dancer in the youth division in Phoenix, Arizona, on February 8. There were over 19 contests competing for the title in the youth division. He won with 210 points. Second place came in at 196 points.

Prannot is ten years old and in the fifth grade at Emma Mann Elementary. He was the son of Olds and Roewena Roberts and the grandson of Wilson and Sharon Roberts of Ada, Oklahoma.

He won and his grandfathers want to say a big congrats and a job well done.

American Indian filmmakers premiere movie at Oklahoma gallery

A pair of American Indian filmmakers from Oklahoma premiered their latest feature, “American Indian Graffiti: This Thing Life,” on February 20 at the Individual Artists of Oklahoma Gallery in Oklahoma City.

The film was written and directed by Oklahoma Telv Jacob Chicester, and Steve Judd, Chicester/Kowea. The two say the objectives of the film is to “highlight American Indian people in a realistic light.

“We formed Restless Native Motion Picture Production Company to make movies about, for, and featuring American Indians,” Jacob says. “We feel there’s a lack of representation of Indians in the entertainment industry and hopes that our stories will be a step in resolving these problems.”

The film tells the story of four people in contemporary Oklahoma struggling with guilt, loss, success and death.

The filmmakers have been invited to show the movie and discuss it on April 15 at the Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota.

More information about Restless Native Motion Picture Productions, as well as for the trailer, is available online at www.restless-native.com.

Chocaw artist headed for Cheyenne

Chocaw artist Ron Moore’s painting, “When They Were Only The People,” has been accepted into the Western Spirit Show and Sale held by the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The painting is an oil, 36”x48”, depicting two Indian women and their pack horses getting water at a barren pond. The scene is set in a majestic mountain panorama. Four-hundred eighty-two pieces were submitted by 153 artists. Only 100 were accepted. The jury is made up of prominent professional artists.

Making it into the show also presents the opportunity to be selected for the Wyoming Governors Invitational Show. The show opened March 6 and will last through March 20. The exhibition will hang in the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum at 4611 N. Carey Ave. in Frontier Park at Cheyenne.

Ron Moore is a Choctaw artist living in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Brothers are serving the people

Gary Don French, 22, has been appointed as deputy with the Lake County Sheriff’s Department. He lives in M. Dora, Florida, with his wife, Sarah/Desgin, and daughter, Madalynn.

John Robert French, 21, has joined the Army. He is doing his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and will graduate on May 29, 2004.

They are the sons of Elizabeth Ann (Tomika) McKinney and stepfather, Cymo McKinney of Winter, Texas. Their father, Gary French of Orlando, Florida. Their grandparents include the late Wilson and Brother (Wally) Tomika. Great-grandmother is Lena Monroe (Bohanon), Hicks of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Sweet 16

Joplin would love to wish her big sister, Jessica Polk, a happy Sweet 16 birthday on March 3. They are the daughters of Julie Polk of Durant, Oklahoma. Also wishing Jessica a happy birthday is her grandmother, Ruth Polk, and aunt and uncle, Lesha and Tommy Tucker.

Stuart turns three

Derrick and Dustin Vander- voo are wishing their little brother, Stuart, a happy third birthday on March 14. The boys are the sons of Dwight and Wanda Vanderveen and have a sister, Erika, all of Durant, Oklahoma.

Red Warrior Society Inter-tribal Pow Wow April 20, 2004

Hugo Agrupres, Hugo, Oklahoma

Head Staff –
Head Man – Joe necklace
Head Lady – Debbie Garce
Head Grand – Darrell Cowo
Head Singer – “Koawa Jo"
Head Grand – Red War Society, Hugo, OK
M.C. Ambykuku
Anna Director – Willies Gallant

All dancers, princesses and other dances are welcome.

For information contact:
Pete Nahe J50-381-577-2441 or Debbie Ogake 837-572-2224
This is an alcohol and drug free event!
Not responsible for any theft or accidents.

11th Annual Inter-tribal Pow-Pow – April 17, 2004

Southeastern Oklahoma State University Activity Building North First & Dusk in Durant, Oklahoma

Head Staff –
M.C. Tim Talloch (Oung) Jock, OK
Head Singer – Pat Ouyub (Koawa) Stillwell, OK
Head Lady Drum – Sharon Roberts (Chickasaw), Ada, OK
Head Man Drum – Wilson Roberts (Choctaw), Ada, OK
Head Grand Drum – Jimmie Johnn (Koawa/Koawa) Delano, OK
Honor Grand – Seminole Nation Color Guard
Anna Director – Bill Takes Horse (Crow), Colbu, OK
Co Host – Native American Council of SOSU

Inter-tribal Princess: Tana Takes Horse, (Chocaw/Kickapoo) Cover

– Program –
3:00 p.m. Grand Entry
6:30 p.m. Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow

Buckskin/Kinikomi
Claw
Jingle
Fur

Free and open to the public
Bring your pow wow chairs
For more information call 918-567-2539

Women’s 1st Round

– Contest –
– Program –
1:00 p.m. Traditional Special
2:30 p.m. Traditional Straight
3:30 p.m. Song
4:30 p.m. Grand Entry
5:00 p.m. Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow
6:30 p.m. Closing Song

Arts & Crafts open for purchase until 9:00 p.m.

Open to the public

No alcoholic beverages or drugs permitted on the premises

No political soliciting • no videotaping

The public is invited
Not responsible for accidents, injuries or theft
No dogs or alcohol allowed • Security provided


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Winning students

Cheyenne Barker, a Jones Academy student, received another second place in the fourth grade at Hartthorne Elementary School’s “100 Days of School” promotion. She is pictured on the cover.

Pickens pursuing dual degree

John Pickens, Choctaw-Chicwa, is attending Blackwell Community College in Browning, Montana. John is pursuing a dual degree in Human Services and Natural Resources.

“I plan to use these degrees and tools to help my people,” he says. “My intentions are to work at a youth ranch. The environment and animals can teach children responsibility, respect, trust, unconditional love and skills of the trade. I hope to live people a more adequate and rewarding life.”

John is success helping with college expenses through the Choctaw Nation. He has maintained a 4.0 grade point average during the past semester. He also represented the Choctaw Nation in 2003 at the Indian Finals Rodeo held in California.

He is the son of John and Bert Pickens of McAlester, Oklahoma.

Sisters compete in state swim meet

Eve Stevens, 10, and Lee Stevens, 10, of Anderson, South Carolina, qualified to compete in the 2004 SC State Championship Swim Meet. In last year’s first championship meet, she swam the 200-yard indi- vidual Medley and the 200-yard freestyle Relay, capturing fifth place. Eve competed in the 100 and 200-yard Breaststroke, finishing seventh in the 100. In addition to her athletic achievements, Eve was selected to attend the South Carolina Governor’s School for Arts and Humanities. One of her short stories was published in a national maga- zine. Eve is active in community service organizations and serves on the Governor’s School Honor Council.

Student of the Month at Battie

Taylor Custer, 6, son of Gayle and Sue Custer, was named Student of the Month for January. He is in Kindergarten at Battie Elementary School in Battie, Oklahoma.

Congratulations, Taylor, from all of your family.

Sobers brother on honor roll

Anthony and Bill Sobers have both been honored as good students. Anthony is a junior at Oyster High School. He has a 4.0 grade point av- erage and is on the Superintendent’s Honor Roll. He is an officer of Fam- ily, Career and Community Leaders of America, and a member of the National Honor Society. Bill Sobers is a senior at Southeastern Oklahoma State Uni- versity in Durant. He has received a $1,000 scholarship from the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. He was on the President’s Honor Roll the last two semesters. Their parents are Shirley and Eddie Sobers of Soper. Their grandparents are Melvin and Virginia Sobers and the late L.B. Moore, Soper.

First deer

Eric Folson, 10, is pic- tured with his first deer, killed in December 2003.

Cristina is the great-grand- daughter of original policeman Fred Ward Folson. She lives in San-Anto- nio, Texas, with her three younger sisters and her parents.
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13th Annual Choctaw Nation Swine/Beef Show

The annual livestock show was held Saturday, February 7, at Eastern Oklahoma State University in Wilburton. The swine judge was Red Cox, Oklahoma. The beef judge was Bud Devore, Laver- ton, Oklahoma.

Breed Champion – Tom Phillips, Claremore.

Reserve Breed Champion – Toby Bean, Bristow.

Class I first: Racy Phillips, Heavener, second: Toby Bean, Bristow.

Chester


Class I first: Tadale Taylor, Jones Academy, second: Jeremy Pope, Clayton.

Duroc

Breed Champion – Katlin Rogers, Calera.

Reserve Breed Champion – Whitley Carlus, Haileyville.

Class I first: Mark McMann, Bartlesville, second: Jeremy Pryor, Savanna.

Hampshire

Breed Champion – Laramee Nichols, Haileyville.

Reserve Breed Champion – Jonathan Cole, Jones Academy.


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Reserve Breed Champion Berkshire – Rusty Phillips, Heavener, with Councilmen Ted Dosh.

Reserve Breed Champion – Rodney Phillips, Claremore.

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**Livestock**

**Breed Champion Cross:** Tahitia Barnhouse, Hoxieville, with Judge Brett Devold and Tribal Councilman Ted Dash.

- **Alicia Jones,** third: Chuck Mullens, Broken Bow. 
- **Br destinations:** Mike Crowder, Caney. 
- **Breed Supreme Champion – Derrick Brown, Silo.**
- **Breed Champion – Alcoso, Montana; Jones Academy.**

- **Class I first:** Alicia Moore, Jones Academy; second: Cheryl Timms, Hoxieville. third: Chad McGinty, Jones Academy. fourth: Bryn Killingsworth, Harrah. fifth: Darlene Blaine, Jones Academy. sixth: Lacey Douglas, Panola. seventh: Aztec Palmer, Vater; eighth: Logan Byard, Harrah. ninth: Cameron Teal, Bennington. tenth: Chad Sinclair, Colvin. eleventh: David Hartman, Cameron.


Georgina Jo Butterbaugh

Georgina Jo Butterbaugh of Hugo, Oklahoma, passed away on January 20, 2004. She was born January 19, 1924, in Stinnett, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Bill; four children, Linda Shearer, of Shawnee, Oklahoma; Mark, of Oklahoma City; Steve, of Oklahoma City; and Allen, of Oklahoma City; seven grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Iris Iskra

Iris Iskra, 86, of Hugo, Oklahoma, passed away at her residence on January 29, 2004. She was born in Hugo, Oklahoma, on December 13, 1917. She was married to Earle Iskra in 1934 and they had three children. She was a member of First Christian Church in Hugo and was a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening and quilting.

Survivors include her children, David, of Oklahoma City; Sharon, of Oklahoma City; and Albert, of Oklahoma City; her grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Darrell Wayne Hudson

Darrell Wayne Hudson, 55, of Hugo, Oklahoma, died Friday, May 4, 2004. He was born November 17, 1948, to James and Martha Hudson.

Darrell was a truck driver and was a member of the Oklahoma City Moose Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Richard, of Oklahoma City, and Jonathan, of Hugo; his brother, Charles, of Hugo; his children, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Irene V. Oakes

Irene V. Oakes, 81, of Hugo, Oklahoma, passed away at her residence on November 27, 2003. She was born on January 14, 1922, in Hugo, Oklahoma, to John Oakes and Virginia Wray Oakes. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents; and her siblings.

Survivors include her son, David, of Oklahoma City; two daughters, Jo Ann and Laura, of Hugo; her grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Charles “Charlie” Brown

Charles “Charlie” Brown, 78, of Hugo, Oklahoma, passed away on December 27, 2003. He was born on February 18, 1925, in Hugo, Oklahoma. He was a farmer and rancher.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; his children, David and Richard; two sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Robert O. Oakes

Robert O. Oakes, 73, of Hugo, Oklahoma, died on March 20, 2004. He was born on August 21, 1930, in Hugo, Oklahoma, to Henry and Minerva Oakes. He was a farmer and rancher.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; his children, Carl and Linda; his grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Owen Clarence Billy

Owen Clarence Billy, 71, of Hugo, Oklahoma, died on January 24, 2004. He was born on August 11, 1932, in Hugo, Oklahoma, to James and Margaret Billy. He was a farmer and rancher.

Survivors include his wife, Dollie; his children, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Eva Lee Hawkins

Eva Lee Hawkins, 89, of Hugo, Oklahoma, died on October 24, 2003. She was born on November 9, 1913, in Hugo, Oklahoma, to Jesse and Minnie Hawkins. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Hugo.

Survivors include her children, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Barbara Jean Cane

Barbara Jean Cane, 66, of Ashland, Oregon, died on August 12, 2003. She was born on August 3, 1937, in Hugo, Oklahoma, to Jesse and Minnie Hawkins. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Hugo.

Survivors include her children, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lawrence Terrell

Lawrence “Pookie” Terrell, 81, of San Joaquin, passed away on November 29, 2003, in San Francisco Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born on July 25, 1922, in Hugo, Oklahoma, to Charlie and Minnie Terrell. He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church in Hugo.

Survivors include his children, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Evelyn “Granny” Christie

Evelyn “Granny” Christie, 93, of Oklahoma, passed away on December 17, 2003, in McAlester, Oklahoma. She was born on October 8, 1910, in Hugo, Oklahoma, to Charles and Annette Christie. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her children, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard Bertis

Richard Bertis, 62, passed away on January 25, 2004, at Sulphur, Oklahoma. He was born on October 17, 1941, in McAlester, Oklahoma, to Richard and Patricia Bertis.

Survivors include his children, and numerous nieces and nephews.