The Amendment Act also amends Section 1 of the Stigler Act so that land in restricted status will remain in restricted status until the Act becomes law. Over the years and pieces of legislation meant to undermine the Native American blood of an heir or devisee, the Stigler Act of “one-half degree blood quantum, the land would lose its restricted free status. Federal law does not dictate a minimum Native American blood quantum requirement for any other tribe in the United States other than the Five Tribes. Restricted free status means the land is under tribal jurisdiction, as well as federal government jurisdiction. It is not part of the State of Oklahoma and the State of Oklahoma cannot tax the land. Land in restricted status is protected from state overreach. It is essentially trust land, sovereign land.

The Stigler Act also stated the State Courts of Oklahoma had jurisdiction over all proceedings to administer estates, to probate the wills of deceased members of the Five Tribes, as well as to determine heirs. Land that lost the restricted free status was no longer sovereign land and was subject to taxation by the federal government.

The Stigler Amendment of 1927 was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources the same day it was introduced to the House of Representatives. The Act was referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs on June 7, 2017. The Senate is working on the Stigler Amendment to pass the House, then they will adopt the House version of the bill, Riley said. The Act is expected to pass the House of Representatives. Once the Act passes the House and the Senate it goes before the President of the United States for his signature and then becomes law.

Once the Stigler Amendment becomes law, land belonging to tribal members will remain in restricted free status and be protected from state overreach.

The original Dawes Act allowed the federal government to survey tribal lands and take the land from tribal communal holding and disperse the land out to individual tribal citizens.

The Stigler Act was yet another way to take land away from tribal control and place in state control so the state would be able to tax the land. Over the years and through treaties, since 1830, the Five Tribes received a total combined original allotment of 18,583,371.30 acres. The current allotments, as of February 2016, was 432,082,493 acres. Over the years the Five Tribes have lost 151,494,860.65 acres. (See graphic for breakdown by tribe)

The actual title to the allotment parcels were set forth in the Stigler Act. The Stigler Act stated, upon proof, if the blood of an original allottee passed out of the one-half degree blood quantum, the land would lose its restricted free status. Federal law does not dictate a minimum Native American blood quantum requirement for any other tribe in the United States other than the Five Tribes.


The concept of land and what it means to be the caretakers of the land. According to Josh Riley, Senior Policy Analyst for Chickasaw Nation Government Relations, since these acts, there have been many pieces of legislation meant to undermine the Native American concept of land and what it means to be the caretakers of the land.

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We want to be known for what we are—a thriving nation. Our children are more educated than ever, our membership more informed, and working within the boundaries of our constitution signed at Philadelphia in 1788. The Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation is a representation of Choctaw people throughout our history, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has a proud and storied heritage. Ours is a title of Tvshka is bestowed only on those whose great deed or continual service has had a positive impact on the tribe. Being Tvshka means standing up and fighting for the well-being of the Choctaw Nation, for our people, for all that we value and hold dear.

A bright future lies ahead for our Nation—a future that holds prosperity for our children and many more generations to come. They will learn all the way up against success. They don’t need to draw attention to themselves.

These very personality traits are what characterize a true Choctaw Tvshka. Tvshka means warrior and it carries a sense of duty and honor. We take great pride in our heritage, and we are hereby protectors of it. But a warrior’s duty also is to help those in need. The honorable title of Tvshka is bestowed only on those whose great deeds or continual service has had a positive impact on the tribe. We’re a peaceful people, but that doesn’t mean we don’t fight. Living up the Choctaw spirit takes tremendous courage and fortitude.

The Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation has been updated to have our culturally accurate official image that stands for everything we are.

Our humility is not a lack of confidence; rather, it is an acknowledgment of something in return. Regardless of what happens to us, we never lose our compassion for others—when others are in need. Our compassion for others—when others are in need. It is the essence of kindness throughout our history, the Choctaw Nation has earned a name synonymous with generosity. We take care of those, both near and far, who need our help. To us, it is a calling to care and share without hesitation and without expectation of getting something in return.

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Internship Program Teaches Youth Skills for the Future

Summer 2017 marks the third official year of the Choctaw Nation Internship Program. The program collaborates with multiple Choctaw Nation resources such as Higher Education, Career Development, the Chahta Foundation, Job for America’s Future, and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), to offer opportunities to students who live throughout the United States.

Participation increases each year through outreach and the continued success of the program. The program provides a $1000 stipend and can offer interns management and goal setting.

The internship program is one of several in the Choctaw Nation that helps prepare youth for the future. The interns learn through hands-on experiences. The experiences are invaluable in ensuring they are prepared for a successful career. The program has proven to be successful.

In accordance with official tribal policy, the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council approved the Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation on June 30, 2017.

New Choctaw Nation Seal Represents Choctah Sia

The Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation was approved by the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council on June 30, 2017. It is the first redesign of the seal since its introduction in 1860, with significant input from tribal historians and elders. The new design of an unstrung bow with three arrows, and a pipe-blended together engraved in the center.”

Stay Connected, the Choctaw Nation’s official publication, the BISKINIK newspaper, is available to tribal members by mail and archival editions are on ChoctawNation.com.
Recipe of the Month
Pico de Gallo & Chile-Lime Tortilla Chips

**Prep Time**: 15 minutes  
**Cook Time**: 20 minutes

**Ingredients**
- **Pico de Gallo**:
  - 1 1/2 cups tomato, diced
  - 1/2 cup onion, diced
  - 1 jalapeno, seeded, diced
  - 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
  - 1/4 cup lime juice
  - 1/4 cup olive oil
  - Salt
  - Pepper

- **Chile-Lime Tortilla Chips**:
  - 12 corn tortillas
  - 1/4 cup lime zest
  - 1/2 cup lime juice
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon sugar
  - Canola oil cooking spray

**Preparation**
1. **Pico de Gallo**: Combine tomatoes, onion, jalapeno, cilantro, lime juice, and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.
2. **Chile-Lime Tortilla Chips**: Coat tortillas in the mixture on both sides with canola oil cooking spray.

**Bake**:
- Bake tortillas at 375°F for 20 minutes or until crisp.

**Serve**:
8 chips per serving

**Nutritional Facts**:
- **Pico de Gallo**: 
  - Calories: 11 calories; 0g fat; 0g carbs; 1g protein
  - Potassium: 2mg vitamin C: 12mg calcium: 115mg sodium: 10mg folate: 0mg cholesterol: 219 IU vitamin A: 2g fiber: 25g carbohydrates: 2g protein
- **Chile-Lime Tortilla Chips**: 
  - Calories: 198 calories; 10g fat; 2g fiber: 2g carbs; 0g protein

**Servings**: 6

**Make Ahead Tip**: Store in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

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**Tortilla Chips**

**Chile-Lime Tortilla Chips**

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**Ingredients**
- 12 corn tortillas
- 1/4 cup lime zest
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**Preparation**
1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Cut tortillas into 1/4-inch strips. Place strips in an even layer on 2 large baking sheets. Combine lime zest and juice, and 1 teaspoon of salt in a medium serving bowl. Season with more salt to taste.

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Amber Sells graduated from Thrall High School in Thrall, Texas, with a GPA of 4.1959. She was the vise president of the Thrall 4-H club and has shown cattle in the Jones Academy at Frank Phillips College in Borger, Texas. Sells has been on the varsity track team for three years and her team made it to the regional track meet this year. She and her classmate Rylee Homma ran in the state track meet in 2018. She is a class officer and a member of the National Honor Society. Sells has been accepted at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi and will major in Agricultural Education.

In other Choctaw Nation Stickball news, the World Series Stickball Tournament begins July 3 in Choctaw, Mississippi, with Lady Tvshka Homma vs. Tiak Hikiya Ohoyo at 8 a.m. Homma is an eighth grade student at Choctaw Middle School, and her teammate Carson Moudy, left, landed a limit of 5 bass weighing 9 pounds, 7.4 ounces total. Shelby and Moudy finished the season third at State. The pair caught a limit of four bass weighing 9 pounds, 7.4 ounces total. Shelby and Moudy finished the season third at State. They fished against 136 teams from across the state in grades eighth through 12th. The 2017–18 season starts Sept. 23-24 at Lake Tenkiller.

Mary Ann James
Mary Ann James, 48, of Hugo passed away June 7, 2017, at her home. Mary Ann was born July 14, 1968, to James Ray and Connie (Smith) Rogers. She is survived by her parents; husband Levi James; children Alyssa Loudermilk and Eleanor Key; grandchildren; and a host of friends and family. Interment was held at Haskell Cemetery. To read the full obituary please visit Smith-Phillips Funeral Home.

Mason Tyler Elliot
Mason Tyler Elliot, 15, of Oklahoma City passed away June 17, 2017, at the Grady Regional Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Mason was born March 29, 2002, in Okemah to Danny and Tricia (Henderson) Elliott. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Cheryl Hendrix and paternal great-grandfather Erwin Elliott and his paternal great-grandmother Doye Lake. Interment was held at Restland Cemetery. To read the full obituary please visit Miller Funeral Home.

Mary R. James
Mary James, 85, of Hugo passed away June 7, 2017, at her home. Mary was born June 29, 1932, to Robert and Lula (Brown) Haney. She is survived by her husband; Richard; children Robert Perry, Ruby Stovall, and Betty Liles; grandchildren; and many others. Interment was held at Haskell Cemetery. To read the full obituary please visit Smith-Phillips Funeral Home.

Patsy Lou Bates

Demarces Quintel Colbert
Demarces Quintel Colbert, 17, passed away May 3, 2017, in Oklahoma City. Demarces was born Feb. 3, 2000, in Ada to Timothy and Carol Colbert. He is preceded in death by his grandparents C.W. and Erma Colbert, uncle Tyrone Colbert, aunt Erma Hurd, and cousins Paul Colbert, Latonya Colbert, and Paul Colbert. Interment was held at Resthaven Memorial Park. To read the full obituary please visit Heritage-Funeral-Homes.

Francis L. Anderson
Francis L. Anderson, 70, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away April 21, 2017. Francis was born Dec. 6, 1947, in Bennington to Mack “MM” and Winnie (Smith) Gardner. She is survived in death by her husband John K. Anderson, great-grandson “Josh” Keith Turner, and brother Marvin M. Gardner. Francis was preceded in death by her mother and father. Interment was held at Memory Park Memorial in Lubbock. To read the full obituary please visit Crawford-Jackson Funeral Home.

Markie Marie Key
Helen Marie Key, 75, of Atoka passed away May 17, 2017, at Sparks Medical Center in Fort, Arkans... To read the full obituary please visit Miller & Martin Funeral Home.

Gary Lee Blevins
Gary Lee Blevins, 76, of Atoka passed away May 3, 2017, at Forcast Health and Rehabilitation. He was born July 18, 1940, in Ci... To read the full obituary please visit Blankenship Funeral Home.

Elmer Allen West
Elmer Allen West, 74, of Atoka passed away July 11, in Oklahoma City. Elmer was born April 5, 1943, in Ardmore to Eldora and Leonora (Tyler) West. He is survived by his parents; brother, and two sisters. Elmer is survived by his wife, Patsy; son Tim West; and spou... To read the full obituary please visit Blankenship Funeral Home.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Patsy; his son, Tim West; and spouse Brenda, Keith West and spouse Beth, and spouse Jami, Douglas, Danny, Joseph, June, and spouse Mike, 11 grandchildren, seven great-... To read the full obituary please visit Blankenship Funeral Home.

Jacinda Marie Holliday
Jacinda Marie Holliday of Hugo passed away June 7, 2017, at her home. At the time of her death, Jacinda was 11 weeks and six days pregnant and her parents are Troy Hardin and Group Holliday. She is survived by her parents, grandparents Jerry Hard, Lorrie Hard, and Amanda Gallus, uncles Gabriel Hard and Group Hard, aunts Whitney Hard, and Ari and Whisnant, grandmother-cousins great-grandmothers CarolHard and Susan Dace, great-aunts Geovna Wright and Jeri Wright, great-grandfather Will reporter great-uncles Will Rabin and Hardy Wright; and aunt Annabell Barbee. To read the full obituary please visit Holmes-Chapel Cer...
Kelly Dean West

Kelly Dean West, 67, of Hugo, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 23, 2019. Kelly was born on August 14, 1951, in Hugo to Homer and Fayreth (Glen) West. He was preceded in death by his mother.

Kelly is survived by his wife, biker Lady; sons Kenny West, Henry West, and Avery Jones; and sister Alicia Amos.

Margaret Rizer

Margaret Rizer, 76, of Camdenton, passed away May 15, 2019. Margaret was born on March 13, 1943, in Reading to George and Dorothy (Helm) ADAMS. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Chuck EVANS.

Margaret is survived by her daughters, Susan EVANS, and Mary RIZER; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Interment was held at Friendship Cemetery.

To read the full obituary please visit Burkhart Funeral Home.

Pansie Pauline Phillips

Pansie Pauline Phillips, 94, of Picher, passed away peacefully on December 27, 2019. Pansie was born in 1925, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Mollie (Hardin) and Thomas Phillips.

Pansie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Russell; her brothers, Robert and Bill; and her sister, Mary Caroline (Williams) Sealey.

Pansie is survived by her sister, Eula (Phillips) Webb; and her niece, Delores (Phillips) Webb. Interment was held at Picher Cemetery.

To read the full obituary please visit Phillips Funeral Home.

Margaret Ann (Scott) Gipson

Margaret Ann (Scott) Gipson, 69, of Atoka, passed away on May 23, 2019, in Atoka. Margaret was born on March 7, 1950, in Talihina, to Donnie (Scott) and Claude (Lindsey) Gipson.

Margaret is survived by her children, Robert Lee Wright and wife, Shelia; and sister, Betty (Scott) Gipson; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Interment was held at Rosewood Cemetery.

To read the full obituary please visit Brumley-Mills Funeral Home.

Dena Rae “Maw” Burland

Dena Rae “Maw” Burland, 84, of Durant, passed away on May 7, 2019, in Sherman, Texas. Dena was born on March 13, 1935, to Joe Robert and An- nela (Wilson) Easley.

Dena was preceded in death by her husband Gene Burland; her sister, Ruby Burland; and her brother, Eugene Easley.

Dena is survived by her son, Douglas Burland; granddaughter, Rebekah Burland; and great-grandchildren. Interment was held at Rosewood Cemetery.

To read the full obituary please visit Holmes-Coffey Mortuaries.

Edna Aubidene Davis

Edna Aubidene Davis, 84, of Poteau, passed away on May 7, 2019, in Poteau. Edna was born on June 9, 1935, to Ivan Floyd and Bobbie L. (Knapp) Davis.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, John Emma; her sister, Betty Ann (Gibson); and her brother, Royal Davis.

Edna is survived by her sister, Ruby Burland; and her nieces and nephew, Laney, Landry, Gentry, and Joy Burland; along with a host of other relatives and friends. Interment was held at Spring Baptist Cemetery in Suckerland.

To read the full obituary please visit Holmes-Coffey Mortuaries.
WAIVER FOR ENTRY FORMS

I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I also know that although police protection will be provided, there will be a possibility of traffic on the course. I assume the risk of running in traffic. I also assume any and all other risks associated with running this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and or humidity, and the conditions of the roads, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Furthermore, I agree to yield to all emergency vehicles. I also am fully aware that pushing, pulling, dragging, wearing, carrying or leading any thing or anyone is strictly prohibited. This includes strollers, joggers, pushed wheelchairs, roller blades, skateboards, wheels of any kind (except competitive wheelchairs), animals and flags - I agree not to have them on the course. I am fully aware that it is a fraudulent act to buy, sell, switch, or in any way wear someone else’s number or allow anyone to wear my number. Furthermore, I agree not to go back onto the course after finishing the race or relay leg and I agree not to cross the finish in a relay unless I am running the final leg. Furthermore, I agree not to hold hands, embrace or touch other participants or connect two or more runners (i.e. centipedes). I am also aware that this waiver applies to sanctioned races and fun runs. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive and release and discharge any and all race sponsors, race officials, volunteers, local and state police including any and all of their agents, employees, assigns, or anyone acting for or on their behalf from any and all claims or liability for death, personal injury, or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or in the course of, my participating in this event whether same be caused by negligence or fault. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind of nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. The undersigned further grants full permission to sponsors and or agents authorized by them to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any purpose.

Minors accepted only with a parent or guardian’s signature.

CHOCTAW NATION

OF OKLAHOMA

LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

5K RUN

NEW START TIME: 7:30AM!

SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

TUSCALOOSA, OK

Race day registration is from 6:15 am until 7:15 am at the race starting line, located at the Capitol Museum.

Pre registration for all entrants must be post-marked by August 28, 2017.

Pre registration............................................. $5.00

Race Day Registration........................................... $10.00

DETACH AND SEND ENTRY FORM TO:

CHOCTAW NATION

ATTN: SHANE HADDOCK

5K ROAD RACE/WALK

P.O. Box 1210

Dilbert, OK 74902-1210

WAIVER FOR ENTRY FORM

Application must be filled out in its entirety.

I am an adult who is 18 years or older.

Signature:

Date:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

I agree to the rules and regulations of the race.

Signature:

Date:

Application must be postmarked no later than August 28th, 2017 in order to receive a free T-shirt. Please do not fold this form.

First 100 Pre-Registered participants will receive a T-shirt and glow in the dark accessories.

Elle Race Company will be timing this event.

Pre registration is 525. Deadline is June 30th, 2017

For more information contact Nicole Fanta at 918-775-9374

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July 14th, 2017

Rosebure Park

Proceeds will be donated to

***Community Backpack Nutrition Program***

***Wilburton City Pond***

On Site Registration is $30

Registration begins at 7:30 p.m.

Race begins at 9:00 p.m.

July 22, 2017

AVP POWER POOL

8TH STREET & BURTON AVE.

KEOTA, OK 73441

9:30 AM- 2:00 PM

CHOCTAW NATION CULTURAL SERVICES, KEOTA ESA &

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For more information, please contact:

Kay Jackson, CMO Cultural Services at 580-924-8280 Ext. 2504 or Rhonda Hurst, Haskell County Election Board at 918-967-8710

8 CHOCTAW NATION BUILDING 2017 Financial Education Class Schedule

Saturday, July 15

Choctaw Community Center

3105 Elks Rd. McAlester

Saturday, August 19

The Ross Group

510 E. Second St. Tulsa

For more information, please email: dlian@choctawnation.com
By this time, the Choctaw Nation had made great length in recovery since the removal 30 years prior. Choctaw businessmen and businesswomen continued to do business in cotton, tobacco, cranberry, horse and cattle trade. Students who graduated from boarding schools were sent to college and were coming back as leaders with degrees in business, law and medicine.

However, just one year after the American Civil War broke out, the Choctaw Nation turned to war again. Unable to stay on the war’s side, the Choctaw Nation sided with the Confederates of America for the next five years of summer of ‘65. Many of their communities and fields, Choctaw brothers, uncles, fathers, and cousins answered the call to protect and save the land they called home.

The Choctaw Nation organized four regiments of cavalry. Those regiments would be First Choctaw Rifles, Second Regiment Cavalry, Third Regiment Cavalry, and the First Choctaw and Chickasaw Mounted Rifles. The beginning days of a Choctaw training would have been hard because the regiments were not well equipped. Many of the men were armed with muskets and weapons from their home or communities. Their gear would be a saddlebag, lass, musket, rifle, tobacco, pipe, and a horsem. Many were Choctaw American clothing such as hats and bonnets on their heads, hunting jackets, vests, trousers, leggings and saddles.

Others were traditional dress consisting of turban, feathers, skinned animal heads, leggins and breastplate, beads and horseman dress. Weapons included hunting knives, black powder rifles and black powder pistols, short rifles, and muskets. Since many of the weapons were single shot, Choctaw troopers had to carry multiple weapons.

Despite being poorly armed and outfitted, Choctaw troopers were better fighters, especially in close combat. When not on campaign, the day-to-day life of Choctaw troopers was mostly dull. The men tended to their equipment and weapons, but most importantly their horses. A~being a mounted unit, a soldier would take care of his horse before himself. They would water and feed their horses and tend to anything personal needs. Their horse would be used to be broken and have their hooves checked daily.

Choctaw were very cautious about their view on enlistment. If there was nothing to be done, they would travel to forts to attend fields or home affairs. Other times, they would go to join a party on a journey to visit friends. Union troopers would also hold stickball games for entertainment and to keep themselves engaged.

Forts in Indian Territory were more logistic centers than supply depots as they were so far from their communities. In the summer of ‘65, Choctaw and Chickasaw troops built Fort McClure with rudimentary and lasts to protect Fort Shaw and continue to hold stickball games for entertainment and to keep themselves engaged.

To read more about Fort McClure, please look at the picture. The Choctaw and Chickasaw Mounted Rifles were an important unit. The war’s war progressed, newer weapons were acquired from males, Celts or in return, revolvers, Sharps rifles and various other weapons. Eventually, the Confederate army inducted these Choctaw and Chickasaw Mounted Rifles with Texas rifle.

Rations of corn, pork, and beef were issued to the soldiers, as well as local foods. By 1865, as the war came to an end, Choctaw communities and fields were destroyed or abandoned and animals and families relied on imported foods and supplies. Other items, such as the Monequa and Cherokee people, made their way into the Choctaw Nation looking for safety and food, and a large number in transit came to the Choctaw Nation. Choctaw cattle and horses were being stolen by Texans and Cherokees.

In the spring of 1865, these brave men would finally meet the end. In a treaty signed between the Choctaw Nation and the United States, ending the war between the two Nations. Despite over one third of the tribe destined from the ravages of the war, the Choctaw Nation would rebuild and grow once again.

Many of the warriors who fought to protect their family, tribe, and community, and to reunify their Nation. These Choctaw warriors will be remembered and honored by people throughout time.

See the online version of this article on ChoctawNation.com for references and citations used.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Registration at 5:00 p.m.
Event begins at 6:00 p.m.

This annual event promotes fitness and health in a fun environment. There will be activities for the whole family. This event will conclude with a tug-a-war contest and each participant will receive a T-shirt.

Contact Waddel Hearn
800.522.6170 ext.(2524)
wehran@choctawnation.com

1. 1st place
2. 2nd place
3. 3rd place
4. 4th place
5. 5th place
6. 6th place
7. Other
8. None
9. Not applicable

Look in this direction:
• Fangs – Canines
• Body

Food that day (see menu)
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The parent/guardian(s) of each participant
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• Grade 10
• Grade 11
• Grade 12

Middle School
• Grade 6
• Grade 7
• Grade 8

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The Mazars
50 Years Strong

Walter and Vivian Maze were married on July 1, 1967, in Reno, Nevada. They are both retired and love to travel. They have one son,sale, and daughter in law to Rew. They have two grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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When she was hired as an endowed professor, Mihesuah was presented with an opportunity to go to Texas Christian University and was the first woman to receive a scholarship under Title IX. At that time she was also studying biology and physics, which she said, was a bit over-whelming. After graduating with a master's degree, she taught high school science in New Mexico.

During her first year of teaching in New Mexico, Mihesuah was presented with an opportunity to go to TCU and study history with a scholarship for Native students. She said, "I just jumped into it with both feet and really learned, this is very much what I am interested in and what I want to do."

Now, Mihesuah holds a doctorate in American History and is a historian and the Cora Lee Beers Price Endowed Teaching Professor at the University of Kansas. When she was hired as an endowed professor, there was only one other Native woman in her type of position, and so, she said, it was an uphill battle.

According to Mihesuah, "Just writing does not get you anywhere if you are a female scholar." She continued, "It's a double whammy if you are a Native scholar and a woman. This has not stopped her from pursuing her research and writing 16 books, two of which are anthologies.

Her first book was on the Cherokee females in semin-ary. She has written about stereotypes, Indigenous women, and methodologies of writing about Natives. She has started a child's adventure series and has written four novels.

"Choctaw is my identity," Mihesuah explained that no matter what she has pursued in her life, being Choctaw has been her constant and will always be who she is.

"From a young age, Mihesuah has been aware of her culture, but has wondered about her history. Mihesuah reflected on her family's history and stories, "You grow up learning about your trip and about your family. You hear stories that were told to you by your family by their ancestors."

She has since found out that her ancestor was Lee and Linda Mihesuah:

THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

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POST PURCHASE EDUCATION WORKSHOP
Atoka July 11, Poteau August 8
To pre-register, please contact: Amanda Russell at (800) 522- 6170 ext. 4127

CHOCTAW ASSET BUILDING
(pdf 15) is now available in all 50 states for Choctaw tribal members. Information will be available at the Labor Day Festival.

Come by the Education Tent Friday and Saturday September 1-2 during the festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for more infor- mation on this new addition.

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Top: Atoka was represented by 14 local veterans at the 2017 Veterans Dinner held June 14.
Top Right: Chock McDaniel was presented with a patriotic wreath.
Right: Autumn Celestine went around the community center making sure to shake every veteran’s hand and that them for their service. Autumn is part of the Choctaw Nation Color Guard.

Photos by Kim Eberl, Tina Firquain, Kendra Germany, Stacy Hutto, Vonna Loper, Ronni Pierce, Wyatt Stanford and Krislan Turner.

Poteau
Top: Poteau held a Veterans Dinner May 24. The dinner was to honor the veterans of the Poteau community.
Left: Judy Mellen, a community center volunteer is making plate of food to serve to the veterans and other community members.
Right: Choctaw Color Guard member Sampson Moores attended the Poteau Veterans Dinner to post and retire the colors.

Coalgate
Top: Cherokee McCoy, Little Miss, left, and Chaysene McCoy, Jr. Miss, right performed the Lord’s Prayer June 14.
Middle: District 12 singers dedicated “Amazing Grace” to all the veterans in attendance.
Bottom: District 12 held their Veteran’s Appreciation Lunch June 14, 2017.

Antlers
Top Left: Danny Belvin attended the Antlers Veterans Dinner with his wife. As a member of the Color Guard he helps post and retire the flag.
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Hugo
Right: Hugo Youth Advisory Board Chapter Representative Zack Skelton helped serve the veterans.
Below: A total of 34 veterans attended the Veterans Dinner in Hugo June 9.

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More Veterans Dinner photos will be featured in the August edition.
The 2015-16 Choctaw Arts show will officially open to the public on Sept. 3, dur- ing the Labor Day Festival at Tvshka Homma. The show will be housed in the Upstairs art gallery at the Capitol Museum and will be open for viewing until Sept. 19.

Many Choctaw artists have submitted entries for the show, which is open to all artists, regardless of age or location. The exhibit will feature works in seven categories: paintings, graphics, photography, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, and ceramic tiles.

Awards are given for first, second, and third place in each category, as well as one special merit award. This year’s Best of Show will be announced at the awards ceremony on Sept. 19.

The painting titled Uncle Willie’s Birth was Best of Show at the 2016 Labor Day Art Show and was painted by Karen Clarkson. Uncle Willie’s Birth was based on the June 1902 birth certificate of Willie George Nail.

“The going was pretty tough on the way home. That night I got to Phoenix and decided it was going to take me too long. Hitchhiking wasn’t any good there,” Spring said.

“I went down to the train depot and asked, ‘Hey, Mack, what train goes to Fort Worth or Dallas?’”

“We hitchhiked there, only a few miles from the Kansas line. We went there and we took it to extra lengths when he decided to go to Oklahoma. We hitchhiked there, only a few miles from the Kansas line. We went there and we hitchhiked back to Durant. Spring started going to school at Good- land Academy after his mother passed away. One

Way to Abilene.

After he finished Goodland, he and a friend, Richard Flatman, decided they would go to school at Children, “waxwax up the north and down the south.” We hitchhiked there, only a few miles from the Kansas line, and talked to the official—he said, “The only way is to go to school in Goodland.” We hitchhiked there, only a few miles from the Kansas line, and talked to the official—he said, “The only way is to go to school in Goodland.”

“You can’t leave one. They don’t let you out of the dorm. Surrounded by University of Oklahoma memorabilia.

Harold “Pop” Spring was born in Jumbie, he said, in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma, in December 1915. He grew up there, attending school through second grade, before learned choctaw and had a third grade education at the same time.

His dad, James Franklin Spring, was half Choctaw and his mom, Delta, was English. Pop still remembers the time he caught a mile with two girls one time to Porco City. The boys decided the fate of their country and their world, knowing that the coming of Christ will be steadfast in the faith knowing that this present life is just a pilgrimage to a perma- nent exhibits featured at the Choctaw Nation Cultural Center.

Many artists featured at the Choctaw Artists Registry and are featured at tribal cultural events across the country as part of community events, cultural gatherings, and Choctaw Day events at the National Museum of the American Indian.

Choctaw artists ages 18 and up are eligible to enter this year’s online art category in any artwork in any category. Each entry must be submitted by Choctaw artists from Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Missouri, and must include a photo of the artist and their work.

This year’s Best of Show award will be presented during the awards ceremony on Sept. 19, at the Capitol Museum Public to the gallery pretty good and I got a job at the Buffalo Bill Center Museum. He said the same thing. It was two miles from the Choctaw to the highway. They caught a mile with two girls one time to Porco City. The boys decided the fate of their country and their world, knowing that the coming of Christ will be steadfast in the faith knowing that this present life is just a pilgrimage to a permanent life in glory with our Lord.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 3:12 KJV). The Apostle Peter was a prominent disciple during the ministry of Jesus and had a tremen- dous role in the early Christian Church. He was one of the 12 apostles and was a close companion and confidant of Jesus.

The metaphor that the Apostle is using was taken from a type of dress which consisted of a loose outer garment reaching to the feet. The loose garments from getting in the way of daily activities and labor were girded around the waist in the era so that they could be tucked into the back of the loins. In the metaphor, the message is to encourage the believers to be mentally alert, and to stay focused on the hope and salvation that is to come. The metaphor also encourages them to endure the intense persecu- tion that is prevalent in the era. Christians were encouraged to keep a vigilant eye on their faith and to keep a watchful eye on their spiritual life.

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