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# Pro Patria Award presented to Choctaw Nation

## Tribe acknowledged for its efforts in supporting National Guard and Reserves

Support of the Guard and Re-Patria Award. Brig. Gen. John Fort Bliss, Texas, for National W. Hubbard presented the award to Chief Gregory E. Pyle during a press conference on February 15 in the Durant Tribal Complex auditorium, during which Chief cial need has been brought to Pyle also signed a statement of support.

cluding several of those employ-

The Choctaw Nation of Okla- gone to great lengths to sup- can talk to each other when their Council approved funding to homa has earned Oklahoma's port military personnel who are visibility was too low to actually committee of the Employer Choctaw and friends of Choctaws." Some of those efforts inserve's highest honor, the Pro clude transportation to and from Guardsmen as well as welcome home and departure ceremonies been very willing to support and meals for the Guardsmen.

On several occasions, a spethe attention of the tribe. Many thank you notes have come back "We support our employees to the tribal offices from soldiers who serve in the military," said in Iraq and Afghanistan who Chief Pyle to an audience in- have received special knives that can cut vehicle harnesses are tremendous advocates for ees in uniform accompanied by or safety straps quickly, walkiefamily members. "We have also talkies so that transport teams

see each other, phone cards and other great items in care packages, and an ultrasound machine to check for embedded shrapnel.

"The Choctaw Nation has those serving our great country through all branches of the armed services," said Chief Pyle. "Employees are highly honored for their willingness to serve and the tribe is excited at receiving this award.

veterans and active military." Chief Pyle explained that the tary of Defense.

establish a Veterans Advocacy Program, an annual Veterans Ceremony and provided property and funding for a Veterans Cemetery.

The Choctaw Nation has also been nominated for the 2008 Freedom Award in the category of large employer. According to Walter Cross, the Executive Director of Oklahoma Employer Support of Guard and Reserves, the Freedom Award is given to only 15 outstanding employers "Our Tribal Councilmembers of Guard and Reserve members nationwide and is presented in Washington, D.C., by the Secre-



Brig. Gen. John W. Hubbard presents Oklahoma's Pro Patria award to Chief Gregory E. Pyle and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.



## Museum receives generous donation

The Choctaw Nation Museum has received a wonderful donation from Ron Milam, a Choctaw from Corona, California. Ron is a longtime collector of Native American artifacts. He very generously donated 21 Choctaw cane baskets along with various other Choctaw artifacts.

The collection includes beautifully preserved baskets, some dating back to the 1800s, and an extremely rare cane Choctaw cradle board. The Choctaw Nation is thrilled to receive this donation and is planning an exhibit to highlight the baskets.

Baskets were a necessity in the everyday lives of the Choctaw people in times past. They



## School day

Assistant Chief Gary Batton stopped by the Stigler Head Start recently to visit with teachers and children. Students this year are Markus Apple, Lacey Bumpers, Ryan Clark, Caden Cook, Heaven Covey, Madison Edwards, Dawson Jones, Jagger Mantooth, Cynthia Pruitt, Denver Reese, Joey Rhodes, Makenzie Smith, Toby Storment and Noah Thompson. In back are Supervisor Rebecca Good, Assistant Chief Batton, teacher Julia Underwood and teacher assistant Annie Dixon.

were used for carrying supplies from one camp to another, gathering and storing food and fishing traps.

intricate design, beauty and Homma. The museum also has museum is free.



herbs, food processing, and for craftsmanship. If you would exhibits about language, the like to learn more about Choc- Trail of Tears, an art gallery, In modern times, Choctaw taw baskets you are invited to ancient Choctaw pottery and baskets are admired for their visit the museum at Tushka much more. Admission to the

## **CNO** Health Services is awarded ACR Accreditation

Choctaw Nation Health Services in Talihina has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology.

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Virginia, awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Evaluations are conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment.

The surveyors report their finding to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

The American College of Radiation is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnosticinterventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, and nuclear medicine and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health services.



Annual event scheduled to be held

#### at Wheelock Academy near Millerton

Chief Gregory E. Pyle, Assistant Chief Gary Batton and the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council would like to invite everyone to participate in the tribe's annual Trail of Tears Walk. The commemorative walk will be held Saturday, May 17, at the historic Wheelock Academy near Millerton.

Everyone is asked to come early and park at Wheelock. Those who wish to join in the walk can ride a bus to the starting point in Millerton. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. with opening remarks by Chief Pyle, Assistant Chief Batton, Council Speaker Delton Cox and Chaplain Bertram Bobb. A free meal will be served to all who spend this special day with us.



## Shriners show appreciation

Chief Greg Pyle accepts an award from the Bedouin Temple for a Choctaw Nation donation of a van to the Shriners to transport children to the hospital. Joe David Cook of Wilburton and Clint Warnock of McAlester presented the plaque as Council Speaker Delton Cox looks on.

## **Tribal Council approves establishing AMBER Alert Program**

Tribal Councilmembers gave other organizations to effectheir support for establishing an tively recover endangered or Police Department will design gram. An Easement of Right of AMBER Alert Program in the abducted children. A pilot pro- and develop a plan for activat-Choctaw Nation during thier gram established by the Office ing a local AMBER Alert sysregular session in February.

partment of Transportation and sessment.

of Justice Program, it includes tem which includes purchasing Choctaw County. The Choctaw Nation Trib- nine other Indian Tribes receival Police will form critical ing grant funds to develop the partnerships with other law plan. The amount of the grant broadcast/media industry, De- \$450,000, based on a needs as-

equipment, training and build-

Way was granted Public Service Company of Oklahoma in funds to purchase a number of

ing inter-agency relationships. proved to the U.S. Department Nation who make the premium Other new business included of Education Projects with In-sale. enforcement entities, the funds ranges from \$125,000 to modifications of FY 2008 In- dustry Grant and to the U.S. direct Cost Budget, Tribal Op- Department of Health and Hu- on the second Saturday of everations Budget and Choctaw man Services Assets for Inde- ery month at Tushka Homma.

The Choctaw Nation Tribal Nation Injury Prevention Pro-pendence Demonstration Program.

> Authorization was given for animals belonging to 4H and Applications were also ap- FFA students in the Choctaw

> > The Council meets at 10 a.m.

## Chief Pyle speaks at Congressional Hearing on proposed gaming restictions

at a recent Congressional Hearing to speak against proposed restrictions for gaming machines. The hearing was spearheaded by Congressmen Dan Boren and Tom Cole, both of whom serve on the House Natural Resources Committee. The two Congressmen heard testimony on proposed rules from the National Indian Gaming Commission that would change types of machines at tribal gaming facilities, clarifying Class II from Class III machines.

pires in 2020. As with other tribes, the Choctaw Casino offers a number of Class II and Class III games. The Class III are under a compact and a portion of the proceeds from them are paid back to the state. The Class II are more of a bingo-based game and are still available in the casinos because of the demand from the II games. That's where we started and our customers still enjoy customers.

Chief Pyle told the committee of the many tribal programs that had been initiated and expanded, thanks to revenue from Choctaw gaming operations. Some of the recent successes mentioned were games will no longer be economically viable." the addition this year of \$6 million to provide 5,000 college schol-

Chief Gregory E. Pyle was among tribal and community leaders arships, \$2 million to the Summer Youth Work program to employ 1,300 young people, \$3.5 million in other education-related programs including Choctaw Language, Adult Education and a new STAR Education Incentive Program. An additional \$3.8 million was budgeted from gaming revenues this year for Career Development and \$7 million to Contract Health services not available in tribal hospital or clinic facilities.

"In order to maintain this level of tribal self-sufficiency, we The Choctaw Nation has a compact with Oklahoma that ex- must continue to have gaming in Oklahoma," said Chief Pyle. "Every tribal dollar spent on social services, education and health care means one less dollar that the State of Oklahoma or federal government will have to spend. Even though we have a compact with the state, tribes should still have the option of offering Class them. If the restrictions proposed by the NIGC are implemented and a new Class II game must be developed that costs more to manufacture and it is not attractive to our customers, Class II

Chief Pyle also said, "Our Choctaw vision statement is 'A na- tions is helping Oklahoma grow and move forward."



tion of healthy, successful and productive Choctaws.' Gaming helps us achieve this vision. The impact of gaming and tribal na-

## NOTES TO THE NATION

#### Seeking church members

#### Dear Choctaw Nation,

I am trying to locate members of the Mt. Fork Presbyterian Church of Eagletown, Oklahoma. We desperately need help for the upkeep of the church. Attendance at church is down to only a handful of elderly people. The roof and the plumbing needs work, so any donations or volunteers who could work on these problems would be greatly appreciated. For more information you can write:

> Mt. Fork Presbyterian Church C/O Agnes Cole HC 76 Box 496 Eagletown, OK 74734

#### Looking for relatives

Dear Choctaw Nation,

I am looking for information about my parents' families.

My father's name is Richard Bertis. His mother and father's name are Denis Bertis and Edna Bertis. My father was kin to Maggie Byington somehow. I know he went to school at Goodland Indian School. My mother's name is Naomi Ruth Wallace. Her mother and father are Newt Wallace and Agnes Wallace. They used to live in Bentley. They have all passed on now, but if anyone has any information, please write and let me know. Thank you.

> Glen Bertis 1411281-DN-211 6888 E. 133rd Road Holdenville, OK 74848

#### Thank you **Dear Choctaw Nation**,

My special thanks to our Choctaw Nation family. My blessings to our Chief Gregory Pyle, Assistant Chief Gary Batton and their families. I want to thank the entire staff of the Choctaw Nation in Durant, Oklahoma. Special thanks to Virgil Ott, Roger Hamill, Brandi Erwin, Dee Moore, Kim White, Staci Anderson, Charlene Grunstad and Kenni Elrod for going above and beyond with assistance on providing me with housing, food, and job inquiries. They went above their job duties to help provide for my needs and information. These individuals really know how to help the Choctaw people. Keep up the great spirits you all have been blessed with because you are in my prayers. God bless you and your families.



Do you recognize any of these ladies? The picture was taken at Wheelock Academy and labeled the "WOW Girls." If you can identify anyone in the picture, please call Barbara Grant at Wheelock Academy, 580-746-2139.

#### **Financial aid appreciated**

**Dear Choctaw Nation**,

Thank you

Dear Choctaw Nation,

I would like to thank you on behalf of my son, Jason Sheman, and my grandson, Devin Sheman, for your financial support. Jason has just completed the LPN portion of his nursing program and is scheduled to take his exam in February. He hopes to con



Randy S. Killingsworth

#### Note of appreciation

#### Dear Choctaw Nation,

We would like to express our gratitude for the help you gave us, when our Dad passed away. We are very grateful. God bless you. From the family of Josiah Amos, our beloved father

#### Beyond the call of duty

#### Dear Chief Pyle,

My name is Lawrence Horn. I live in Vian, Oklahoma. The reason I am writing is to let you know about two remarkable women, Betty Jackson, a social worker from Hugo, and Paula Lynch, a social worker from Poteau. These two women are thoughtful of others and their tribe. My wife and I are both 51 years old with health problems, and are applying for SSI. Our electricity was turned off for two months. I called Choctaw Nation and they helped us. The electricity was turned on, and we were able to take hot baths without heating the water ourselves. They also helped me when I needed my high blood pressure medication filled. These caring women make me proud to be a member of the Choctaw Nation. I feel these two ladies are very special people. These women are valuable assets to the Choctaw Nation.

Lawrence C. Horn Vian, Oklahoma

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tinue with the RN program in the near future. Devin will travel to Australia next summer as part of the People to People Student Ambassador program. We are so thankful for your assistance which has helped make this possible for both of them. We were unable to attend the meeting in Seattle, Washington, last year but hope to attend the next meeting.

Jason is the great-grandson of William Bailey Wyers aka William Bailey Wear. We enjoy receiving and reading the Bishinik each month.

Thank you Choctaw Nation for your help. We could not have

buried our special mother without your help. A special thank you

to Dr. Hannah and Renee Evans at Idabel Indian Clinic. We ap-

preciated all their patience. My mother was very proud of her

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity

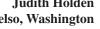
who have supported my son with well

Military Police unit based out of Bran-

home from deployment in June 2008.

heritage and we plan to pass it on! Thank you.

Judith Holden Kelso, Washington



Dear Choctaw Nation,

Softball team wins tournament

I would like to thank the Choctaw Nation for the recent donation that was made on my behalf to help with expenses for my trip to Hawaii. I was selected as a coach through an application process, which included coaching experience and recommendations. I proudly represented the State of Oklahoma and the Choctaw Nation as a head coach in the Hawaii Classic Invitational Tournament. The opportunity was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and Family of Bertie Leota Daniel Williamson one that will be a lifelong memory of mine.

I coached a team of 12 juniors and seniors from around the United States. The girls were from Washington, Pennsylvania, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Illinois, and North Carolina. Their high school coaches nominated them as being 12 outstanding softball to thank the Choctaw Nation and those players and it proved to be true. We went undefeated throughout pool play where we played all of the teams in the tournament and wishes and packages. Geoff Rauch is went on to win the championship with a record of 9-0. I had the the great-grandson of Alexander E. privilege of being the first female coach to ever win the champi-Wade. He is a specialist with the 113th onship.

I had a wonderful time not only being in Hawaii but getting don, Mississippi, which is currently to coach in the tournament. I appreciate the Choctaw Nation for overseas. He is scheduled to return their support. They helped make this dream a reality.

> Jo Lynn Tonihka **Battiest High School Softball Coach**

### **Seeking information** on relative **Dear Choctaw Nation**, At left is a picture of my Indian grandfather's mother holding Cole-

**Monte Rauch** 

man Lawrence (deceased). He is the baby brother of my mother, Dorothy Lawrence Corley.

The other picture is of a girl I do not know holding my brother, Doyle Lawrence, when he was a baby. My brother died when he was 15 years old.

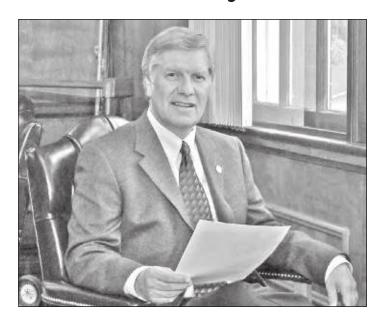
Anyone related to or who knows these people please contact:

> Niketa Corley 8770 Old Hwy 70 Bokchito, OK 74726





# A healthy, successful and productive Nation



#### From the Desk of Chief Gregory E. Pyle

A Nation of healthy, successful and productive Choctaws. That is a vision that I see in the future for all of us. The Tribal Council and I want tribal members to have resources that enable them to be educated, healthy and self-sufficient. With these goals in mind, scholarships are constantly offered, clinics are being constructed, and businesses are being expanded to create additional jobs.

It is very uplifting to know

that prayer will be offered at each meeting that the tribe has. Every Council meeting, every community gathering and every dinner begin with an invocation. The Tribal Council selects a Chaplain from among their peers and the Choctaw Nation is honored to have a lifetime Chaplain, Bertram Bobb, to serve us through his ministry. A deep belief in God has been the source of strength for Choctaw people for many generations and we encourage His guidance in the future.

A compassionate and caring

spirit is vital in jobs for Choctaw Nation services. The programs that are available in social services, housing, health, education, training and emergency services are intended to improve the lives of those in need.

The Choctaw Nation has grown at a tremendous rate over the past few years. We now have 8,000 employees, and there are almost 190,000 tribal members worldwide. The tribe has come a long way since that treacherous journey across the Trail of Tears in 1832 when a few thousand people set foot in Indian Territory. Choctaws have been a vital part of Oklahoma's history, even naming the state, and we are continuing to make history, here and abroad. The Choctaw Nation has been successful in business, successful in delivery of services and successful in creating a viable government process that we can all participate in. I have great hope for the future and my prayer for each of you is that your family members will each have a successful, healthy and productive lifestyle.

# Events continue to preserve heritage of Choctaw Nation

From the Desk of Assistant Chief Gary Batton

The Choctaw Nation is very interested in preservation of heritage. Pride in our culture is shown through the very successful School of Choctaw Language that is teaching through public schools, the Internet and community classes. There are also numerous youth groups that promote language, Choctaw social dancing, crafts, and other heritage-based programs through events.

Gatherings such as the one in Bakersfield, California, the first weekend in May and the Labor Day Festival at Tushka Homma August 28 through September 1 this year will also feature many hours of opportunities to share Choctaw heritage. One of the most stimulating ways I have found to "re-live" heritage is through stories. Our ancestors had verbal legends about creation, migration, eclipses caused by black squirrels eating the sun, and many other topics that were captured by writers in the 1700s and 1800s. Many of the children's folklore are still told today. I have listened to different speakers tell about "Why Rabbit Has a Short Tail," "How Turtle's Shell Got Its Cracks" and "The Show-Off Turkey" and have enjoyed the stories each time I hear them.

We are very fortunate to have some tremendous storytellers who attend tribal functions and are willing to share their talent. During both the Bakersfield Gathering and the Labor Day Festival, storyteller Tim Tingle will be featured. Tim has won many awards for his books and stories, most recently the 2008 American Indian Youth Literature Award for "Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom" in the Picture Book category. Tim will also be at the Choctaw Nation Storytelling Conference in McAlester May 30 and 31 at the Choctaw Community Center. Friday, May 30th, Tim will work with adults on storytelling skills and that evening, everyone will be entertained with Gospel singing and storytelling. May 31st, demonstration Inter-Tribal Dancing, blow dart contests and a bow and arrow competition will be added to the storytelling agenda. Everyone is welcome to attend. It is important to honor those who came before us by remembering our heritage. I hope that you and your family are able to enjoy some part of Choctaw history.





## **Choctaw hymns are a blessing**

Several Choctaw churches have celebrated their 100th year of ministry in southeast Oklahoma. A few churches have carried on the singing of the traditional Choctaw hymns. These Choctaw hymns and portions of the Bible were written in Choctaw over 150 years ago. The reading of the Choctaw Bible is rare.

The original hymns were written by Presbyterian Church missionaries and printed by the John Knox Press and carried on by the American Bible Society with the printing of portions of the Bible: the Pentateuch, Joshua, Psalms and the New Testament in the Choctaw language.

## Chaplain's Corner



The importance of this Hope of Christ's Return is established by the frequency of its being mentioned in the Bible. It is mentioned in all but four books of the New Testament. Jesus constantly referred to His Return, not only to His Disciples, but to others as well. One out of every 30 verses in the Bible mentions this subject.

## Mills celebrates 103rd birthday

Family and friends gathered January 31 at the Quinton Community Center to join original enrollee Irene Exodus Roberts Mills in celebrating her 103rd birthday. Council Speaker Delton Cox and Councilmen Bob Pate and Joe Coley are among the many who attended the party. Seated with Mrs. Mills is her granddaughter, Glenda Stephens.



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These printers have ceased printing the Scripture portions.

Listening to and singing the Choctaw hymns continue to be a blessing.

In the midst of all the frustrations that the individual and the world faces today, what is the attitude of the Christian? What should be the attitude of Christians?

There is one bright light of hope, and that is the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John 14:3:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Choctaw Hymn number 120, written in the Choctaw language, reads in the first verse of the hymn: "On that day, last day, here on earth, Jesus will return proclaiming, my dear children, I am coming for you."

Please read I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Verse 18 reads: "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Choctaw Hymn 120 is entitled "Judgment." Jesus will come for His own before the Judgment. He will pour out His Wrath – Judgment – on all those who have rejected Him as Savior. This hymn is an Invitational Hymn.

The salvation of an individual rests squarely on the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:8 reads:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"

Salvation is not by education, evolution, politics, technology, military power or universal church that can influence Legislation in the Congresses of Nations so as to produce the acts of man that all hate evil, and sin will be abolished. The salvation of society will come about by the powers and forces released by the Return of Jesus Christ.

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will change every aspect of life on this earth. Jesus Christ will reign in Righteousness. There will be no disease. There will be no death. There will be no more wars. Nature will be changed. Man will live as God originally intended him to live.

We have never had a lasting, satisfactory, peaceful social order. There is nothing today that offers any hope that is better. It is impossible to build a peaceful world on the cracked foundation of human nature. As someone has said, "No arrangement of bad eggs will give you a good omelet."

Rev. Bertram Bobb Tribal Chaplain

There are 318 references to His Return in 216 chapters in the New Testament. One-twentieth of the entire New Testament deals with this subject.

The Bible teaches it, the Apostles preached t and the Church Creeds affirm it. The Sec-

it, and the Church Creeds affirm it. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the hope that we have.

His Second Coming will be with His warriors from Heaven to cope with any situation and to defeat the enemies of God until He has subdued the entire world. That no Christian should go around wringing his hands wondering what he is to do in the face of the present world situation.

The Scripture says that in the midst of persecutions, confusion, wars and rumors of wars, we are to comfort one another with the knowledge that Jesus Christ is coming back in triumph, glory and majesty.

Margurite Higgins, a war correspondent, received the much-coveted Pulitzer prize for International reporting in her coverage of the Korean struggle many years ago. She wrote an account of the Fifth Company of Marines, which originally numbered 18,000, in their combat with more than 100,000 of the enemy:

"It was particularly cold," she wrote, "Forty-two below zero that morning. The wary marines, half frozen, stood by their dirty trucks eating from tin cans. A big marine was eating cold beans with his trench knife. His clothes were as stiff as a board. His face, covered with a heavy beard, was crusted with mud. A correspondent asked him, 'If I were God and could grant you anything you wished, what would you like most?' That man stood motionless for a moment, then he raised his head and replied, 'Give me tomorrow'."

For the believer in Jesus Christ, the future is assured. Tomorrow belongs to you. We await the trumpet announcing the coming of Jesus Christ. The Christian has tomorrow when the Lord Jesus Christ shall reign.

Are you ready to meet Him? If you are not ready to meet the Lord Jesus Christ, you can be ready. Today, even right now, you can receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior by faith and be born again into the family of God and be ready to meet Him when He returns.

John 1:12 says: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

I am praying for you. Happy Easter! Pray for America. And remember our brave men and women in our Armed Forces. Healthy Lifestyles Recipe of the Month

### **Oatmeal-Chocolate Chunk Cookies**

5 Tbsp. no-trans fat margarine

- (with around 8 grams of fat per tablespoon) 3 Tbsp. light or fat-free cream cheese
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup Splenda
- 1/4 cup egg substitute (1 large egg can be substituted)
- 6 Tbsp. whole-wheat flour (1/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp.)
- 6 Tbsp. white flour (1/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp.)
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped Hershey's Sugar Free
- Dark Chocolate Candy (mini bars) or Dark Chocolate 1 cup quick-cooking oats

Preheat oven to 375° F. Coat cookie sheets with canola cooking spray.

In mixing bowl, cream together no-trans margarine, cream cheese, brown sugar, and Splenda. Add egg substitute or egg and beat well.

Add flours, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and vanilla to butter mixture and beat until well-blended. Stir in sugar-free chocolate chunks and oats. Blend thoroughly.

Drop rounded teaspoons of dough onto cookie sheet (about 15 cookies per cookie sheet). Bake in center of oven for about 6 minutes or until cookies are still soft but lightly browned. Remove cookies and let cool on wire rack.

Yields: 30 cookies.

Nutritional information: Per cookie: 60 calories; calories from fat 42%; 1.5g protein; 7g carbohydrate; 2.8g fat (1.2g sat. fat, 1g monounsaturated fat, 0.5g polyunsaturated fat); 1/5mg cholesterol; 1g fiber; 83mg sodium.

> **Choctaw Nation Diabetes Wellness Center** 1-800-349-7026



## **Yearly female** cancer screening saves lives.

The recommended cancer screening examinations are:

- yearly breast exam for all women 18 years and older
- yearly pap exam for all women 18 to 65 years old
- yearly mammogram for women 40 years and older
- yearly colon cancer screening for women
- 50 years and older

All of these examinations can be performed at any Choctaw Nation Health Care Clinic or within the Family Practice Clinic and Women's Health Clinic at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina.

You may reach the hospital or any clinic at 800-349-7026, press "5" then listen for the clinic's number. Choctaw Nation Health Clinics are located in Broken Bow, Hugo, Idabel, McAlester, Poteau, and Stigler.

## Aerobic exercise has numerous health benefits

Aerobic or cardiovascular exercise has numerous health benefits including:

- ♦ Weight loss
- ♦ Reduced body fat
- Reduced blood pressure
- Improved cardiovascular health
- ◆ Increased HDL (good) cholesterol
- Decreased likelihood of developing diabetes

• Reduced chance of developing certain cancers

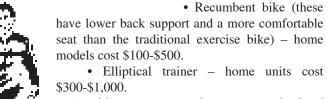
There are many ways to improve aerobic fitness. The only criteria are that you elevate your heart rate for 20 minutes or more at least three days per week. Popular activities that can be employed include:

◆ Walking, jogging, bicycling, swimming and roller blading

• Exercising to a video or DVD such as aerobic dance, jazzercise or chair aerobics (yes, there are entire exercise programs you can do while sitting in a chair!)

◆ Cardio machines – these are often best utilized parked in front of the TV. This allows you to get your cardio in while catch-

## Healthy Lifestyles Fitness Tip of the Month



As with any new exercise program, check with your physician if you haven't exercised in a year or more or if you have health problems. Also, be sure to begin with a low intensity (the talk rule is a good guideline - you should be able to carry on a conversation with a little huffing and puffing while exercising).

ing up on the news or watching

• Treadmill – home units

your favorite program.

cost \$300 to \$1,000.

Another useful rule is to select an initial pace that you feel you could maintain for an hour (even if you don't go that long). As the weeks pass, gradually increase the intensity and duration of the exercise bout by adding a few minutes each week.

## Health and safety promoted at Hugo High School

Hugo High School Healthy, Fit and Safe Committee partnered with Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles Community Outreach Specialist Kristi Adams to promote health and safety for an estimated 400 students at Hugo High School on January 18. Members of the committee include Vivian Shanklin, Assistant Principal, and Tommy Cummings, Principal.

Information was provided on many topics including tobacco, male involvement, alcohol, STDs, meth and your heart, community volunteer work, dating violence, physical fitness and nutrition.

Students were given the opportunity to have their blood sugar and blood pressure



checked and knowledge of the body mass index (BMI).

Presenters at the health fair included Choctaw Nation Lifetime Legacy, Choctaw Nation Healthy Heart, Choctaw Nation CHR, Choctaw Nation Community Health Nurses, Choctaw Nation Diabetes Educators, Choctaw Nation Project Safe, Choctaw Nation Youth Outreach, Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles and Youth Advisory Board, 2M2L, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Project SPIT, SWAT and the state Department of Health/Male Involvement.

# Seven ways to be a better spouse

#### By John Place

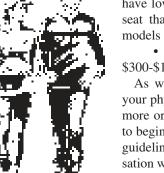
Yesterday, I found out that a friend of mine is going through a divorce. The news of his pending divorce started me thinking about how fragile certain relationships can be, and about how important they are to our happiness and well-being.

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your man's desire to buy an endless parade of home theater equipment. But relationships are about teamwork, working together to help each other be happy. This concept extends way beyond finances. You are not your partner. Your values and priorities may differ.



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I personally am a product of divorce. My parents split up when I was 7, and I grew up migrating back and forth between my mother's house and my father's apartment, never quite feeling whole, always missing whichever parent wasn't there, and always wanting to be someplace else.

As I grew older, I watched most of my friends, and even my siblings, tear through relationships like they were pinatas, scattering unhappiness everywhere.

And yet, somehow, growing up in the midst of all this dysfunction, I've managed to hold my marriage together. In fact, I'll go one better: I've managed to find the perfect woman for me. No matter what crazy twists and turns life brings me, I know I'll be all right because my wife is as constant as the Northern Star, forever guiding me home. Finding her was partly luck (or destiny, if you're a romantic) because I certainly could not have planned to meet the perfect woman the way I did. But some of what it takes to build a wonderful relationship isn't luck. So let's talk about that part: the part we control.

In the simplest possible terms, relationship success boils down to two things:

1) Picking the right partner 2) Being the right partner

Of course, nothing is really that simple. We could spend 100 pages on each of these, couldn't we? For the sake of brevity, let's spend a few high-power minutes talking about the second item: being the right partner.

That's not to diminish the importance of finding the right partner (after all, you could be the greatest guy or gal in the world, but you'll never find relationship utopia if you're with the wrong person). But once you find the right person, you've got to have the skills to keep that relationship in happy symbiosis, don't you?

Here are seven simple, ac-

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tionable things that anyone can do to be a better partner:

1) Pay attention to your partner:

When your partner is talking, pay attention to what he or she is saying. I'm as guilty of not listening as anyone, but I do try. If I'm listening to the radio or watching television or spacing out while my wife is trying to talk to me, I have the good sense to understand that I'm being rude. If you're only 50 percent present in a conversation, you're basically telling your partner that he or she isn't worth your time. Of course, there is a flip side to this: If your partner is constantly interrupting you when you're in the middle of some other important activity, you might want to have a talk about that.

But let's be honest: if we have a problem paying attention to our partner, we probably know it. Do something to fix it. Pay attention. Stop spacing out. Your partner is worth your time.

2) Watch your tone:

Have you ever snapped at your spouse for no good reason simply because you were upset about some other unrelated thing? Or yelled at your partner for bringing up a stressful topic, even if he or she is on your side? When your partner says, "Hey, why are you yelling at me?!" you say, "I'm sorry. I'm not mad at you. I'm mad at the

situation."

News Flash: You're not talking to a situation. You're talking to a human being. Yes, we all deserve a little latitude from our loved ones when it comes to highly stressful situations. After all, no one is perfect. But a little common sense can go a long way when it comes to making sure our tone of voice is appropriate to the situation, the person we're talking to, and the feeling we're trying to convey.

I went through a period of time in my life when I'd let the stress of the day bleed out all over my relationships, snapping at people who didn't deserve it. Most of the time, I wasn't even aware of my tone of voice at all. And I cannot tell you how much of a difference it made when I finally learned to use a polite tone of voice with my wife. Tone of voice can be like a weapon. Avoid the arms race.

#### 3) The golden rule:

Treat your partner the way you'd like to be treated, in all situations, all the time. To do this properly, you have to understand what makes your partner tick, which brings me to my next point...

#### 4) Consider what's important to your partner:

Guys, you might not understand your wife's desire to spend money on an endless supply of purses and shoes. And ladies, you might not understand

5) Remember that you and your partner decide the rules of a relationship:

The terms of your relationship are not decided by friends, parents, or co-workers. Yes, outside opinions can help you formulate opinions, but they cannot supplant the opinion of your partner. You're not trying to please the world. You're trying to please yourself and your partner. Never forget this.

#### 6) Turn off the "understand me" impulse:

I know people who spend 10 minutes fighting about some innocuous topic, then spend an hour arguing about what caused the argument to begin with. We want to be understood, justified. We want our spouse to understand we're being reasonable, to comprehend our point of view even if it's not shared. The key question is whether your desire to be understood serves any practical purpose or is instead a selfish assertion of ego. If the latter, let it go.

#### 7) Reach consensus on the big problems quickly:

Not every battle is worth fighting, but the big ones are worth tackling quickly, calmly, and decisively, or else they will forever fester beneath the surface of your relationship, wreaking untold havoc upon your happiness. When I first got married, I quickly came to realize that my wife and I had different priorities regarding money. To me, it's very important to keep a certain amount of money in savings and to pay all our bills on time. To her, these things were not so important. Knowing that money is a leading cause of divorce, I kept looking for ways to calmly broach the topic until finally we reached agreement on how to handle our finances. Problem solved. We haven't had a single argument about money in all the years since. The details of our compromise are not nearly so important as the fact that we saw the importance of reaching one.

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**Five generations of Jones Family** 

Five generations of the Malcom "Mack" Everett Jones family include, clockwise from left top, Mack; Buck Jones, great-grandfather; Pamela West, grandmother; and Payton Ryan Bennett held by his mother, Krystle Countz Bennett. All are from McAlester and are descendants of original enrollee Beulah Abigale Mackey.



#### **Five generations of the McClendon Family**

Pictured are five generations of Lorene McClendon's family. From left are Frances McClendon Jones of Arpelar, Lorene Brewster McClendon of Arpelar, Pamela Jones West of Stuart, Krystle Countz Bennett and son Payton Ryan Bennett of McAlester, and Pamela's great-great-grandmother, Beulah Abigale Mackey, was an original enrollee.



#### Celebrating five generations

From left are Grandma Bev Logan, Great-Grandpa Evert Cannady, Great-Great-Grandma Ethel Talent, 4-month-old Meredith Mills and her mom, Lela Nicole Mills. The family took this fivegeneration picture as they celebrated Thanksgiving together in Albion, Oklahoma.

#### **Easton Yannash and** Weston Nashoba Miller

Shav Allen Miller and Christy Norton of Lone Grove are proud to announce the birth of their twin sons who were born at 10:51 a.m. November 8, 2007. Easton Yannash Miller weighed 5 pounds 10 ounces and measured 18.75 inches in



length. Weston Nashoba Miller weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and measured 18.5 inches. Proud grandmother is Evelyn Rose Miller and great-grandmother is Lula Parker of Lone Grove.

#### **Brynn Layne Williams**

Shawn and Martha Williams would

like to announce the birth of their second daughter, Brynn Layne Williams. Brynn was born December 19, 2007, at the University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Caro-

lina. Brynn weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 19.5 inches long. Welcoming her baby sister home was 4-year-old Saige May Williams. Grandparents are the late Bill and Judy May of Chapel Hill, Jerry Williams of Antlers and Karon Clark of Atoka.

#### Miley Jo Wafford

Proud parents Scott and Katrina Wafford of Fort Gibson announce the birth of their daughter, Miley Jo Wafford. She was born at 4:43 p.m. December 26, 2007, at Muskogee Regional Medical Center, weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces and measuring 20.25 inches in length. She was welcomed

home by her brother, Chance, and sister, Emma. Grandparents are Mike and Jo Ann Scantlen of Stigler, Martha Shipley of Fort Gibson and Dan Wafford of Muskogee. Great-grandparents are Adam and Nina Wafford of Fort Gibson.

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#### **Gunner Paul Wilkins**

Paul, Susan and big brother Lawson Wilkins are happy to announce the birth of Gunner Paul Wilkins at 8:54 a.m. January 21, 2008. He made his entrance at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Russellville, Arkansas. Gunner weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Joel A. Camp of Mead, Kathy Hanson of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Roy and Faye Wilkins of Blue Ball, Arkansas. Gunner and his family reside in Danville, Arkansas.

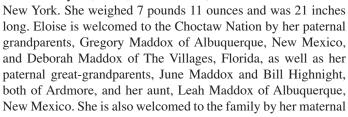
#### **Caliann Jaleah Benton-Frazier**

Jason and Annette of Dallas, Texas, are very excited to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Caliann Jaleah Benton-Frazier, born at 1:31 p.m. December 29, 2007, in Dallas. Caliann weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and measured 19.75 inches long. She

was welcomed by her two sisters, Justine and Jordyn, and brother, Alex. Caliann is the third grandchild of Nathan and Teresa Benton III of Combine, Texas, and the sixth great-grandchild of Nathan and Aleine Benton Jr. of Arkansas City, Kansas. Also are proud grandparents Wanda and R.J. Frazier of Eagletown who are welcoming Caliann, their fourth grandchild.

#### **Eloise Chaya Maddox**

Greg and Zoe Maddox are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Eloise Chaya Maddox. Eloise was born January 30, 2008, in New York,



#### **Rylan Edward Mueller**

Chad Edward and Cherie Mueller would like to announce the arrival of their son, Rylan Edward Mueller, born on June 30, 2007, at Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas, Texas. Rylan weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces. Very proud grandparents are Layne and Catherine Mueller, Danny Fluker and



D.J. Hott. Rylan is the great-grandson of Claudine Impson-Wheeler and the late James Wendell Wheeler. Welcome, Rylan, to this great big wonderful family!

#### **Hayley Renee Turner**

Hayley Renee Turner was born May 17, 2007, to Jay and Amy Turner of Benton, Arkansas. Hayley is the first granddaughter born into the Bacon and Wall clans. She is the granddaughter of Patsy and Curtis Eyachabbe of Tulsa, the great-granddaughter of Jer-



line Flowers of Tulsa, and the great-great-granddaughter of Pat Presfield of Springdale, Arkansas.

#### **Henry Coleman Hawkins**

Todd and Shannon Hawkins of Austin, Texas, would like to announce the birth of their first child, a son. Henry Coleman Hawkins was born at 3:18 p.m. on June 11, 2007, at St. David's Medical Center in Austin. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are



George and Edee Hawkins and Jimmy and Cindy Owens, all of Fort Worth, Texas. Henry is named after his great-great-grandfather, the late Jefferson Coleman Perry, and his great-great-greatgrandfather, the late Coleman Perry, both original enrollees of the Choctaw Nation.



grandparents, Jim and Roberta Gottlieb of Fairfax, Virginia, and her uncle, Zachary Gottlieb of Zurich, Switzerland.

Child's play

Your child is designed to move! Most kids like to climb, crawl, run, jump, swing, tumble, twist, stretch and peddle. In fact, active play is the "work" of a childhood. By moving more and sitting less, your child also learns to live in a healthful way.

#### Active play can promote:

• Cooperation and sharing, as your child plays and learns to get along with others.

• <u>Curiosity and creativity</u> as your child explores his or her world.

• Confidence and independence as your child learns to make choices and control his or her actions.

• Learning as your child's body and brain develop a better ability to learn.

*Active play can develop* body skills:

• Strength, flexibility and

endurance to explore and experience the world safely.

• Coordination of small and large muscles, which helps with overall learning.

• Body awareness as your child learns what his or her changing body can do.

Active play is fun for your child and you! When you move more, your child will too.

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## Your depression can hurt your baby

Some mothers are depressed during pregnancy without realizing it. The hormonal changes of pregnancy often make the symptoms worse. Lots of moms feel sad for a short time after the baby is born. For some moms the bad feelings don't go away. The sadness gets deeper and becomes depression.

#### HOW DO YOU KNOW **IF YOU ARE DEPRESSED?**

- Not feeling happy about much of anything
- Not enjoying the baby
- Having a hard time getting up and going, day after day
- Sleeping a lot during the day or trouble sleeping at night
- Gaining or losing a lot of weight
- Not looking after yourself
- · Feeling helpless, worthless or anxious
- · Trouble coping, often feeling annoyed or stressed
- Using alcohol, drugs or other things to numb your feelings

#### **DEPRESSION MAKES IT HARD** ON BOTH YOU AND YOUR BABY. **YOUR BABY MAY:**

- · Become depressed too
- · Fail to grow or gain weight
- · Become fussy and harder to soothe
- Not be interested in playing or exploring
- Be less affectionate and not want to cuddle
- Lose trust in caregivers
- · Have behavior problems and trouble learning when he gets to school
- · Have a difficult time relating to others growing up

Help is available – counseling and/or medication can make a difference.

Your home visitor or health care provider can get you help for depression.

## Do it for your baby!

### Do it for yourself!

This article is written by Becky Clay, AFL Technician. The Adolescent Family Life Program is an innovative program focused on pregnant teenagers, their child, male partners, and extended family members.

### **Choctaw Nation AFL Project**

## 'A Brighter **Future** in Store'

The Choctaw Nation Adolescent Family Life (AFL) Project is an innovative program focused on pregnant teenagers, their child, male partner, and extended family members. The AFL provides opportunities for a brighter future through integrated services within the Choctaw Nation and external agencies. Participants will expand their knowledge through prenatal education, healthy relationship skills and parenting workshops. Striving for healthy outcomes in adolescent family lives is the purpose of our program. Services are provided through Choctaw Nation Outreach Service to pregnant Native American teens under 19 years of age or otherwise qualified through an eligible Native American. For more information or questions about eligibility contact Angela Dancer, Director of the AFL Project, at 580-326-7758 or 877-285-6893.

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW

## 70th wedding anniversary

Ted and Hazel Block recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversay with a family party. Congratulations!

## 60th wedding anniversary

Charles and Hazel Carroll celebrated their 60th wedding anniversay with a dinner at Giacomo's in McAlester on February 23 with friends and family.

## 25th anniversary

Congratulations to Carlos and Elaine Williams Sam on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Carlos is the son of Cornelius and Norma Carney Sam of Red Oak, Oklahoma. Elaine is the daughter of the late Mr. Lonnie Williams of Nor-

walk, California, and Shirley Adair of Anaheim, California. Carlos and Elaine were married on February 19, 1983. They were both born in Talihina, Oklahoma at the old hospital and as children they were both raised in Southern California. They both attended First Southern Baptist Indian Church in South Gate, California, where they also married.

Congratulating them on this momentous occasion are their children: Jerry, Sarah, Christine, and Catherine, as well as their grandchildren: Cheyenne, Joshua, Matthew, and Jacob.

Congratulations Mom and Dad (Grandma and Grandpa).

#### Happy birthday

The family of Robert Dan Bedingfield wish him a happy 73rd birthday on March 30. His wife, Dody, three, daughters, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren wish him another happy year. Dan is very proud of his Choctaw Indian heritage and is the grandson of Mollie A. Bedingfield, an original enrollee.

#### **Congratulations**

Jeremy P. Gauna graduated from Palmer High School May 2007. During high school, he was an outstanding athlete with many awards for his accomplishments in football, basketball and baseball. He was an All-State in baseball his junior and senior years, offensive player of the year, first Team All-District shortstop his senior year, and his senior year even though he was not in track he competed in the district

track meet where he qualified for regional. At regional, he placed first in long jump and second in high jump qualifying him for the state track meet where he placed fifth in the high jump. He has district awards for all four years in basketball. Jeremy is now attending Mt. View College, Dallas, Texas, where he was recruited to play baseball. While walking by the gym one afternoon, he went inside and while shooting baskets with the basketball players was noticed by the coach, so now he is also playing basketball for Mt. View College. He still managed to make A's his first semester. Needless to say, his family is very proud of his accomplishments and honored to watch him play sports. Jeremy is the son of Paulette Robinson and James Gauna. He is the grandson of Jimmy and Elois Barcus, all of Palmer, Texas. Best wishes from Uncle Brian and Callie, Aunt Stephanie and Morgan, sisters, Samantha, Jessica, and Montanna.







## **Choctaw celebrates 80th birthday**

On December 8, 2007, Nannie Bell Frahm (front row, right side) was surprised by family and friends at the local Senior Center, in Needles, California, to help celebrate her 80th birthday. Nannie Bell was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and is the daughter of Austin Secor. Later that evening, she was taken out to dinner in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, where they were joined by more friends and family. A good time was had by all.

#### Congratulations

On August 31, 2007, Cameron MacDowell, son of Kathy MacDowell, grandson of Nannie Bell Frahm and great-grandson of Austin Secor, graduated from Army Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Cameron is currently a senior at Advanced Technologies Academy in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has been

a member of the Nevada Army National Guard since December 2006. He plans on attending college upon completion of his Advanced Individual Training, once he has graduated High School.

#### Happy birthday

like to wish Auntie Bon (La Von Tonihka) of Wright City, Oklahoma, a very happy birth-

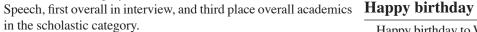
He would also like to wish his brother Matthew Dean a happy sixth birthday on March 14. They are the sons of Carrie Gipson and grandsons of Sharon and the late Harold Gipson all of Wright City,

Brandon Ty Labor, left, turned 4 on February 18, 2008. Aiden Ray Labor, right, turned 2 in November 2007. We want everyone to know just how special they are and to tell Brandon happy, happy birthday: Daddy BJ, and Papaw Hardy, Grannie Tammie, Uncles Tyler

and Hardy Jr., Mawma Ruby, Gran Luvena and PaPa John Labor and all the rest of your family.

#### Choctaw excels academically

Chevenne Fields competed in the Annual 2007-2008 Academic Decathlon held January 25 and 26 at the Oklahoma City Board of Education. Chevenne is a freshman and represented Southeast High School. Cheyenne received medals for first place for art in the scholastic category, first overall in





#### Нарру birthday

The family of Jacob, Ileah, and Reanna Allen would like to wish a belated happy birthday to Jacob who turned 13 on December 3. Ileah turned 12 on March 9. Reanna who turned 9 on February 4. From Dad and Mom, Charles and Vanessa Allen, Uncle Bryan Frazier, Uncle "Nunny" Edmond Frazier Jr.

#### Happy birthday

I would like to wish my grandson, Drake Logan Stubbs, a very happy second birthday on March 1. Drake is our bundle of joy who brightens our days. His mother is Amber Hagger and father is J.D. Stubbs. Drake's grandparents are Becky Peters and Dwayne Taylor of Hugo and John and Rhoda Stubbs. His great-grandparents are Betty Shawhart



of Fort Towson and Mary Wall and Georgia and John Stubbs, all of Boswell. Drake's uncles are Cody Peters and Canyon Taylor of Hugo, and he has one aunt, Jackie Stubbs of Boswell and cousin Slade. Tahasha Taylor, Cayden, and Cody Ward also wish Drake a happy birthday.

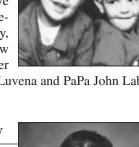
#### Happy birthday

Morgan Ashley Spray turned 5 years old on January 3. She had a Care Bear party at the day care she attends. Even at this young age Morgan is proud of her Choctaw heritage and she will tell you that she is "Indian of the Choctaw Nation like her pepa."Morgan is the daughter of Stephanie

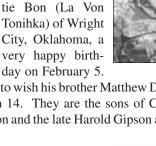
Barcus Spray of Mesquite, Texas and Paul Spray of Arlington, Texas. Her grandparents are Jimmy and Elois Barcus of Palmer, Texas. Many happy birthday wishes from Uncle Brian, Aunt Callie, Aunt Paulette and cousins Jeremy, Samantha, Jessica, and Montanna.

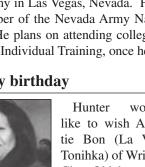




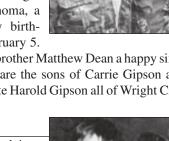


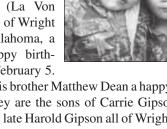


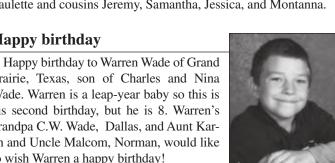


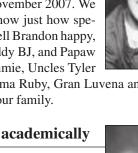


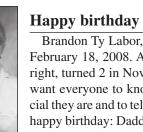
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Also, happy belated birthday wishes on January 7.

#### Student traces ancestry

My son Chandler J. Birrell, 11, recently participated in an immigration day and gave a project about his heritage for school. Although he could easily trace his parental side to Ellis Island in the early 1900's, he chose the harder route researching is Choctaw heritage and putting a time line together outlining the Trail of

Tears. His namesake and great-great-grandmother was Nettie Mare West Chandler, original enrollee. His great-grandmother was Nettie Marea Chandler Tigert, also an original enrollee who grew up near Ada, Oklahoma.

#### Happy birthday

Kyanne Seeley turned one on March 13, 2008. Kyanne's parents are Tim and Trish Seeley. Grandparents are Leroy and Thelma Seeley, and Roberta and Dave Duley, Lathrop, Missouri. Happy Birthday from Dad, Mom, and big sister Kara.

#### **Choctaw named** outstanding NAIA wrestler

Josh Bryant was recently named outstanding NAIA wrestler. Josh graduated high school from Tuttle, Oklahoma with many titles including Wrestling State Champ and Football State Champs. Josh currently attends McKendree University

in Lebanon, Illinois on a wrestling scholarship. The team participated at NWCA National Duals in Cedar Falls, Iowa and finished fourth overall. Josh finished the two-day event with a record of 3-1 by defeating three top-ranked wrestlers in the NWCA National Duals.

Josh is the son of Jimmy Bryant, Tuttle, grandson of Billy Bryant, Del City, and Lana Stone, great-grandson of Evelyn Stone, nephew of Tia Bryant, all of Talihina and great-nephew of Kenny Bryant, Tribal Councilman.

We are very proud of her. She is the daughter of Darlene Bohanon Fields. Her Choctaw heritage comes from her maternal side, the Anderson/Bohanan Family. Her grandparents are Danuta Bohanon and Sammy Bohanon. Cheyenne is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Sam Bohanan who was son of Liney Anderson and Robert Bohanan.

#### Happy birthday

I would like to wish my brother Rufus Amos a belated happy birthday. You are not only my brother but my friend as well. Happy birthday, from Sis and Bob.

#### Choctaw excels on ice

Claire Elizabeth Wood, daughter of Kelly and Diane Wood, granddaughter of Charles and Brenda Wood, and great-granddaughter of Georgia Bell, Touchstone Wood, and Minnie Kirby Gardner of Broken Bow, is making the Choctaw Nation proud with her accomplishments on and off the ice. Claire represented the State of Oklahoma and the Choctaw Nation at the state games of America in Colorado Springs, where she brought home a

gold and silver medal. Claire has been figure skating for nine years and is a proud member of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club. Claire competes in solo freeskating and ice dance with her partner, JoeBen Wilson of Chelsea, Oklahoma. Claire trains on and off the ice five days a week, before and after school. Claire and her family often start their day at 4:45 a.m. to make sure that Claire is ready to take the ice at 5:30 a.m. Claire and her partner have won gold and silver medals in ice dance competitions in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

#### Congratulations

Leasa Ailshie is a 2005 graduate from Claremore High School She was a point guard with the Claremore Lady Zebras basketball team. During her years with the team, they won three State 5A championships in basketball. She also qualified in Cross Country State Finals all four years. She belongs to the National

Honor Society, Native American Club and the Math Club. She is in Who's Who in Academics, received the Tsa-La-Gi Award of Excellence in academics and was the Basketball Homecoming Queen.

After graduating high school, Aleasa attended Connor State College, where she had received a basketball scholarship. While there, Leasa set a school record of 17 assists in one game. She is majoring in pre-medicine.

Leasa is in her junior year at Sam Houston State University playing for the Lady Bearcats on a basketball scholarship. She is a starting point guard. Sam Houston is a NCAA Division I University, and is in the Southland Conference.

Leasa's parents are Robert and Marcia Flinchum Ailshie, Grandparents are the late Lawson C. Glinchum and Louise Bohanon Flinchum. She is a direct descendent of Turner B. and Jerrico Perkins Turnbull.



Prairie, Texas, son of Charles and Nina Wade. Warren is a leap-year baby so this is his second birthday, but he is 8. Warren's grandpa C.W. Wade, Dallas, and Aunt Karen and Uncle Malcom, Norman, would like to wish Warren a happy birthday!

#### Congratulations

Daphne Riddle Swartz graduated from Texas Woman's University with a Master's of Science Degree in Counseling and Development. She is a member of Chi Sigma Iota, the National Society for Professional American Counselors, Texas Counseling Association, American Counseling Association, and the American Association for



Marriage and Family Therapists. Daphne successfully passed her board certification exam and has earned the title of Nationally Certified Counselor and Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern.

Daphne is the daughter of Larry and Sheila Riddle of Sanger, Texas, and the granddaughter of Frances M. Conner and the late D.A. Riddle, formerly of Bennington, Oklahoma. She is currently employed as a Cottage Supervisor at Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home and plans to use her extensive experience working with juvenile offenders and at-risk youth to obtain a position as a counselor/therapist working with this population.

Daphne would like to thank the Choctaw Nation Higher Education Department for its financial assistance with both her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and her most recent accomplishment of the Masters of Science in Counseling and Development.

#### Happy birthday

Chance Ryon Wafford turned 8 on November 22, 2007. Emma Rae Wafford turned 6 on January 15, 2008. They live in Fort Gibson and go to Fort Gibson Public School. They celebrated their birthday with family and friends. Their parents are Scott and Katrina Wafford, Fort Gibson. Grandparents are Mike and Jo Ann Scantlen, Sti-

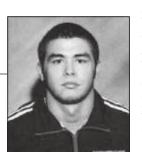


gler, Martha Shipley, Fort Gibosn, and Dan Wafford Muskogee. Great-grandparents are Adam and Nina Wafford, Fort Gibson.

#### Congratulations

Timothy Feltman turned 18 on February 8. A senior at Durant High School, Timothy will be going to Fort Benning, Georgia, after graduation to serve in the Army. He is the son of Vonnie and David Houser and Tim and Tina Feltman, all of Durant. His proud grandparents are Betty Robertson of Caddo, James

and Phyllis Feltman of Pirtle, Norm Houser of Boswell and Alvin and Vicki Luna of Valliant. We are very proud of Timothy and want to wish him a happy birthday.









## **CHR Pat Mayer retires** after 24 years with tribe

A retirement party was held January 23 at the Choctaw Nation Community Center in Coalgate for Pat Mayer, a tribal employee who has worked with the CHR program for 24 years.

Chief Greg Pyle and District 12 Councilman James Frazier presented Pat with a plaque in appreciation of her many years of dedication to the tribe.

"I love helping people," said Pat. "I love meeting people everywhere and have enjoyed every bit of my time with the Choctaw Nation. I learned something every day."

Pat will be working part-time for the OU College of Public Health.

### \$80,000 scholarship established for Choctaw students

With matching funds from the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, insurance executive Brian Eaves has established an \$80,000 Chief Pushmataha college scholarship fund in memory of his Mississippi Choctaw great-great-grandparents, original enrollees Huddleston D. and Sebella "Seaby" Primus Sam. Eaves, an Oklahoma native who currently resides in Michigan and is a vice president of one of America's fastest growing retirement-focused companies, Jackson National Life Insurance, will donate \$40,000 to the fund. His gift of \$40,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by the Choctaw Nation through its Scholarship Advisement Program.

"I find the life and achievements of Chief Pushmataha to be both fascinating and inspiring. Given his views on education, I think he would be quite proud of the fact that today there are descendants of the Nation he governed who have the potential and the desire to be agents of positive change in American society. I am proud to be a direct descendant of a First American and I hope to find ways of bringing together like-minded Choctaws to promote education-related efforts for the Nation. I believe every Choctaw who wants a higher education should receive one and every Choctaw who has demonstrated potential should be motivated to get one," Eaves noted.

The scholarships will be distributed over a four-

Yakoke, Richard Fall 2007

# **Choctaw Nation GED Classes**

LATIMER **COUNTY** Beginning date and time: March 24, 2008 Mondays and Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Choctaw Nation Community Center** 515 Center Point Road Wilburton, Oklahoma

## BRYAN COUNTY

Beginning date and time: March 24, 2008 Mondays and Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Tribal Complex** South building, downstairs Durant, Oklahoma

## **McCURTAIN** COUNTY

Beginning date and time: March 25, 2008 Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. SOSU McCurtain County Campus Room 202 Idabel, Oklahoma

**NORTH** LEFLORE COUNTY

Beginning date and time: March 25, 2008 Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Choctaw Nation** Family Investment Center Poteau, Oklahoma

The class will meet 3 days each week for approximately 9 weeks. Books, supplies and testing fees are provided. In addition, a \$10 (per day) transportation stipend is paid to those who attend classes on a regular basis and attempt the GED test. If you have turned in an application with our Adult Education Program for GED classes and wish to attend the upcoming class, please contact our office. If you have not applied and wish to attend these or future classes, please contact Linda Tyler or Kathy Springfield at the Durant office, 800-522-6170 or 580-924-8280, ext. 2319. Also, you may register at the first class. A Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) is required.

year period to academically strong, high-potential college students who are members of the Choctaw Nation. Information regarding scholarship qualifications and applications can be obtained by contacting Jo McDaniel at 580-924-8280.

"Authorization of matching funds for education foundation donations has been a great motivation for individuals and organizations to set up special scholarships for Choctaw students. The Choctaw Nation Council and I are tremendous advocates for education, and we appreciate the generous donation made available through this new scholarship initiative," said Chief Gregory E. Pyle. "The tribe funds higher education with \$6 million annually, is building a \$10 million elementary academic building at Jones Academy, funds the School of Choctaw Language and provides over \$330,000 each year for an incentive program for students. "

Eaves' ancestors, Huddleston and Seaby, both born in the Philadelphia, Mississippi area, removed to Oklahoma around 1900. As part of the Dawes Roll process, they were enrolled as members of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma in 1902. Subsequent to enrollment, Huddleston and Seaby received two Choctaw County land allotments near present-day Hugo, where they would set up household with their three children, Abel (Eaves' great-grandfather), Elsie and Charles.







# **Distance Learning GED Classes**

**Beginning March 31, 2008** Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Choctaw Nation Community Centers** Coalgate, Atoka and Talihina – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Choctaw Nation Community Centers** Wright City, Bethel and Smithville – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Distance Learning GED classes are now available at the above locations to students in the Choctaw Nation. An experienced GED teacher will instruct you, using the One-Net Distance Learning Technology. Distance Learning allows students and teacher to see and hear each other on large monitors. You will be able to interact with the teacher as she helps you prepare to take the GED test. Books, supplies and testing fees are provided. The class will meet three days each week for approximately nine weeks. A CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) is required. For more information please contact Linda Tyler, Director, Choctaw Nation Adult Education, 1-800-522-6170 or 580-924-8280, ext. 2319.

## **ASA Softball Hall of Fame inductee**

Congratulations to Al Roberson of Boswell for making the Oklahoma ASA Softball Hall of Fame. Al was inducted into the Hall of Fame on February 2 in Tulsa. His family and friends surprised him with a small reception the following weekend. Al has played ball for over 40 years and everyone is very proud of his accomplishment. Al started playing when he was about 6 years old and since then has only missed one season. He has played first base, third base and has pitched and played the outfield. He has coached softball and baseball for numerous years as well. Al and his wife, Ella, have three daughters, Brandi, Carrie and Jessica. He always tried to coach his girls in summer league but when he wasn't on the field coaching he was behind the fence telling them what to do.



He taught his girls the game of softball very well.

Al coached many boys and girls as if they were his own. He could turn a young, immature



### Choctaw language instructor works with TU students

The Department of Linguist at the University of Texas, Arlington, completed a field work research project during the 2007 fall semester which required the participation of Richard Adams, a native speaker from the Choctaw Nation. The purpose of the study was to gather data about the Choctaw language, its sound and structure.

participate in this process. Information gathered were sounds, words, phrases and sentences in Choctaw language which were recorded in notebooks, computer and audio airflow. Pictured are, front row, Abdul al Btoosh, Cecile Padayadi, Keri Henley, Lynelle Rhinier, Katie Welch, Gabrielle Zimmerman; back row, David Grave, Richard Adams, Matt Benton and Dr. Jerry Edmondson.

> Prize and Cash

Giveawavs!

Students were present to observe, learn and Make It Happen! **Choctaw Nation Career Development** 

## 2008 Spring Career Expo April 1, 2008

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the

**McAlester Expo Center** 

Lunch will be provided!

> Looking for a career change? Let us help you Make It Happen!

- Industry professionals will be speaking on career opportunities
- · On-site recruiters will be actively seeking to fill job positions
- Representatives from technology centers, colleges, and training facilities will be available to discuss training options
- A computer lab will be available for training and assessment
- Bring your resume and come dressed for success

Transportation will be available for tribal members. Sign up for transportation at your local community center. Contact Career Development for more information - 866-933-2260

weekend, you could bet that Al and his family would be on their way to some softball tournament. Whether it be 30 minutes or 2 hours away, they were going. Not only did Al play softball, his transplant. He never quit. He redaughters also played. All three ceived the transplant in the Spring of them made softball All Stars of 2000 and after several months more than a few times and Jessica was named Oklahoma All State her senior year of high school. Al coached his girls on day he continues to coach and During ball season every hitting, catching and throwing. play softball.

team into a winning team who earned respect. He has coached young and old, men and women. Whether it be slow-pitch, fastpitch, coach-pitch, T-ball, baseball, it still revolves around one thing – Ball – and he knows this game.

He has played at many of the area and district tournaments as well as making it as far as nationals in Kansas City in 1983. He continued playing even after finding out he needed a liver of treatment and recuperation, he bounced back the next year.

Al never gives up and to this

CHOCTAW NATION VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION							
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A Vocational Rehabilitation representative will be available at the locations listed. A representative is available Monday through Friday 8-4:30 except for holidays at the Hugo office.



Grand Champion Swine and Hamp Breed Champion, Felicia Nunn, Jones Academy, pictured with Brandon Spears, Jones Academy Agriculture, and Councilman Kenny Bryant.



Berk Breed Champion, Emily Jackson, Hartshorne.



The Choctaw Nation held its 17th annual Livestock Show February 2-3 in Wilburton and Durant. Youth from all over Oklahoma brought market swine, goats, sheep, heifers and steers to compete. Results from the two locations are listed through Page 13.

### WILBURTON LIVESTOCK SHOW

#### - SWINE -

Grand Champion Swine - Felicia Nunn, Jones Academy. Reserve Grand Champion Swine - Cheyenne Neal, Jones Academy.

Jr. Showmanship - Bryce Livingston, Wilburton. Sr. Showmanship – Pamela Brittain, Moss.

#### Berk

Breed Champion - Emily Jackson, Hartshorne. Reserve Breed Champion - Kolt Donaldson, Haworth. Class I - 1st: Emily Jackson, Hartshorne; 2nd: Kolt Donaldson, Haworth; 3rd: Tristian Hill, Smithville; 4th: Brittan Raines, Red Oak; 5th: Lacy Emmert, Buffalo Valley; 6th: Leandra Henry, Buffalo Valley; 7th: Krystal McClendon, Eagletown.

Class II - 1st: Ariel LeForce, Broken Bow; 2nd: Kallie Crawford, Moss; 3rd: Desirea Duggan, Panola; 4th: Hailey Raines, Fanshawe; 5th: Dalton Coffey, Red Oak.

#### Chester

Breed Champion - Rachalle Dinardo, Jones Academy. Reserve Breed Champion - Blair Smallwood, Talihina.

Class I - 1st: Rachalle Dinardo, Jones Academy; 2nd: Whitlie Curliss, Haileyville; 3rd: Whitlie Curlis, Haileyville; 4th: Alisha Picone, Jones Academy; 5th: Ethan Bean, Lukfata.

Class II - 1st: Blair Smallwood, Talihina; 2nd: Kaity Foster, Moss; 3rd: Allison Beames, Howe; 4th: Dalton Coffey, Red Oak; 5th: Bransen Shelton, Wright City.

Class III - 1st: Lane Trevino, Eagletown; 2nd: Christian Smith, Broken Bow; 3rd: Hunter Mason, Hartshorne; 4th: Krystal Mc-Clendon, Eagletown.

#### Duroc

Breed Champion - Alex Battiest, Broken Bow. Reserve Breed Champion - Jessie Holt, Eagletown.

Class I - 1st: Kristen Hedge, Rattan; 2nd: Destin Moore, Wright City; 3rd: Rhett Phillips, Rattan; 4th: Brittny Doyle, Buffalo Valley; 5th: Kristen Houston, Buffalo Valley; 6th: Braden Medlock, Whitesboro; 7th: Jacob Stacey, Stuart; 8th: Jacob Stacey, Stuart.

Class II – 1st: Tyler Bible, Moss; 2nd: Tylor Bush, Haileyville; 3rd: Kaleb Barcheers, Hartshorne; 4th: Jadyn Wills, Kiowa; 5th: Sheleigh Swearingen, Clayton; 6th: Travis Mintz, Howe; 7th: Trey Wood, Rattan.

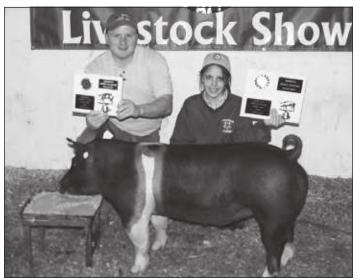
Class III - 1st: Jessie Holt, Eagletown; 2nd: Hannah Palmer, Idabel; 3rd: Brittany Webb, Rattan; 4th: weighed out; 5th: Cory Buchanan, Clayton; 6th: Jessica Smith, Hodgen; 7th: Taylor Cannady, Talihina; 8th: Bradloc Christian, Broken Bow.

Class IV - 1st: Stormy Dul, Wilburton; 2nd: Alex Battiest, Broken Bow; 3rd: Stormy Dull, Wilburton; 4th: Randi Williams, Spiro; 5th: Kaity Foster, Moss; 6th: Kailey Sanders, Wetumka.

#### Hamps

Breed Champion - Felicia Nunn, Jones Academy.

Reserve Breed Champion - Cheyenne Neal, Jones Academy. Class I - 1st: Hannah Palmer, Idabel; 2nd: Madison Hill, Smithville; 3rd: Katie Cox, Leflore; 4th: Whitney Noel, Rattan; 5th: Joseph Cox, Leflore; 6th: Trevor Mintz, Howe; 7th: Shayla Bullard, Red Oak; 8th: Dalton Wood, Hartshorne.



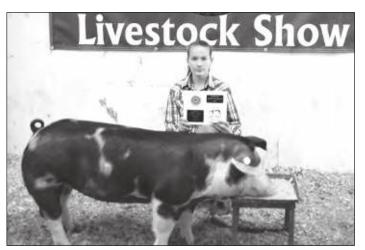
Reserve Grand Champion Swine and Hamp Reserve Breed Champion, Cheyenne Neal, Jones Academy, pictured with Brandon Spears, Jones Academy Agriculture.



Paige Campagna of Red Oak won Poland Breed Champion and Spot Breed Champion.

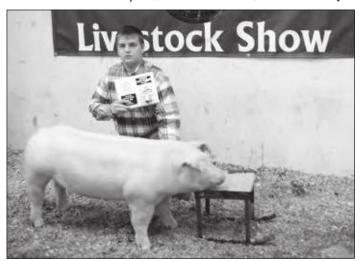


Poland Reserve Breed Champion, Jobie Howell, Jones Academy, pictured with Brandon Spears, Jones Academy Agriculture.





Chester Breed Champion, Rachalle Dinardo, Jones Academy.



Chester Breed Champion, Blair Smallwood, Talihina.



Duroc Breed Champion, Alex Battiest, Broken Bow FFA.

Class II - 1st: Lane Williams, Idabel; 2nd: Cheyanne Pilkington, Hodgen; 3rd: Bryan Lockaby, Panama; 4th: Shane Fry, Buffalo Valley; 5th: Dustin Duggan, Wilburton; 6th: Joshuah Morgan, Red Oak; 7th: Nicholas Knowles, Buffalo Valley; 8th: Melinda Smith, Leflore; 9th: Ty Smith, Leflore; 10th: Shelby Bullard, Red Oak.

Class III - 1st: Felicia Nunn, Jones Academy; 2nd: Logan Byrd, Hartshorne; 3rd: Shelby Bowden, McCurtain; 4th: Pamela Brittain, Moss; 5th: Tyler Whitecotton, Bokoshe; 6th: Ty Pilkington, Hodgen; 7th: Matt Bruner, Haileyville; 8th: Cory Buchanan, Clayton; 9th: Ty Smith, Leflore.

Class IV - 1th: Cheyenne Neal, Jones Academy; 2nd: Kaylee Rodgers, Spiro; 3rd: Kareesa Kennedy, Albion; 4th: Chelsea Roba, Whitesboro; 5th: Freddy James, Wilburton; 6th: Sidney Moore, Jones Academy; 7th: Jordan Murray, Quinton; 8th: Justin Duggan, Wilburton; 9th: Tyler Manley, Hodgen.

Class V - 1st: Bryce Livingston, Wilburton; 2nd: Nichalle Evans, Jones Academy; 3rd: Morgan Mings, Whitesboro; 4th: Jarad James, Wilburton; 5th: Mikey Guazdausky, Wilburton; 6th: Lexie Moody, Moss; 7th: Charles Taylor, Poteau; 8th: Blaine Watts, Rattan; 9th: Dustin Duggan, Wilburton.

Class VI - 1st: Jacob Price, Spiro; 2nd: Braden Medlock, Whitesboro; 3rd: Blake Jackson, Hartshorne; 4th: Zach Smith, Broken Bow; 5th: Darylene Blaine, Jones Academy; 6th: Tanner Goforth, Moss; 7th: Colton Baker, Hartshorne; 8th: Trevor Smith, Hodgen; 9th: Micah Crenshaw, Red Oak; 10th: Dylan Kincade, Moss.

Class VII – 1st: Kareesa Kennedy, Albion; 2nd: Tyler Bible, Moss; 3rd: Tylor Bush, Haileyville; 4th: Samantha Anderson, Spiro; 5th: Donovan Morris, Spiro; 6th: Joe Paxton, Wetumka; 7th: Kelsey Brown, Buffalo Valley; 8th: Katie Williams, Spiro; 9th: Lane Hunter, Buffalo Valley.

Class VIII - 1st: Kaylee Rodgers, Spiro; 2nd: Whitney Sebo, Spiro; 3rd: Candance Baker, Hartshorne; 4th: Stephanie Brantley, Eagletown; 5th: Katie Cox, Leflore; 6th: Kailey Sanders, Wetumka; 7th: Tyler Mize, Spiro; 8th: Lane Bandy, Whitesboro

#### Poland

Breed Champion - Paige Campagna, Red Oak. Reserve Breed Champion – Jobie Howell, Jones Academy. Class I - 1st: Jobie Howell, Jones Academy; 2nd: Schiann Laughlin, Canadian; 3rd: Leandra Henry, Buffalo Valley. Class II - 1st: Paige Campagna, Red Oak; 2nd: Neosha Kauley, Jones Academy; 3rd: Matt Bruner, Haileyville.

#### Spot

Breed Champion - Paige Campagna, Red Oak. Reserve Breed Champion - Kaity Foster, Moss.

Class I - 1st: Paige Campagna, Red Oak; 2nd: Raney Johnson, Wright City; 3rd: Kyler Donaldson, Haworth.

Class II – 1st: Kaity Foster, Moss; 2nd: Dakota Davis, Quinton; 3rd: Kallie Crawford, Moss; 4th: Ben Blankenship, Hartshorne.

#### York

Breed Champion - Kaylee Rodgers, Spiro.

Reserve Breed Champion – Ricky Morgan, Hartshorne.

Class I – 1st: Jennifer Williams, Idabel; 2nd: Bubba O'Bryan, 7th: Shyla Ludlow, Smithville; 8th: Jadyn Wills, Kiowa; 9th: 7th: Kailey Sanders, Wetumka; 8th: Travis White, Leflore.

Spot Reserve Breed Champion, Kaity Foster, Moss.



York Breed Champion, Kaylee Rodgers, Spiro.



York Reserve Breed Champion, Ricky Morgan, Hartshorne.

Emilie Cox, Leflore; 10th: Brittan Raines, Red Oak.

Class II - 1st: Cheyenne Rogers, Spiro; 2nd: Kallie Crawford, Moss; 3rd: Hunter Mason, Hartshorne; 4th: Tyler Pogue, Hartshorne; 5th: Tanner Bowden, McCurtain; 6th: Freddy James, Wilburton; 7th: Hillary Jernigen, Stuart; 8th: Kareesa Kennedy, Albion.

Class III - 1st: Kaylee Rodgers, Spiro; 2nd: Rick Morgan, Whitesboro; 3rd: Brent Anderson, Spiro; 4th: Lindsay Carter, Hartshorne; 3rd: RaeGail Wilson, Hartshorne; 4th: Lexie Moody, Calvin; 5th: Emily Carter, Calvin; 6th: Lane Williams, Idabel; Moss; 5th: Jessica Smith, Hodgen; 6th: Kaitlynn Sebo, Spiro;

#### Cross

Breed Champion – Hannah Palmer, Idabel. Reserve Breed Champion – Colton Baker, Hartshorne.

Class I – 1st: Lane Williams, Idabel; 2nd: Joseph Cox, Leflore; 3rd: Whitlie Curliss, Haileyville; 4th: Harley Roba, Whitesboro; 5th: Michael Crabtree, Whitesboro; 6th: Kacie Raines, Wister; 7th: Lacy Emmert, Buffalo Valley; 8th: Shyla Ludlow, Smithville; 9th: Ty Smith, Leflore; 10th: Kyler Donaldson, Haworth.

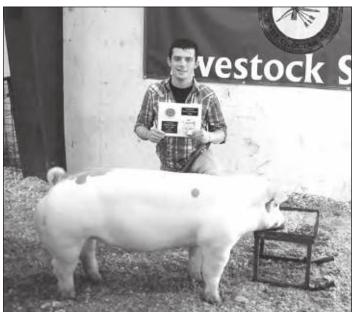
Class II – 1st: Courtney Wallace, Jones Academy; 2nd: Blair Smallwood, Talihina; 3rd: Jobie Howell, Jones Academy; 4th: Saul Martinez, Jones Academy; 5th: Joshuah Morgan, Red Oak; 6th: Jennifer Williams, Idabel; 7th: Trevor Chance, Red Oak; 8th: Tiffaney Noel, Rattan; 9th: Jarad James, Wilburton; 10th: Melinda Smith, Leflore.

Class III – 1st: Francis Brown, Jones Academy; 2nd: Brenna Fry, Buffalo Valley; 3rd: Tanner Goforth, Moss; 4th: Kolt Donaldson, Haworth; 5th: Ashley Blaylock, Poteau; 6th: J.D. Champion, Wilburton; 7th: Kaleb Barcheers, Hartshorne; 8th: Phyllis Doyle, Howe; 9th: Audra King, Buffalo Valley; 10th: Richard Howard, Hartshorne; 11th: Shaniqua Hokit, Buffalo Valley.

Class IV – 1st: Dakota Davis, Quinton; 2nd: Bryan Lockaby, Panama; 3rd: Jobie Howell, Jones Academy; 4th: Logan Odom, Albion; 5th: Emily Knowles, Buffalo Valley; 6th: Dustin Duggan, Wilburton; 7th: Dakota Davis, Quinton; 8th: Shayla Bullard, Red Oak; 9th: Brittny Doyle, Buffalo Valley; 10th: Justin Duggan, Wilburton.



Cross Breed Champion, Hannah Palmer, Idabel.



Class V – 1st: Rachalle Dinardo, Jones Academy; 2nd: Mason Crenshaw, Red Oak; 3rd: Hannah Beames, Howe; 4th: Kacie Raines, Wister; 5th: Joe Paxton, Wetumka; 6th: Ashlee Blaylock, Poteau; 7th: Kerry Hollie, Bokoshe; 8th: Jadyn Wills, Kiowa.

Class VI – 1st: Hannah Palmer, Idabel; 2nd: Tristian Hill, Smithville; 3rd: Jacob Stacey, Stuart; 4th: B.J. Nunn, Jones Academy; 5th: Allysia Brown, Jones Academy; 6th: Blair Smallwood, Talihina; 7th: RaeGail Wilson, Hartshorne; 8th: Jacob Murray, Quinton; 9th: Ciara Rogers, Spiro; 10th: Nicholas Knowles, Buffalo Valley; 11th: Dakota Hokit, Buffalo Valley.

Class VII – 1st: Hillaree Cox, Spiro; 2nd: Bryce Livingston, Wilburton; 3rd: Whitney Sebo, Spiro; 4th: Paitin Robertson, Rattan; 5th: Dylan Kincade, Moss; 6th: Darylene Blaine, Jones Academy; 7th: Justin Frost, Wister; 8th: Brittny Doyle, Buffalo Valley; 9th: Jessica Sampson, Jones Academy; 10th: Kassie Holland, Talihina; 11th: Destiney Duggan, Panola.

Class VIII – 1st: Colton Baker, Hartshorne; 2nd: Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville; 3rd: Landon Moody, Moss; 4th: Travis Cox, Spiro; 5th: Sidney Moore, Jones Academy; 6th: Garry Thompson, Stuart; 7th: Mikey Guazdausky, Wilburton; 8th: Tanner Goforth, Moss; 9th: Lacy Emmert, Buffalo Valley.

Class IX – 1st: Lexie Moody, Moss; 2nd: Landon Moody, Moss; 3rd: Emily Jackson, Hartshorne; 4th: Freddy James, Wilburton; 5th: Logan Odom, Albion; 6th: Lane Hunter, Buffalo Valley; 7th: JohnRoss Christenberry, Cameron; 8th: Travis Mize, Spiro; 9th: Blaine Watts, Rattan; 10th: Nicholas Spearman, Quinton.

Class X – 1st: Lucas Morris, Vian; 2nd: Morgan Mings, Whitesboro; 3rd: Morgan Crenshaw, Red Oak; 4th: Trevor Smith, Hodgen; 5th: Whitney Sebo, Spiro; 6th: Rick Morgan, Hartshorne; 7th: Paitin Robertson, Rattan; 8th: Jarad James, Wilburton; 9th: Dalton Wood, Hartshorne; 10th: Landon Carper, Rattan.

Class XI – 1st: Bubba O'Bryan, Whitesboro; 2nd: Tylor Bush, Haileyville; 3rd: Bubba Knight, Red Oak; 4th: Rachel Smith, Heavener; 5th: Kelsey Brown, Buffalo Valley; 6th: Ariel LeForce, Broken Bow; 7th: Matt Bruner, Haileyville.

#### - GOATS -

Grand Champion – Walker Gragg, Spiro. Reserve Grand Champion – Emily Jackson, Hartshorne. Jr. Goat Showmanship – Adrianna Curnutt, Wister.

Sr. Goat Showmanship – Blake Jackson, Hartshorne.

Class I – 1st: Ramey Baughman, Hartshorne; 2nd: James Savage, Haileyville; 3rd: Cortney Love, Buffalo Valley; 4th: Shelbie Smith, Buffalo Valley; 5th: Calli Baughman, Hartshorne; 6th: James Savage, Haileyville.

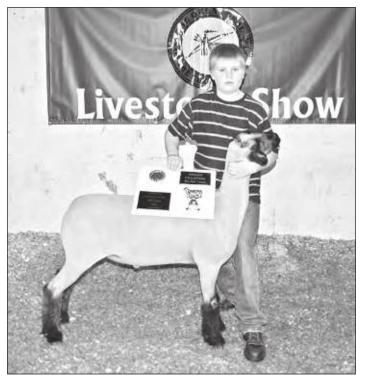
Class II – 1st: Hunter Mason, Hartshorne; 2nd: Rachel Baker, Hartshorne; 3rd: Dakota Hokit, Buffalo Valley; 4th: Logan Suter, Haileyville; 5th: Shelbie Smith, Buffalo Valley; 6th: McKenzie Maxwell, Tuskahoma; 7th: Lane Bandy, Whitesboro; 8th: Ty Pilkington, Hodgen.

Class III – 1st: Michaela Phillips, Moss; 2nd: Jeffery Hardwick, Moss; 3rd: Sky Williams, Spiro; 4th: Dakota Hokit, Buffalo Valley; 5th: Logan Suter, Haileyville; 6th: Heather Finch, Canadian; 7th: Branden Potts, Clayton; 8th: Jacob Stacey, Stuart; 9th: Brittany Watkins, Buffalo Valley.

Class IV – 1st: Kyle Pingleton, Hartshorne; 2nd: Cortney Brown, Wister; 3rd: James Savage, Haileyville; 4th: Brileigh Thornton, Spiro; 5th: Kirby Needham, Quinton; 6th: Jacob Stacey, Stuart; 7th: Kaela Potts, Clayton; 8th: April Brown, Clayton; 9th: McKenzie Maxwell, Tuskahoma.

Class V – 1st: Jeffery Hardwick, Moss; 2nd: Logan Suter, Haileyville; 3rd: Jacob Stacey, Stuart; 4th: Lane Bandy, Whitesboro; 5th: Justin Maxwell, Tuskahoma; 6th: Cody Bull, Panola; 7th: Kirby Needham, Quinton; 8th: Savannah Brannon, Crowder.

Class VI – 1st: Walker Gragg, Spiro; 2nd: Emily Jackson, Hartshorne: 3rd: Callie Curnutt, Wister: 4th: Megan Marrow, Whites-



Grand Champion Lamb, Matt Effinger, Canadian.



Reserve Grand Champion Lamb, Emily Shaw, Buffalo Valley.



Cross Reserve Breed Champion, Colton Baker, Hartshorne.



Grand Champion Goat, Walker Gragg, Spiro.



Reserve Grand Champion Goat, Emily Jackson, Hartshorne.

boro; 5th: Talon Coleman, Moss; 6th: April Brown, Clayton; 7th: Brianne Watkins, Buffalo Valley; 8th: Jaymie Watkins, Buffalo Valley; 9th: Dustin Finch, Canadian.

Class VII – 1st: Blake Jackson, Hartshorne; 2nd: Matthew Barnes, Spiro; 3rd: Adrianna Curnutt, Wister; 4th: Megan Marrow, Whitesboro; 5th: Megan Marrow, Whitesboro; 6th: Talon Coleman, Moss; 7th: Colton Woolbright, Wister; 8th: Dustin Finch, Canadian; 9th: Kirby Needham, Quinton.

#### -LAMBS-

Grand Champion Lamb – Matt Effinger, Canadian. Reserve Grand Champion Lamb – Emily Shaw, Buffalo Valley.

Jr. Lamb Showmanship – Emily Shaw, Buffalo Valley. Sr. Lamb Showmanship – Ariel LeForce, Broken Bow.

Class I – 1st: Bo Lewis, Kiowa; 2nd: Paige Campagna, Red Oak; 3rd: Jenny Morgan, Red Oak; 4th: Jenny Morgan, Red Oak; 5th: McKenzie Maxwell, Tuskahoma; 6th: Roberta England, Panama.

Class II – 1st: Katherine Ashby, Panola; 2nd: J.D. Chancellor, Talihina; 3rd: Amanda Hall, Poteau; 4th: Katey Johnson, Whitesboro; 5th: Shaniqua Hokit, Buffalo Valley.

Class III – 1st: Kristyn Adams, Wilburton; 2nd: Sara Effinger, Canadian; 3rd: Katie Williams, Spiro; 4th: Hailey Raines, Fanshawe; 5th: Heather Edington, Red Oak.

Class IV – 1st: Christen Shaw, Buffalo Valley; 2nd: Dallin Shaw, Buffalo Valley; 3rd: Shaniqua Hokit, Buffalo Valley; 4th: Katherine Goodman, Talihina; 5th: Lacey Hotubbee, Moyers; 6th: Matthew Barnes, Spiro; 7th: Bethany Shaw, Buffalo Valley; 8th: Dallin Shaw, Buffalo Valley; 9th: Justin Maxwell, Tuskahoma; 10th: Hailey Raines, Fanshawe.

Class V – 1st: Emily Shaw, Buffalo Valley; 2nd: Bethany Shaw, Buffalo Valley; 3rd: Madelyn Guazdausky, Wilburton; 4th: Ariel LeForce, Broken Bow; 5th: Rhiannon Bean, Broken Bow; 6th: Morgan Mings, Whitesboro; 7th: Jeffery Hardwick, Moss; 8th: Logan Suter, Haileyville.

Class VI – 1st: Matt Effinger, Canadian; 2nd: Ariel LeForce, Broken Bow; 3rd: Megan Lewis, Kiowa; 4th: Kristyn Adams, Wilburton; 5th: Madelyn Guazdausky, Wilburton; 6th: Scott Helm, Talihina; 7th: Cassie Watkins, Talihina; 8th: Randy Bean, Broken Bow.

Class VII – 1st: Kristyn Adams, Wilburton; 2nd: Blake Jackson, Hartshorne; 3rd: J.D. Chancellor, Talihina; 4th: Scott Helm, Talihina; 5th: Logan Suter, Haileyville.

#### -HEIFERS-

Grand Supreme Heifer – Autumn Cato, Webbers Falls. Reserve Grand Supreme Heifer – Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville.

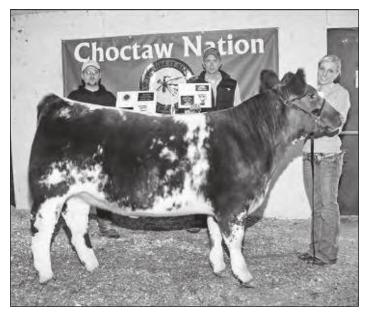
#### English

Breed Champion – Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville. Reserve Breed Champion – Hailey Henry, McCurtain. Class I – 1st: Jordan Thomason, Hartshorne. Class II – 1st: Ashton Thomason, Hartshorne; 2nd: Derek Shaw,

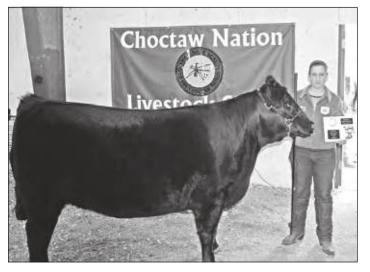
Class II – 1st: Ashton Thomason, Hartshorne; 2nd: Derek Shaw Buffalo Valley.

Class III – 1st: Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville; 2nd: Brooke Ramsey, Checotah; 3rd: Brooke Ramsey, Checotah. Class IV – 1st: Ashton Forwoodson, Wilburton.

Grand Supreme Heifer, Autumn Cato, Webbers Falls. Pictured with Autumn are Councilmen Kenny Bryant, Bob Pate and Delton Cox.



Reserve Grand Supreme Heifer and English Breed Champion, Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville.



English Reserve Breed Champion Heifer, Hailey Henry, Mc-Curtain.

Class V – 1st: Hailey Henry, McCurtain; 2nd: Kyle Pingleton, Hartshorne; 3rd: Candace Wilson, Clayton; 4th: Katherine Goodman, Talihina; 5th: Clint Crane, Wister. Class VI – 1st: Ashton Thomason, Hartshorne.



Continental Breed Champion Heifer, Hailey Henry, McCurtain.



Continental Reserve Breed Champion Heifer, Leonard Oxtoby, Braggs.



Brahman Influence Breed Champion Heifer, Ace'Lee Pittman, Wright City.





AOB Breed Champion Heifer, Autumn Cato, Webbers Falls, pictured with Councilmen Kenny Bryant, Bob Pate and Delton Cox.

#### Continental

Breed Champion – Hailey Henry, McCurtain. Reserve Breed Champion – Leonard Oxtoby, Braggs. Class I – 1st: Tarah Satterfield, McCurtain.

Class II – 1st: Leonard Oxtoby, Braggs; 2nd: Kassadi Click, Muldrow; 3rd: Brandon Johnson, Stigler; 4th: Chance Breseer, Hartshorne.

Class III – 1st: Hailey Henry, McCurtain; 2nd: Todd McGee-, Red Oak; 3rd: Kristyn Adams, Wilburton.

Class IV – 1st: Kyle Pingleton, Hartshorne; 2nd: Brittan Raines, Red Oak; 3rd: Crystina Marshall, Idabel.

Class V – 1st: Brandon Johnson, Stigler; 2nd: Heather O'Neal, Talihina; 3rd: Kelbie Kennedy, Talihina; 4th: Kacee Knight, Leflore; 5th: Jessica Marshall, Idabel.

#### **Brahman Influence**

Breed Champion – Ace'Lee Pittman, Wright City. Class I – 1st: Ace'Lee Pittman, Wright City.

#### AOB

Breed Champion – Autumn Cato, Webbers Falls. Reserve Breed Champion – Langston Upton, Wister. Class I – 1st: Leonard Oxtoby, Braggs; 2nd: Brice Wilson, Po-

teau; 3rd: Tyler Satterfield, McCurtain.

Class II – 1st: Autumn Cato, Webbers Falls; 2nd: Jacob Hollan, Leflore; 3rd: Callie Long, Stigler; 4th: Jace Blaylock, Mc-Curtain.

Class III – 1st: Landon Moody, Moss; 2nd: Langston Upton, Wister; 3rd: Bailey Henry, McCurtain.

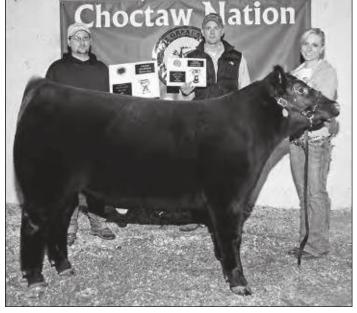
Class IV – 1st: Brandon Johnson, Stigler; 2nd: Audra Powell, Wister; 3rd: Heather O'Neal, Talihina; 4th: Chelsea Blaylock, McCurtain; 5th: Derek Shaw, Buffalo Valley; 6th: Kelsey Crane, Wister.

Class V – 1st: Langston Upton, Wister; 2nd: Tarah Satterfield, McCurtain.

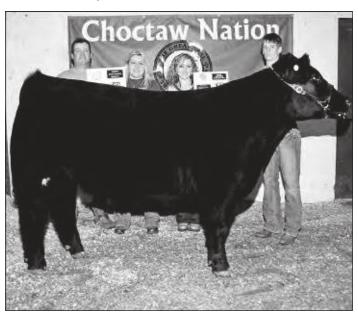
Class VI – 1st: Kelbie Kennedy, Talihina; 2nd: Katherine Goodman, Talihina.

#### - STEERS -

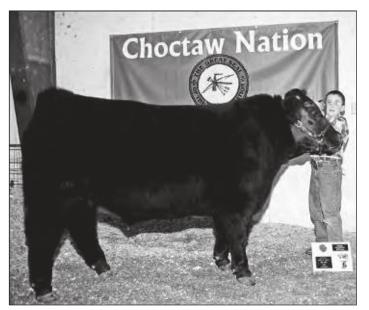
Grand Champion Steer – Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville. Reserve Grand Champion – Trastin Blaylock, McCurtain. Jr. Beef Showmanship – Hailey Henry, McCurtain. Sr. Beef Showmanship – Brooke Ramsey, Checotah.



Grand Champion and English Breed Champion Steer, Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville.



Reserve Grand Champion Steer and Continental Breed Champion, Trastin Blaylock, McCurtain.



AOB Breed Champion, Cody Bull, Panola.

AOB Reserve Breed Champion Heifer, Langston Upton, Wister, pictured with Councilmen Kenny Bryant, Bob Pate and Delton Cox.

#### DURANT LIVESTOCK SHOW - SWINE -

Swine Grand Champion – Kirsten Rogers, Calera. Swine Reserve Grand – Blake Kennedy, Tecumseh. Sr. Showman – Seth Parish, Tishomingo. Jr. Showman – Madison Rogers, Calera.

#### Berk

Breed Champion – Blake Medders, Battiest. Reserve Breed – Crystal Reeder, Wapanucka. Class I – 1st: Blake Medders, Battiest; 2nd: Crystal Reeder, Wapanucka; 3rd: Samantha McCary, Battiest; 4th: Jayci Braudrick, Bennington; 5th: Anita Hudson, Harrah.

Chester

Breed Champion - Madison Rogers, Calera.

#### English

Breed Champion – Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville. Reserve Breed Champion – Kyle Pingleton, Hartshorne. Class I – 1st: Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville. Class II – 1st: Kyle Pingleton, Hartshorne; 2nd: Troy Bowden, McCurtain.

#### Continental

Breed Champion – Trastin Blaylock, McCurtain.

Reserve Breed Champion – Noah Irwin, Hartshorne. Class I – 1st: Noah Irwin, Hartshorne; 2nd: Troy Bowden, Mc-Curtain; 3rd: Lane Williams, Idabel.

Class II – 1st: Trastin Blaylock, McCurtain; 2nd: Kassadi Click,

Reserve Breed - Jared Brooks, Wapanucka.

Class I – 1st: Jared Brooks, Wapanucka; 2nd: Caleb Rhoades, Turner; 3rd: Mekyla Jacobs, Coalgate; 4th: Jeremiah Weeden, Coalgate; 5th: Neiatha Hardy, Coalgate; 6th: Nate Hardy, Coalgate; 7th: Damien Hamilton, Coalgate.

Class II – 1st: Madison Rogers, Calera; 2nd: Ross Davis, Dickson; 3rd: Miranda Jone, Thackerville; 4th: Samantha McCarry, Battiest; 5th: Caitlin Hudson, Harrah.

#### Duroc

Breed Champion – Seth Parish, Tishomingo. Reserve Breed – Brittany Christian, Prairie Valley.

Class I – 1st: Logan Hatter, Wapanucka; 2nd: Jessica Collins, Wapanucka; 3rd: Taylor Dancer, Bennington; 4th: Elaina Watts, Battiest; 5th: Megan Garside, Stringtown; 6th: Deedra Tonihka, Battiest; 7th: Daniel Venable, Holdenville; 8th: Colby Cole, Stringtown; 9th: Morgan Perrin, Battiest.

Muldrow; 3rd: Noah Irwin, Hartshorne; 4th: Randa Anson, Wister.

#### AOB

Breed Champion – Cody Bull, Panola. Reserve Breed Champion – Kagney Scarberry, Leflore.

Class I – 1st: Glen Frost, Wister; 2nd: Katherine Ashby, Panola.

Class II – 1st: Kagney Scarberry, Leflore; 2nd: Kagney Scarberry, Leflore.

Class III – 1st: Cody Bull, Panola; 2nd: RaeGail Wilson, Hartshorne.

Class II – 1st: Brittany Christian, Prairie Valley; 2nd: Kirsten Rogers, Calera; 3rd: Alissa Rhoades, Turner; 4th: Cooper Wood, Antlers; 5th: Megan Jones, Rock Creek; 6th: Logan Hatter, Wapanucka; 7th: Joshua Lemmond, Wapanucka; 8th: Delano Zahgotah, Battiest.

Class III – 1st: Seth Parish, Tishomingo; 2nd: Kara Bourland, Coalgate; 3rd: Brett Jennings, Byng; 4th: Jayci Braudrick, Bennington; 5th: Elizabeth Blansett, Antlers; 6th: Dalton Davis, Dickson; 7th: Kiley Russell, Caddo; 8th: Shiane Acuna , Boswell; 9th: Trevor Bonds, Soper.

#### Cross

Breed Champion - Kristen Rogers, Calera.

Reserve Breed – Blake Kennedy, Tecumseh.

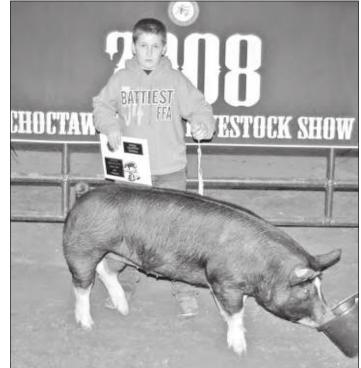
Class I – 1st: Jordan Luman, Asher; 2nd: Jerry Don Lambert, Atoka; 3rd: Deedra Tonihka, Battiest; 4th: Dillon Cummins, Colbert; 5th: Jess Buss, Wapanucka; 6th: Jared Brooks, Wapanucka;



Swine Grand Champion and Cross Breed Champion, Kirsten Rogers, Calera, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh.



Swine Reserve Grand and Cross Reserve Breed Champion, Blake Kennedy, Tecumseh, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh.



Berk Breed Champion, Blake Medders, Battiest.



Berk Reserve Breed, Crystal Reeder, Wapanucka, with Councilman Mike Amos.



Chester Breed Champion, Madison Rogers, Calera, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh.



7th: Clair Cole, Stringtown; 8th: Richard Bragg, Soper; 9th: Alexis Thompson, Hugo; 10th: Devin Bond, Hugo.

Class II - 1st: Misty Henderson, Soper; 2nd: Janica Williams, Rock Creek; 3rd: Lindsey Broughton, Tushka; 4th: Jake Allen, Caddo; 5th: Justin Hall, Tushka; 6th: Lindsey Broughton, Tushka; 7th: Sage Rice, Soper; 8th: Dustin Bailey, Hugo.

Class III - 1st: Bridgett Christian, Coalgate; 2nd: Baylor Jestis, Durant; 3rd: Casey Cook, Madill; 4th: Jackson Ferguson, Soper; 5th: Sam Roebuck, Soper; 6th: Dillon Burns, Coalgate; 7th: Shelby Gallant, Soper; 8th: Lance Moore, Madill; 9th: Baylee Whitley, Colbert; 10th: Kalie Foster, Wapanucka.

Class IV - 1st: Blake Kennedy, Tecumseh; 2nd: Kirsten Roger, Calera; 3rd: Cooper Wood, Antlers; 4th: Kara Bourland, Coalgate; 5th: Aspen Clemens, Coal County; 6th: Willie McKinney, Coalgate; 7th: Austin Lemmond, Wapanucka; 8th: Kendal Foster, Coleman; 9th: Elaina Watts, Battiest; 10th: Ashlyn Finch, Soper.

Class V - 1st: Kiley Russell, Caddo; 2nd: Jessica Collins, Wapanucka; 3rd: Corby Ake, Tupelo; 4th: Samual Fields, Wright City; 5th: Shelby Gallant, Soper; 6th: James Todd, Soper; 7th: Lakesha Hawkins, Madill; 8th: Dusty Belvin, Boswell; 9th: Morgan Ray, Hugo.

Class VI - 1st: Kirsten Rogers, Calera; 2nd: Austin Jestis, Durant; 3rd: Nathan Thompson, Hugo; 4th: Jake Johnson, Antlers; 5th: Blake Medders, Battiest; 6th: Delano Zahgotah, Battiest; 7th: Dylan Henderson, Soper; 8th: Hunter Ray, Hugo.

Class VII – 1st: Megan Jones, Rock Creek; 2nd: Bryce Carter, Councilman Ted Dosh. Soper; 3rd: Trevor Bonds, Soper.

#### Hamp

Breed Champion – Hayden Bell, Madill.

Reserve Breed - Mason Emert, Bennington.

Class I - 1st: Dakota Robinson, Caddo; 2nd: Malerey Luman, Asher; 3rd: Bridgett Christian, Prairie Valley; 4th: Grant Jeter, Tishomingo; 5th: Bryan Keller, Tushka; 6th: Drew Parker, Tupelo; 7th: Taylor Dancer, Bennington; 8th: Daniel Venable, Holdenville; 9th: Brain James, Hugo.

Class II - 1st: Kevin Adkinson, Tishomingo; 2nd: Aubree Goodwin, Calera; 3rd: Tandra Elkins, Coalgate; 4th: Madelynn Miles, Soper; 5th: Brady Jennings, Byng; 6th: Seth Parish, Tishomingo; 7th: Sean Keeler, Tushka; 8th: Lindsey Broughton, Tushka; 9th: Kevin Bond, Hugo; 10th: Kyle King, Kingston.

Class III - 1st: Blake Kennedy, Tecumseh; 2nd: Josie Redwine, Boswell; 3rd: Bradley Nichols, Colbert; 4th: Haden Bell, Madill; 5th: Megan Jones, Rock Creek; 6th: Breanna Baumert, Wapanucka; 7th: Bailey Priddy, Tishomingo; 8th: Jeromy Teal, Bennington; 9th: Delano Zahgotah, Battiest; 10th: Nathan Thompson, Hugo; 11th: Kalie Foster, Wapanucka.

Class IV - 1st: Caitlin Roebuck, Soper; 2nd: Ashley Jones, Thackerville; 3rd: Austin Clemens, Coal County; 4th: Dillon Burns, Coalgate; 5th: Brett Jennings, Byng; 6th: Joseph Thompson, Hugo; 7th: Madison Cress, Boswell; 8th: Cheyenne Frizell, Maysville; 9th: Kacy Davis, Maysville; 10th: Casey Cook, Madill; 11th: Kyle King, Kingston.

Class V - 1st: Haden Bell, Madill; 2nd: Mason Emert, Bennington; 3rd: Baylor Jestis, Durant; 4th: Sarah Thompson, Hugo; 5th: Kesha Fryer, Caddo; 6th: William Minyard, Bennington; 7th: Jase Holder, Atoka; 8th: Eric Tyler Minyard, Bennington; 9th: Erik Patty, Rock Creek; 10th: Taylor Henry, Kingston.

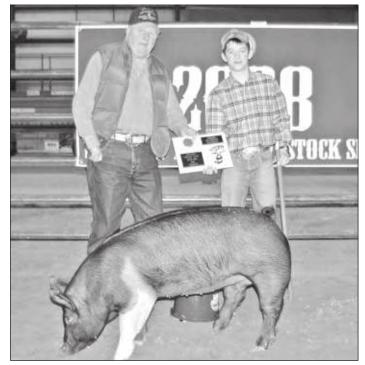
Poland

Breed Champion - Cooie Potts, Atoka. Reserve Breed – Mariah Clagg, Maysville. Class I – 1st: Cooie Potts, Atoka; 2nd: Mariah Clagg, Maysville; 3rd: Jacob Fielder, Maysville; 4th: Amber King, Kingston.

Spot

Breed Champion – Carly Davis, Maysville. Reserve Breed - Mason Emert, Bennington.

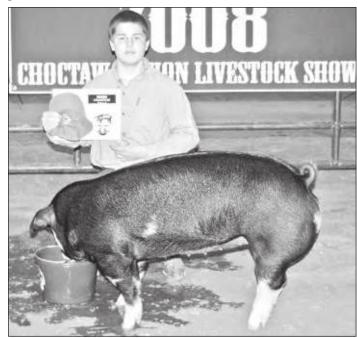
Class I - 1st: Carly Davis, Maysville; 2nd: Josie Redwine, Boswell; 3rd: Brittany Christian, Prairie Valley; 4th: Brady Jennings, Byng; 5th: Bailey Priddy, Tishomingo; 6th: Aaron Airington, Caddo; 7th: Jeromy Teal, Bennington; 8th: Anita Hudson, Harrah; 9th: Damien Hamilton, Coalgate; 10th: Aaron Airington, Caddo. Class II - 1st: Mason Emert, Bennington; 2nd: Holden Bell, Madill; 3rd: Caleb Rhoades, Turner; 4th: Ashley Jones, Thackerville; 5th: Taylor Runyan, Atoka; 6th: David Dill, Rock Creek; 7th: Padyn Hobgood, Colbert; 8th: Samantha McCary, Battiest; 9th: Kaitlin Fryer, Caddo.



Hamp Breed Champion, Hayden Bell, Madill, pictured with



Hamp Reserve Breed Champion, Mason Emert, Bennington, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh.



Chester Reserve Breed Champion, Jared Brooks, Wapanucka, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh.



Duroc Breed Champion, Seth Parish, Tishomingo, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh

Poland Breed Champion, Cooie Potts, Atoka.



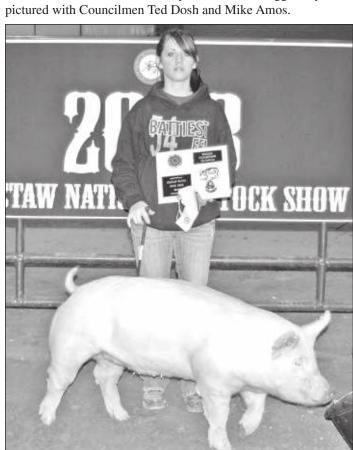
Poland Reserve Breed Champion, Mariah Clagg, Maysville,



Duroc Reserve Breed Champion, Brittany Christian, Prairie Valley, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh.



Spot Reserve Breed Champion, Mason Emert, Bennington, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh.



York Breed Champion, Morgan Lee Perrin, Battiest.



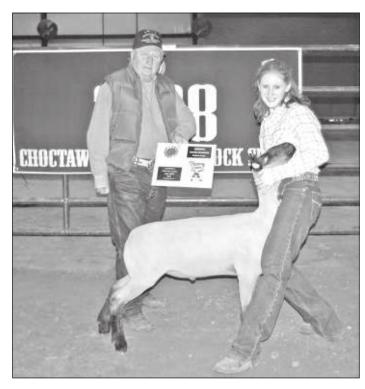
Spot Breed Champion, Carly Davis, Maysville, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh.



York Reserve Breed Champion, Madison Rogers, Calera.



Sheep Grand Champion, Kelsey Jones, Thackerville.



#### YORK

Breed Champion – Morgan Lee Perrin, Battiest. Reserve Breed – Madison Rogers, Calera.

Class I – 1st: Morgan Lee Perrin, Battiest; 2nd: Grant Jeter, Tishomingo; 3rd: Kannon Jackson, Durant; 4th: Kanda Jackson, Durant; 5th: Holden Bell, Madill; 6th: Wyatt Hartsfield, Wapanucka; 7th: Robert Garside, Stringtown; 8th: Jeremiah Weeden, Coalgate; 9th: Taylor Henry, Kingston.

Class II – 1st: Jessica Collins, Wapanucka; 2nd: Mason Clagg, Maysville; 3rd: Ross Priddy, Tishomingo; 4th: Janica Williams, Rock Creek; 5th: Cheyenne Frizell, Maysville; 6th: Sahara Jump, Coal County; 7th: Jess Buss, Wapanucka; 8th: Caitlin Hudson, Harrah.

Class III – 1st: Madison Rogers, Calera; 2nd: Kesha Fryer, Caddo; 3rd: Kara Bourland, Coalgate; 4th: Jett Gardner, Antlers; 5th: Ashley Jones, Thackerville; 6th: Trey Herman, Soper; 7th: Kiley Russell, Caddo; 8th: Trey Herman, Soper; 9th: Chrissy Dill, Rock Creek.

#### – SHEEP –

Grand Champion – Kelsey Jones, Thackerville. Reserve Grand – Larriann Chambers, Tushka. Senior Showman – Colby Impson, Calvin. Junior Showman – Julienne Fielder, Maysville.

Class I – 1st: Ethan Schuth, Durant; 2nd: Ashley Harris, Durant; 3rd: Jessa Jemison, Wapanucka; 4th: Jaylee Riley, Cottonwood; 5th: Macy Powell, Durant; 6th: Nicole Pittman, Boswell; 7th: Jaydin Riley, Cottonwood; 8th: Landon Lynch, Coalgate.

Class II – 1st: Larriann Chambers, Tushka; 2nd: Ethan Schuth, Durant; 3rd: Logan Lynch, Tupelo; 4th: Breanna Baumert, Wapanucka; 5th: Courtney Nolen, Calvin; 6th: Juan Lopez, Hugo; 7th: Cody Self, Soper; 8th: Jessica Williams, Ryan; 9th: Nicholas Roebuck, Coalgate.

Class III – 1st: Kelsey Jones, Thackerville; 2nd: Colby Impson, Calvin; 3rd: Shacole Thompson, Coalgate; 4th: Morgan Venable, Moss; 5th: LaTildra Bullard, Tupelo; 6th: Jaymin Riley, Coalgate; 7th: Jess Buss, Wapanucka; 8th: Alyson Chapman, Coalgate; 9th: Courtney Nolen, Calvin.

Class IV – 1st: Kelsey Jones, Thackerville; 2nd: Julienne Fielder, Maysville; 3rd: Nikki Schuth, Durant; 4th: Larriann Chambers, Tushka; 5th: Jayci Braudrick, Bennington; 6th: Tiffany Adkinson, Tishomingo; 7th: Jareth Ray, Wapanucka; 8th: Brooke Roebuck, Cottonwood.

Class V – 1st: Skyler Betterton, Sulphur; 2nd: Tanner McKee, Soper; 3rd: Randi Staton, Hugo; 4th: Jareth Ray, Wapanucka; 5th: Brooke Roebuck, Cottonwood; 6th: LaTildra Bullard, Tupelo; 7th: Morgan Venable, Moss.

Class VI – 1st: Nikki Schuth, Durant; 2nd: Colby Impson, Calvin; 3rd: Morgan House, Tishomingo; 4th: Jessica Williams, Ryan; 5th: Julienne Fielder, Maysville; 6th: Miranda Finch, Soper; 7th: Elaina Watts, Battiest; 8th: Nicholas Roebuck, Coalgate; 9th: Justin Long, Cottonwood; 10th: Justin Long, Cottonwood.

Class VII – 1st: Colby Impson, Calvin; 2nd: Julienne Fielder, Maysville; 3rd: Ethan Schuth, Durant; 4th: Mia McKee, Soper; 5th: Tyler Barnett, Achille; 6th: Skyler Betterton, Sulphur; 7th: Jessica Williams, Ryan; 8th: Alyson Chapman, Coalgate; 9th: Dillon Williams, Ryan.

Class VIII – 1st: Dylan Walker, Sulphur; 2nd: Randi Staton, Hugo; 3rd: Tyler Barnett, Achille; 4th: Nikki Schuth, Durant; 5th: Sonny Dutchover, Achille; 6th: Dillon Williams, Ryan; 7th: Breanna Baumert, Wapanucka; 8th: Mattie Ferguson, Soper.



Grand Champion Heifer and AOB Breed Champion Heifer, Lauren Slover, Tishomingo, pictured with Councilmen Anthony Dillard and Ted Dosh.



Reserve Supreme Heifer and Breed Champion Continental Heifer, Timber Stephens, Atoka, pictured with Councilmen Anthony Dillard and Ted Dosh.



English Breed Champion Heifer, Colby Jones, Coalgate, pictured with Councilmen Ted Dosh, James Frazier, Perry Thompson and Anthony Dillard.



- GOATS -

Sheep Reserve Grand, Champion, Larriann Chambers, Tushka, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh.



Goat Grand Champion, Kelsey Chambers, Tushka, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh.



Goat Reserve Champion, Blake Kennedy, Tecumseh, pictured with Councilmen Ted Dosh and Mike Amos.

Grand Champion – Kelsey Chambers, Tushka. Reserve Champion – Blake Kennedy, Tecumseh. Senior Showman – Kelsey Moore, Madill. Junior Showman – Jayci Braudrick, Bennington. Class I – 1st: Daniel Venable, Holdenville; 2nd: Collin Steenson, Caddo: 3rd: Bradley Martin, Boswell: 4th: Jacob Jones.

venson, Caddo; 3rd: Bradley Martin, Boswell; 4th: Jacob Jones, Roff; 5th: Tanner McKee, Soper; 6th: Tyna McKee, Soper; 7th: Tad Holt, Bennington; 8th: Tayler Hedgecock, Durant.

Class II – 1st: Wyatt Hartsfield, Wapanucka; 2nd: Tracy Brown. Boswell; 3rd: Sydnee Hartsfield, Wapanucka; 4th: Dalton Davis, Dickson; 5th: Aaron Orr, Coalgate; 6th: Ross Davis, Dickson; 7th: Gunnar Hemingway, Fort Towson; 8th: Mia Mckee, Soper; 9th: Tanner McKee, Soper.

Class III – 1st: Caleb Brown, Boswell; 2nd: Rebeckah Boykin, Soper; 3rd: Kristen Allen, Bennington; 4th: Ross Davis, Dickson; 5th: Brenton Berryhill, Boswell; 6th: Shane Jemison, Wapanucka; 7th: Jacob Jones, Roff; 8th: Tyler Johnson, Caddo; 9th: Abby Virden, Boswell; 10th: Peyton Joines, Caddo.

Class IV – 1st: Kelsey Chambers, Tushka; 2nd: Sadie Avants, Tushka; 3rd: Jamie Hollingsworth, Bennington; 4th: Kelsey Young, Soper; 5th: Daniel Venable, Holdenville; 6th: Michaela Jump, Coalgate; 7th: Collin Stevenson, Caddo; 8th: James Porter Goodwin, Boswell; 9th: Syamantha Smith, Stringtown.

Class V – 1st: Amber Frazier, Tushka; 2nd: Colton Slawson, Tushka; 3rd: Tyler Barnett, Achille; 4th: Isaac Cooper, Tushka; 5th: J.B. Bell, Madill; 6th: Dalton Davis, Dickson; 7th: Patrick Joines, Caddo; 8th: Jacob Jones, Roff; 9th: James Futrell, Soper; 10th: Crystal Reeder, Wapanucka.

Class VI – 1st: Kelsey Chambers, Tushka; 2nd: Mallory Miller, Bennington; 3rd: Nikki Hartin, Madill; 4th: Jareth Ray, Wapanucka; 5th: Crystal Reeder, Wapanucka; 6th: Tasha Lockler, Bennington; 7th: Dusty Belvin, Boswell; 8th: Crystal Reeder, Wapanucka; 9th: Aaron Orr, Coalgate; 10th: Brandon Lee, Wapanucka.

Class VII – 1st: Blake Kennedy, Tecumseh; 2nd: Rebeckah Boykin, Soper; 3rd: Wyatt Hartsfield, Wapanucka; 4th: Shelby Lewis, Allen; 5th: Dillon Burns, Coalgate; 6th: Russell Jones, Fort Towson; 7th: Stacee Bacon, Boswell; 8th: Michaela Jump, Coalgate; 9th: Judge Hartin, Madill; 10th: James Futrell, Soper.

Class VIII – 1st: Larriann Chambers, Tushka; 2nd: Kelsey Moore, Madill; 3rd: Shelby Lewis, Allen; 4th: Ralph Jareth Ray, Wapanucka; 5th: Tyler Johnson, Caddo; 6th: Shane Jemison, Wapanucka; 7th: Rilee Trammel, Fort Towson; 8th: Kayla Kiogima, Calvin; 9th: Shelby Gallant, Soper.

Class IX – 1st: Jayci Braudrick, Bennington; 2nd: Taylor Bell, Madill; 3rd: Jayce Braudrick, Bennington; 4th: Dillon Burns, Coalgate; 5th: Rebeckah Boykin, Soper; 6th: Aaron Purkins, Caddo; 7th: Nikki Hartin, Madill; 8th: Michaela Jump, Coalgate; 9th: Aaron Purkins, Caddo; 10th: Judge Hartin, Madill.

Class X – 1st: Blake Kennedy, Tecumseh; 2nd: Shana Johnson, Allen; 3rd: Dillon Burns, Coalgate; 4th: Shelby Lewis, Allen; 5th: Madison Abney, Latta; 6th: Zach Pebsworth, Boswell; 7th: J.B. Bell, Madill; 8th: Shana Johnson, Allen; 9th: Madison Cress, Boswell; 10th: Kelsey Moore, Madill.

Class XI – 1st: Tyler Barnett, Achille; 2nd: Shana Johnson, Allen; 3rd: Kelsey Moore, Madill; 4th: Taylor Bell, Madill; 5th: Madison Abney, Latta; 6th: Dalton Davis, Dickson; 7th: Daxton Cox, Stringtown.

English Reserve Breed Champion Heifer, Joshua Eaves, Tushka, pictured with Councilmen Anthony Dillard and Ted Dosh.



Continental Reserve Breed Champion Heifer, Haylie McGowan, Colbert, pictured with Councilmen James Frazier, Anthony Dillard, Perry Thompson and Ted Dosh.

#### **DURANT BEEF SHOW**

Senior Showman – Timber Stephens, Atoka. Junior Showman – Haylie McGowan, Colbert.

#### - HEIFERS -

Grand Champion – Lauren Slover, Tishomingo. Reserve Champion – Timber Stephens, Atoka.

#### English

Breed Champion: Colby Jones, Coalgate. Reserve Breed: Joshua Eaves, Tushka. Class I – 1st: Colby Jones, Coalgate; 2nd: Joshua Eaves, Tushka; 3rd: Sara Benton, Boles; 4th: Dalton Smith, Boswell. Class II – 1st: Joshua Eaves, Tushka; 2nd: Dusty Pebsworth, Boswell; 3rd: Jesse Pebsworth, Boswell.

#### Continental

Breed Champion – Timber Stephens, Atoka. Reserve Breed Champion – Haylie McGowan, Colbert



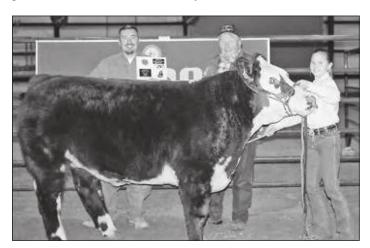
Brahman Influence Breed Champion, Dustin Cochran, Harmony.



Brahman Influence Reserve Breed Champion Heifer, Megan Garside, Stringtown, pictured with Councilmen James Frazier, Anthony Dillard, Perry Thompson and Ted Dosh.



AOB Reserve Breed Champion Heifer, Ridge Stephens, Atoka, pictured with Councilmen Anthony Dillard and Ted Dosh.



Class I - 1st: Haylie McGowan, Colbert; 2nd: Jacob Hartin, Madill; 3rd: Laramie Beal, Coalgate; 4th: Levi Shelby, Madill; 5th: Haylie McGowan, Colbert; 6th: Leslie Carter, Calera.

Class II - 1st: Luke Serner, Durant; 2nd: Taylor Mobbs, Tushka; 3rd: Lauren Slover, Tishomingo; 4th: Laredo Beal, Coalgate; 5th; Parker Mobbs, Tushka; 6th: Macheala Adkinson, Tishomingo; 7th: Kaci Trentham, Coalgate; 8th: Sarah Thompson, Hugo; 9th: Dillon Burns, Coalgate; 10th: Randi Staton, Hugo.

Class III - 1st: Timber Stephens, Atoka; 2nd: Dalton Smith, Boswell; 3rd: Jordan Mobbs, Tushka.

#### Brahman

Breed Champion – Dustin Cochran, Harmony. Reserve Breed – Megan Garside, Stringtown.

Class I - 1st: Dustin Cochran, Harmony; 2nd: Megan Garside, Stringtown; 3rd: Robert Garside, Stringtown.

AOB

Breed Champion - Lauren Slover, Tishomingo. Reserve Breed - Ridge Stephens, Atoka.

Class I - 1st: Joshua Hartin, Madill; 2nd: Dakota Robinson, Caddo; 3rd: Kevin Adkinson, Tishomingo; 4th: Kristi Harris, Durant.

Class II - 1st: Lauren Slover, Tishomingo; 2th: John West, Mill Creek; 3rd: Caleb Eaves, Tushka; 4th: Kaitlin Hedgecock, Durant.

Class III - 1st: Ridge Stephens, Atoka; 2nd: Dakota Robinson, Caddo; 3rd: Jaime Williams, Antlers; 4th: Kristi Harris, Durant.

Class IV - 1st: Kent Davidson, Hugo; 2nd: Peyton Mobbs, Tushka; 3rd: Jeromy Teal, Bennington.

Class V - 1st: Lane Stewart, Lone Grove; 2nd: LeAnn Thompson, Hugo; 3rd: Krissy Langley, Soper; 4th: Kenzi Baldwin. Antlers.

Class VI - 1st: Luke Serner, Durant.

#### - STEER -

Grand Champion - Lane Stewart, Lone Grove Reserve Champion - Joshua Hartin, Madill. English

Breed Champion - Lane Stewart, Lone Grove. Reserve Breed – Haylie McGowan, Colbert.

Class I – 1st: Leslie Carter, Calera.

Class II - 1st: Lane Stewart, Lone Grove; 2nd: Kevin Adkinson, Tishomingo.

Class III - 1st: Timber Stephens, Atoka; 2nd: Sahara Jump, Coal County; 3rd: Randi Staton, Hugo.

Class IV - 1st: Haylie McGowan, Colbert. Continental

Breed Champion – Joshua Hartin, Madill.

Reserve Breed – Haylie McGowan, Colbert.

Durant; 3rd: Tierra McAlpin, Tishomingo; 4th: Patrick Ferris, Dosh. Wapanucka; 5th: John West, Mill Creek.

Class II - 1st: Ashton Thompson, Rock Creek; 2nd: Luke Serner, Durant; 3st: Larado Beal, Coalgate; 4th: Terrick McAlpin, Tishomingo.

Class III - 1st: Haylie McGowan, Colbert; 2nd: Ashlyn Scott, Soper; 3rd: Laramie Beal, Coalgate; 4th: Aspen Clemens, Coal County; 5th: Kaci Trentham, Coalgate.

#### AOB

Breed Champion - Machaela Adkinson, Tishomingo. Reserve Breed - Payton Sweeten, Dickson. Class I – 1st: Mason Morris, South Garland.

Class II - 1st: Macheala Adkinson, Tishomingo; 2nd: Payton veeten Dickson: 3rd: Kristi Harris Durant: 4th: Jeromy Teal Bennington.



Grand Champion Steer and English Breed Champion Steer, Lane Stewart, Lone Grove, pictured with Councilmen Anthony Dillard and Ted Dosh.



Reserve Champion Steer and Continental Breed Champion Steer, Joshua Hartin, Madill, pictured with Councilmen Anthony Dillard and Ted Dosh.



Continental Reserve Breed Champion Steer, Haylie McGow-Class I - 1st: Joshua Hartin, Madill; 2nd: Liddy Lahman, an, Colbert, pictured with Councilmen Anthony Dillard and Ted



English Reserve Breed Champion Steer, Haylie McGowan, Colbert, pictured with Councilmen Anthony Dillard and Ted Dosh.

Class III - 1st: Taylor Payne, Soper; 2nd: Cooper Wood, Antlers; 3rd: Dillon Bowen, Silo; 4th: Dusty Pebsworth, Boswell. Class IV – 1st: Leslie Carter, Calera.

The staff and students would like to thank everyone who participated in making the annual Livestock Show the best ever!

AOB Reserve Breed Champion Steer, Payton Sweeten, Dickson, pictured with Councilmen Anthony Dillard and Ted Dosh.

#### Choctaw Veterans Association meets

The executive council of the Choctaw Veterans Association held its quarterly meeting with 14 members present.

The Choctaw Veterans Association has a new cap available. It is similar to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion caps, black with gold piping.

For more information, please contact Nellie Hunter, Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. Box 116, Tupelo, OK 74572. Caps are \$8 each.

The Choctaw Veterans Cemetery is now open for burial. To arrange for a burial, please contact Terry Cole, Historic Preservation, P.O. Box 1210, Durant, OK 74702 or call 1-800-522-6170, ext. 2137. A copy of the burial policies and procedures can be obtained by contacting Nellie Hunter at the address above.

## **Choctaw Nation** MEMORIAL **BRICK SIDEWALK**

#### Wheelock Academy Museum & Gift Shop

Alumni/Families/Friends of Wheelock Academy It's not too late to purchase your Memorial Brick for the Memorial Walk in and around Wheelock Academy. Come look and see how nice they look.

For tax deduction make check payable to: **CHAHTA Foundation, Wheelock Academy** or stop by

#### Wheelock Academy Museum & Gift Shop on Hwy. 70 East, Millerton, Oklahoma, and while there ... visit our gift shop and see the assortment of gift ideas on hand! – wheelock@valliant.net – **Open Monday thru Friday** 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Hwy. 70 East 580-746-2139 Millerton, OK

# Jones Academy Super Students

## Top scholars named for second nine weeks

Wilmer Guerrero and Gabriela Bernal were chosen as Super Students for the second nine weeks of Ms. Lori Wells first/ second grade class. Both students are in the second grade. Wilmer is the son of Anita Jennings of Ada. His favorite subject is math. A motivated student, Wilmer enjoys learning new things. He also likes computer games and playing with his friends.

Gabriela is the granddaughter of Rose Neconie of Tulsa. She has a good attitude about learning. Gabriela likes to read and works hard to complete her assignments in class.

Mrs. Martin named Araceli Ortiz the third grade Super Student. Araceli is the daughter of Jody Ann Ortiz of Tulsa. The fourth grade Super Student is Sayra Rodriquez Chatkehoodle, the daughter of Sonya Chatkehoodle of Tulsa.

Jayelin Chatlin and Kayla Myers were chosen as Mr. Sirmans' fifth grade Super Students. Jayelin is the daughter of Gale Chatlin of Sacaton, Arizona. Education is high on Jayelin's list. She likes math, reading, social studies and of Deidre Myers and is from learning poems. Basketball is her favorite sport.



Standing before the nearly completed school at Jones Academy are Super Students, in front, Wilmer Guerrero and Gabriela Bernal; middle, Kayla Myers, Araceli Ortiz, Sayra Rodriguez Chatkehoodle and Jaylin Chatlin; and in back, Alisha Picone, Gary Burris, Yoniyah Harjo and Constance Van Horn with Administrator Brad Spears.

friends for her love of school. Constance is the daughter of She seeks help and gets it when Carmen Sweezy of Oklahoma are reading, science and social studies. Kayla is the daughter net in the sixth grade band. Wright City.

Gifted and Talented Program, mona Deer of Okemah. Gary Mr. Dugan named Constance sixth grade band and basket- is the son of Gary Burris Sr. of Kayla credits her teachers, Van Horn and Alisha Picone ball. Alisha is the daughter of Lawton. her dormitory roommates and the sixth grade Super Students. Vincent and Sherry Picone of

Wilburton.

Seniors Yoniyah "L.J." Harjo needed. Her favorite subjects City. She is a very dependable and Gary Burris were selected student and also plays the clari- for the Super Student titles at the Jones Academy Alternative Alisha is involved in the School. L.J. is the son of Chu-

Congratulations!

## **OBITUARIES**

## **Hubert Wall**

Hubert Wall, 83, of Burkburnett, Texas, passed away January 15, 2008, in Oklahoma City. He was born April 12, 1924, in Grayson Community near Hartshorne to the late Mary Kincade Wall and Gibson Wall.

Hubert attended Jones Academy until entering military service. He served in the 4th Marine division in World War II in the Pacific from 1942-1945. Among his many battles fought during this time were the battles for Saipan,



Tinian and Iwo Jima. He received the Purple Heart for gunshot wounds during this service. After leaving the military he worked for civil service at McAlester Ammunitions facility and Sheppard Air Force Base until retiring in 1979.

He and Connie Christopher were married on January 11, 1948. The family moved to Burkburnett in 1956 where they joined the Central Baptist Church. Hubert served the Lord faithfully in many capacities for the church, even helping with the construction of the existing church in the early '60s. He had a lifelong enjoyment of the outdoors, including hunting, fishing and trapping among many other part-time hobbies. He found enjoyment helping others with his handiwork, and could be found most evenings studying the Bible or working a crossword puzzle.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Connie Wall of Burkburnett; daughters and sons-in-law, Joanna and Flip Cozby, Carol and Tommy Dodd, and Pamela and Philip Arrington, and sons and daughters-in-law, David and Diana Wall and Herb and Judy Wall, all of Burkburnett and surrounding area; grandchildren, Angela French, Shawn Payne, Scott Dodd, Robin Carpenter, Aaron Wall, Leila Brzezinski and Brett Wall; and nine greatgrandchildren.

## **Austin Willie Chubbee**

Austin Willie Chubbee, 87, of Muskogee passed away January 30, 2008. He was born April 9, 1920, in Keota to Willis and Maud Folsom Chubbee.

Austin enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 1941. He served with the 45th Infantry in Europe during World War II. He was honorably discharged when the war ended in September 1945. Austin retired from the Veterans Affairs Hospital where he worked in security. He served in the honor guard in the American Legion. Austin was a charter member of the First Indian Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Irene Chubbee; two daughters, Vera James of Muskogee and Theresa Gay of Sand Springs; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and his two sisters, Maxine Brammer of Keota and Carolyn Bonaparte of Oklahoma City.

## **Boodie Jo House**

Boodie Jo House, 79, of Soper passed away February 4, 2008. She was born on March 22, 1928, in Choctaw County to Albert and Cleta Chambliss Oakes.

Boodie married Cliff House on May 2, 1945, in Hugo. She had lived in this area all of her life and was a homemaker. Boodie was a member of the Soper Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cliff House on December 26, 1991; one daughter, Linda Allen; two brothers, Charles and Jack Oakes; and two sisters, LaRue Weston and Nadine Rouse Williams. Survivors include three sons, Tommy House and wife Linda of Soper, Charles House and wife Faye of Valliant and Gary House and wife Janet of Soper; one brother, Doug Oakes and wife Jean of Mt. Home, Arkansas; one son-in-law, Don Allen and wife Carolyn of Kinta; 11 grandchildren, Jody and Michelle House of Tishomingo, Justin and Johonna House of Soper, James and Debbie Allen of Kinta, Tracey and Matt Workman of Quinton, Keri Emery of Plano, Kelli and Billy Richard of Idabel, Todd and Denise House of Wardville, Jory and Nikki House of Durant, Louie and Charlene Sandoval of Holtom City, Mandy Smith of Soper and Craig and Deanne Long of Soper; 22 great-grandchildren, Morgan and Lane House of Tishomingo, Ethan and Emory House of Soper, Cody, Lori and Kyle Allen of Kinta, Cara, Erin and Hayden Workman of Quinton, Kyle Emery of Plano, Hannah and Connor Richard of Idabel, Marie and Joey House of Wardville, Jeret House of Durant, Louie Sandoval of Haltom City, Merissa, Jamee, Trey Smith of Soper and Bladen and Sylor Long of Soper.



## **Carl Ellis Ardese**

Carl Ellis Ardese, 56, of Red Oak passed away January 29, 2008, in McAlester. He was born September 29, 1951, in Talihina to Joe and Agnes Wade Ardese.

He married Debra Jennings on August 7, 1970, at Cravens. He attended Eastern Oklahoma State College and Carl Albert College. Carl owned and operated All Seasons Termite and Pest Control. He worked as facilities manager for the Choctaw Nation hospital in Talihina for 20 years. Carl enjoyed drinking coffee at the coffee shop and being around people. He had a generous and caring nature. Carl enjoyed traveling and watching westerns.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Clayton Wade Ardese and Jospeh Harold Ardese; and a brother, Jimmy Joe Ardese.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie, of the home; five brothers, Michael Griffitts and wife Lisa of Moore, Anthony Ardese and wife Janie of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Elmer "Moose" Ardese of Tuskahoma, Vincent Ardese and wife Jan of McAlester, and Joseph Ardese and wife Debbie of Skiatook; sister, Rosalie Ardese of Tuskahoma; numerous nieces, nephews and other family and friends; and special friends Bob and Doris Jones.

## Josephine Lincoln Wesley Taylor

Josephine Lincoln Wesley Taylor, 84, of Sobol passed away January 23, 2008, at home in Ringold. She was born November 21, 1923, in Rufe to Jackson and Clarissa Caldwell Wesley.

She was a charter member of the Dallas Indian United Methodist Church in Dallas. Later in life she became an active member at the Choctaw Academy Methodist Church in Rufe. Her biggest passion in life was the Lord and her family.

Granny, as she was commonly called, loved to listen to gospel music, go to church, if she couldn't make it she would have her own service at home; loved to sew and make quilts, take long walks in the woods, make a garden and grow her own fruit and vegetables, go fishing at the creek, and cook for friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Alfred Ray Taylor; and her husband, Robert Lee Taylor.

Survivors include her sons, Preston Lee Taylor of Hugo and Joe Freeman Taylor of Ringold; daughter, Rhoda Mae Taylor of Dallas; four brothers, Lenis Wesley of Ringold, Willis Wesley of Wright City, Amos Wesley of Fort Towson and Eugene Wesley of Garland, Texas; two sisters, Margaret Billy of Ringold and Mary Neely of Dell City; eight grandchildren, Alice Taylor, Jimmy Taylor, Angie Provence, Kristi Taylor, Chad Taylor, Vanessa James, Sherrill Jasso and Christopher Rivas; 15 greatgrandchildren, Melissa Rodriguez, Ricky Rodriguez Jr., Amber Torres, Jeremiah Taylor, Kristen Taylor, Cassandra Little, Lisa Little, Isaiah Taylor, Jordan Taylor, Christian Taylor, Gabriela Jasso, Andrea Jasso, Destiny Jasso, Veronica Jasso and Fernando Jasso Jr.; and four great-great-grandchildren, Joey, Alexis, Ricky II and Alicia.

Special thanks to Choctaw Nation, Choctaw Academy United Methodist Church, Goodwater Methodist Church, Hampton Chapel, Dallas Indian United Methodist Church, Choctaw Travel Plaza, Welch Pony Ranch and the Rev. Bertram Bobb.

### Nina Jane Wilson Hooper

Nina Jane Wilson Hooper, 89, of Dickson, Tennessee, passed away January 13, 2008, at Horizon Medical Center. She was born March 21, 1918, in Valliant to Edward Lewis Wilson and Nina Estelle Selph Wilson. Her paternal grandfather, Edward Hayes Wilson, was superintendent of Wheelock Academy, Millerton, from 1894 to 1898.



Her early years were on the farm near Valliant and Fort Towson. When Nina Jane was 6 years old, the family moved to Dallas, Texas, where she grew up. She attended Woodrow Wilson High School and Southern Methodist University.

She married Philip Lovell Hooper on July 9, 1938. Although from a railroad family he was then Commandant of Cadets, Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas. Nina Jane served as an Army wife through long overseas combat tours. After the initial assignment at Fort Clark, Texas, she moved her family from Dallas to Alexandria, Virginia; Norfolk, Virginia; Los Alamos, New Mexico; Paris, France; Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Alexandria, Virginia; Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Benning, Georgia; and, finally to Dickson in 1966. Colonel Hooper retired from the Army and went to work for the L&N Railroad (later CSX). Nina Jane continued to provide essential insight and support.

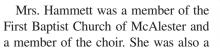
She enjoyed gardening, watching and feeding birds, and performing civic duties. She was a pillar of the First Presbyterian Church. She was proud of her Choctaw heritage. She enjoyed supporting Jones Academy and other Choctaw youth. She believed in education and relished learning new things every day. Her husband of 64 years preceded her in death in February 2003.

Survivors include her brother, Edward L. Wilson Jr. of Dallas; her sister, Ruth Wilson Keeton of Dallas; her daughter, Ruth Lynn Hooper of Olsburg, Kansas; her son, Philip L. Hooper Jr. of Glen Haven, Colorado; several nephews and a niece, several grandsons and daughters and five great-grandchildren.

## Esther Ann Eustis Hammett

Esther Ann Eustis Hammett passed away August 11, 2007. She was born May 7, 1938, the daughter of Lorraine E. Eustis and the Rev. Bill H. Eustis.

Esther was a real friend to many, a true Christian lady, a wonderful mother, and loving sister. She will be missed by a multitude of friends and relatives.



member of the Baptist Professional Women's Association. She was an acclaimed pianist and organist, playing for many churches, evangelistic meetings, funerals and weddings. Esther was proud to be a member of the Choctaw Nation.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her grandmother, Esther Eustis, and her grandfather, William H. Eustis.

Survivors include her daughter, Denae Hammett Zadeh, and son-in-law, Sia Zadeh, of Oklahoma City; her son, Don David Hammett and his fiancé, Brenda Poitra; brothers, Bill R. Eustis and wife Eugenie of Melbourne, Florida; the Rev. David L. Eustis and wife Charlyene of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Paul M. Eustis of McAlester; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.



### **Grover A. Adams**

Grover A. Adams, 90, passed away January 24, 2008. He was born December 17, 1917, in Albany, Oklahoma, to Grover Absolom and Aurilla Garland Adams.

G.A. grew up and attended school in Albany. After completing his education, he continued to help on the family farm. On January 4, 1941, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Gladys Juanita French. In 1943, they moved to California where he worked at the local ship yards during World War II. They later returned to Oklahoma and lived in Durant. Other places they called home were Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Florida. In 1972, they moved to Hominy, Oklahoma.

G.A. worked at several different occupations throughout his life. However, he was a carpenter by trade installing siding on homes. G.A. loved to play dominoes, cards, doing crossword puzzles, working on cars, and most of all playing Texas Hold-em Poker.

G.A. and Juanita loved returning to Las Vegas to visit where they once lived. He also enjoyed the time they spent on vacation in South Dakota. G.A. and Juanita recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. He enjoyed visiting with family, friends, and especially listening to the music they played.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Danny Adams in 1963; two sisters, Nora Katherine Brown and Noweta Skinner; and one brother, Benny Adams.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita, and daughter, Esther Adams of Hominy; sister, Lucretia Adams Burkhead of Muskogee; five grandchildren, Ronnie, Julie, Myron, Jolene and John; five great-grandchildren, Bryce, Kenady, Erin, Adam and Jack; and several nieces and nephews and a host of friends who will all miss him.

## Eugene Blair 'Sonny' Wallen

Eugene Blair 'Sonny' Wallen, 39, of Talihina passed away January 31, 2008, at the OSU Medical Center in Tulsa. He was born March 8, 1968, in Talihina to Kenneth James Smith and Wilma Wallen Smith.

A laborer by trade, Sonny enjoyed his family and was a very kind person. He will be greatly missed by his family.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Elaine Kay Smith; grandparents, Isom and Lena Wallen; and two aunts, Ina McCurtain and Laura Wallen.

Survivors include his daughters, Cassie Jo Wallen and Becky Elaine Wallen, both of Oak Grove, Kentucky; a son, Seth Eugene Wallen of Oak Grove; grandchildren, Breighhanna Leigh Washington and Jaron Eugene Hyron; his parents of Talihina; sisters, Gina Moon and Kristina Johnson, both of Talihina, and Raeanne Bowman of Whitesboro, Oklahoma; a brother, Steven Wallen of Albion; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

### Sally Elizabeth McCurdy

Sally Elizabeth McCurdy, 41, of Dallas, Texas, passed away January 26, 2008, in Dallas. She was born February 14, 1966, in Garland, Texas, to Billy Joe and Loretta Barnes Robertson.

She attended school and was a loving daughter, wife, mother, sister and grandmother. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Dallas and she enjoyed singing, Nascar races, cooking, and camping at the lake, but her greatest joy was being a grandmother. Sally will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her husband, Robert McCurdy of the home; daughters, Lisa Robertson and Lori McCurdy and husband Jeff; and son, Robbie McCurdy, all of Dallas; father and mother, Bill and Loretta Robertson; sister, Tammy Pocrnich and husband Allan; brothers, Ricky Nichols and Jack Robertson and wife Amoreena; and sister, Marye Robertson, all of Mesquite; sister, Gloria Holmes and husband Brian of Garland; three grandchildren and numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

### Jesse Kemp

Jesse Kemp, 75, of Hugo passed away February 10, 2008, at Oklahoma City. He was born June 23, 1932, in McAlester, the son of Joseph Warren Kemp and Effie Lee Nail Kemp. He had been a resident of Hugo for the last 14 years.

Mr. Kemp was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict as a tank operator. He also spent time in Germany. Jesse was a truck driver, auto mechanic and handy man who enjoyed traveling and liked to sing. He was a Full Gospel Minister.

He married Carol Nadean Tims on April 4, 1960, in Purcell. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Renae Kemp; and two brothers, Jody Kemp and Doyle Kemp.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Rondel Kemp and Darren Kemp, both of Oklahoma City; one brother, Wilmer Kemp of Fort Towson; and many other relatives and friends.

## Virginia Mintohoho Diggs

Virginia Mintohoho Diggs, 95, passed away January 10, 2008, in Enid. She was born June 9, 1912, in Calvin to James M. and Pearl Brogdon.

She attended school in Shawnee. She married James C. Diggs on February 16, 1929. He preceded her in death on February 10, 1996.

Virginia and her husband lived in Stillwater for over 50 years until moving to Enid in 1984. She worked at Bonnie's in Stillwater for a number of years. She was a member of First Methodist Church in Stillwater and attended the First Methodist Church in Enid.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Carolyn Wells; son, John; twin sister, Violet Wiley; and brother, Paxson Brogdon.

Survivors include her daughter, Joan Diggs of Enid; three grandchildren, Chris Wells and wife Debbie of Stillwater, Karrie Cummings and husband Bob of Enid, and Carol Schultz and husband Bryan of Pond Creek; son-in-law, Ruhal Wells of Enid; nine great-grandchildren, Cody, Patrick and Jamie Wells and Lindsay Helton and husband Tim of Stillwater, Claire Smith and husband Mark, and Madeline Cummings of Enid, Brady, Bly and Blake Schultz of Pond Creek; two great-great-grandchildren, Haley Green and Armani Cummings; and she was looking forward to three more great-great-grandchildren, two of those being twins.

## Harris William Griswold

Harris William Griswold passed away on December 25, 2007, at his home in Placerville, California. He was born on November 22, 1922, in Chickasha to Claude Harris Griswold and Francis Elizabeth Husband Griswold. Harris was raised in Oklahoma but later moved to California with his father and two brothers.



He married Iona Nix on August 27, 1946, in Wichita Falls, Texas. They

were married for 61 years. Harris was a retired truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronald William Griswold; a sister, Alberta Morgan; a half brother, Garvin Watkins; a half-sister, Neeva; and a niece, Janice Griswold.

Survivors include his wife, Iona Griswold of Placerville; three daughters, Elizabeth Bishir and husband Rick of Citrus Heights, California, Rhonda Griswold of Placerville and Cynthia Duboit and husband Garrett of Placerville; one son, Gary Griswold of Trinity, Texas; two brothers, Wayne Griswold of Chickasha and George Griswold of Discovery Bay, California; two half-brothers, Billy Watkins of Chickasha and Thermon Watkins of California; nine grandchildren, Nathan and Tyson Haynes, Zachariah Bishir, Nicole Griswold, Kim and Jerry Silva, and Loretta, Billy and Michael Franco; and six great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by so many people and will always be remembered for the wonderful husband, dad, grandpa, and brother that he was.

## **OBITUARIES**

### Lyna Lea Hayes Hanks

Lyna Lea Hayes Hanks passed away October 21, 2007, at her home. She was born May 8, 1945, in Blue, Oklahoma, to Milton Madalyn and Ellen Rose Patterson Hayes. She attended Blue Public School and graduated from Haskell University, Lawrence, Kansas. Lyna also attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant. She worked for the Durant Public School System at Washington Irving Elementary for almost 30 years.

Lyna married Jimmie Don Hanks on March 28, 1963. She enjoyed spending time with her family, sewing and quilting. Lyna will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Verna Hanks; brothers, Vester Dana Jr., John Dana, Sonny Willis, Amon Hayes and Junior Hayes; and sisters, Betty Ruth Dana and Geraldine Allen.

Survivors include her loving husband of 44 years of the home; daughters, Rose Hanks Davidson of Durant, Ellie Hanks Grotts and husband Justin of Kingston and Sim Hanks Morgan and husband Patrick of Yukon; a sister, Frances Farrell of Durant; seven grandchildren, Lonnie and Jeff Houston of Durant, Courtney, Jordan and Austin Grotts of Kingston, and Ethan and Forrest Morgan of Yukon; as well as numerous foster children and other relatives and a host of friends.

### Leota Daniel

Leota Daniel, 66, of Broken Bow passed away January 7, 2008, in Texarkana, Texas. She was born October 16, 1941, in Haworth, the daughter of Henry and Melba Gardner Daniel.

Leota was a lifetime resident of McCurtain County. She was a homemaker and was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her grandparents.

Survivors include her two sons, David Wayne Daniel of Idabel and Brian Daniel of Tawokini, Texas; two daughters, Terrie Gilbert and husband Dean of Broken Bow and Renee Pratt of Broken Bow; two sisters and husbands, Sharon and Bill Weeks of Broken Bow and Gail and John Henry Williamson of Broken Bow; one brother, Harold Daniel and wife Paula of Broken Bow. nine grandchildren, Samantha, Gavin, Justin, Chris, Cory, Mason, Kari, Garrett and Gracie; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

## **Clayburn Elix**

Clayburn Elix, 87, of Durant passed away January 24, 2008, in Durant. He was born January 9, 1921, in Ravia to Davis and Marcelene Jackson Elix.

Clayburn attended and graduated from Ravia High School and attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and later worked in the automotive assembly industry. He married Madeline Peters in Ravia.

Mr. Elix was a member of the Grace Indian Baptist Church and he enjoyed outside activities, watching football and baseball games. Clayburn will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a sister, Elizabeth Arkansas; and brothers, Lem Elix and Henry Farve.

Survivors include his daughters, Beverly Sue Elix, Gwen Elix, Laura Elix, Tammy Elix and Tracey Elix, all of Durant; sisters, Melvina Baker and husband Ted Sr. of Oklahoma City and Eveline Sadongé of Oklahoma City; nephew, Teddy Baker Jr. and wife Marie of Oklahoma City; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

## Lena Mae Walker Rader

Lena Mae Walker Rader passed away December 22, 2007, in Oklahoma City. She was born December 2, 1911, in Idabel. Great-granddaughter of original enrollee Ellen Frazier Walker Kaniatobe, Lena was a 1928 graduate of Wheelock. She will be missed by her family and the many friends who have known and loved her.

### **Donal Joe Brown**

Donal Joe Brown, 72, of Winter Haven, Florida, a retired Sgt. Major of the U.S. Army, passed away January 19, 2008, at Winter Haven Hospital after a two-year struggle with cancer. He was born on August 20, 1935, in Walker, Oklahoma, to original enrollee Willie Harlan who passed away in 1937. He was raised by his father, Charles Homer Brown, and Juanita Brown.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a veteran of Vietnam where he spent two tours. He was a member of Christ Community Church of Winter Haven. He was a retired licensed electrician from the City of Norman, Oklahoma, and a retired sheet metal worker in Florida.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Kay Brown, and her daughters, Darla Winters, Dawn Coggins and Danyell Coggins of Florida; his mother, Juanita Brown of Oklahoma; two sons, Rocky Brown of Florida and Perry Brown of Oklahoma; two daughters, Debbie Sieber of Florida and Dawna Jo Anna Kerns of Oklahoma; two brothers, Perry N. Brown of Oklahoma and Billie J. Brown of Texas; three sisters, Barbara Rollins of New Mexico, Ramona Dykeman and Christine Martin of Oklahoma; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## James Edward Dyke Jr.

James Edward Dyke Jr. of Seattle, Washington, passed away on November 23, 2007, in Seattle. He was born September 29, 1950, in McAlester.

James was preceded in death by his father, James Edward Dyke Sr.; a sister, Phyllis Kaye Dyke; and two brothers, Richard Dale Dyke and Donald Ray Dyke.



Survivors include his daughters, Shannon of Washington State and Kimberly Barnes of Panama City, Florida; a son, Jason King of Bakersfield; his mother, Lois Alene Dyke of Bakersfield; two brothers, Gary Wayne Dyke of Seattle, Rickey Leroy Dyke of Bakersfield; three sisters, Carolyn Beth Clarke of West Sacramento, Cornelia May (Connie) Hudson, Lawrence, Kansas, Belinda Lois King, Bakersfield; sister-in-law, Sharon Dyke, Bakersfield; and many nieces and nephews and friends.

## **Brent Stephan Cripps**

Brent Stephan Cripps, 33, of Talihina passed away January 31, 2008, at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina. He was born June 3, 1974, in Talihina to Donald Ray and Diana James Cripps. He attended Talihina School until 1990 and graduated from Wister High School in 1992.

He was a construction worker and a member of First Baptist Church, Talihina. He liked sports, old cars, and hanging out with his friends.

## **Anna Farr Pipkin**

Anna Farr Pipkin, 89, passed away January 21, 2008, in Hugo. She was born June 15, 1918, in Antlers to Paris and Inez Farr Pipkin.

Anna received a bachelor's degree in Christian Education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1939. She completed her master's degree at Presbyterian School of Christian Education in 1942. For 35 years, Anna was a missionary for the Presbyterian Church in Brazil. She had been playing piano since the age of 10. She was the author of the book, "All the Way - 35 Years in Brazil Mission." Anna enjoyed writing and studying the Choctaw language.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Survivors include six nieces, Inez Bailey of Antlers, Lenn Merchant of Noble, Lisa Hilleary of Aurora, Colorado, Jackie Kennedy of Finley, Glenna Hayes of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Frances Landreth of Antlers; three nephews, Bill Pipkin of Missouri, John Hayes of Shawnee and Carl Trisler of California; as well as other relatives and good friends.

## Alma Lee Carter Massengale

Alma Lee Carter Massengale passed away February 6, 2008, in Poteau. She was born August 25, 1912, in Hugo to Dr. M.L. and Ethel Hibben Carter.

She graduated from Hugo High School in 1930 and married Lawrence D. Massengale on April 23, 1934. They were married for 63 years until his death on November 1, 1997.



In addition to her husband, Alma was

preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Beatrice Bugg and Lois Winters; and one brother, Victor Carter.

Alma was baptized in 1923 at the First United Methodist Church of Hugo and was honored in 2002 as having the longest continuous membership in the church. She was an active member of the United Methodist Women and her Sunday School class. She worked as a beautician and later for the City of Hugo Water Department. Alma was an auxiliary member at the Choctaw County Memorial Hospital and her hobbies were playing bridge, reading, working crossword puzzles and cooking.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Virginia Ann and Jack Stanley of Poteau; two granddaughters, Deborah Lee Stanley Jarrett and husband Jerry and their children, Harper Lee and Carter Stanley, of Cumming, Georgia, and Denise Ann Stanley Sullivan and husband Scott and their daughter, Delaney Claire, of Oklahoma City; several beloved nieces and nephews.

She will be dearly missed by all.

### Hazel A. Webb

Hazel A. Webb, 93, of Smithville passed away February 13, 2008, at her home. She was born September 29, 1914, in Idabel to the late Emmitt Anderson and the late Daisy Jones Anderson.

She was married to Marvin Webb. She was a restaurant owner, a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-greatgrandmother, sister and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Dixie Lee Anderson; and two brothers, Jimmy Anderson and Buster Anderson.

Survivors include a daughter, Lacreta Armstrong of Smithville; grandchildren, Charlie Umsted and Sharon Walker, both of Smithville, and Tony Smith of Cove, Arkansas; brothers, Bennie Anderson and Grady Anderson; nine great-grandchildren; and 11 greatgreat-grandchildren.

### Melmer 'Dick' Williams Jr.

Melmer "Dick" Williams Jr., 80, of McAlester passed away January 20, 2008, at his residence. He was born on January 26, 1927, in Indianola to Melmer George and Maggie Beams Williams. He grew up and attended school in Indianola.

Dick married Matrel Harrelson on June 7, 1948, in McAlester. He worked

for the City of McAlester at the Water Department and then worked for about 10 years for the United States Ammunitions Plant in their water plant. He spent many years as a carpenter and also as grounds keeper for the Ulan Cemetery. Dick was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in McAlester.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James Clifton Williams and Billy Don Williams.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Ronald K. and Susie Williams of Favetteville, North Carolina; daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Gary D. Nichols of McAlester; two brothers and sister-in-law, Paul and Thelma Williams and Bobby Williams, all of McAlester; a sister, Ruby Ketchum of Ulan; 10 grandchildren and spouses, Haley Nichols and fiancé Jason Yott of Dallas, Texas, Jordon G. Nichols of McAlester, Richard and Martha Williams and Rhonda Williams, all of Miliano, Texas, Regina and Shannon Kizer of Owasso, Oklahoma, and Christy and Clint Newton and Jenny and Brian Russell, all of Charlotte, North Carolina; 22 greatgrandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

### **Amy Jene Breco Huntington**

Amy Jene Breco Huntington passed away December 19, 2007. Born February 20, 1922, she was the daughter of Amy MacDaniels and Leo Breco. She was adopted by her paternal grandparents, Dr. Joseph Gideon Breco and Sudie Andrews.

Amy was raised in Ada where the doctor owned the only hospital in town, getting paid with farm produce and live chickens during the depression. She al-

most fell out of a tree while viewing a surgery through a secondfloor window when she was 8. She won Oklahoma college vocal championships two years.

She moved to California at the beginning of World War II where she worked in a gas mask factory.

Amy was married to Jack Frederick Huntington. She taught glass and jewelry-making at Torrance adult school for 25 years and was layreader of charismatic services at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Torrance, California, as well as managing the church office for many years. At 80, she retired near her daughter, Susan Huntington of Yucaipa, California.

Survivors include her two daughters, Susan and Linda, and a son, John; three grandchidlren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; his grandfather, William S. James; and his brother, Christopher Neil Cripps.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Diana and Everett Wood of Talihina; a son, Lane Stephan Kline of El Mirage, Arizona; half-sister, Shyla and Kambri Cripps of Talihina; step-brothers, Mike Wood and wife Janet of Lavaca, Arkansas, and Lee Buckner of Tulsa; step-sister, Melissa Gregory and husband Nick of Poteau; grandparents, Roberta James of Talihina and Raymond and Mary Cripps of Wister; step-grandmother, Leah Emarthle of Konawa; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

## Susie Jane Morris

Susie Jane Morris, 79, of Lawrence, Kansas, passed away January 18, 2008, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She was born September 2, 1928, in McAlester, the daughter of George and Otis Marris Fisher.

She attended Wheelock Academy in Millerton, Oklahoma, before moving to Lawrence to attend Haskell Institute.

She graduated from Haskell Institute in 1948 before attending Haskell Vocational School. She worked for Hartzfields Department Store in Kansas City before returning to Lawrence. She worked at Lawrence Memorial Hospital from the early 1960s until she retired in 1994. She was a nurse's aid and later a unit secretary. She was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lawrence and was very active in the Lawrence Indian United Methodist Church where she was the head cook for many fund-raisers. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women.

She was married to Richard L. Morris on March 25, 1950, in Kansas City, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her son, Terry Lee Morris, in 2004.

Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Gloria Morris of Lawrence; a sister, Phoebe Allrunner of Albuquerque, New Mexico; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### Kenneth Boyd Englebright

Kenneth Boyd Englebright passed away January 24, 2008, in Peggs, Oklahoma. He was born July 6, 1948, in Tahlequah, the son of Albert Englebright and Helen Byington Englebright.

He received his early education in Peggs, Oklahoma. A laborer, Kenneth enjoyed the great outdoors, hunting and taking care of his animals. He loved the time he spent with family and friends. Kenneth was loved by all children who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Talbert and Thomas Englebright; and one sister, Janet Englebright.

Survivors include six brothers, Johnny Englebright, Delbert Englebright, Ronnie Englebright, Joe Englebright and wife Carolyn, all of Peggs, Loyd Englebright and wife Rozella of Locust Grove and Richard Englebright of Wagoner; five sisters, Mary McKim of Chouteau, Jackie List of Rockford, Illinois, Kay Jenkins and husband Joe of Foyil, Oklahoma, Faye Butler and husband Larry of Peggs and Sherry Martin of Lawton; and numerous other relatives and friends.

## Leila Gene Spradlin

Leila Gene Spradlin, 71, of Longview passed away February 2, 2008, in Longview. She was born July 10, 1936, in Smithville. She was a door greeter at Wal-Mart and a member of the Presbyterian faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon E. Spradlin Sr.; son, Vernon E. Spradlin Jr.; and her father, Edmond Carney.



Survivors include her three daughters, LaVone Jesters of White Oak, Anita Shirey and fiancé Raymond Miller of Liberty City, and Janice Kay Leach and husband Tony of Longview; son, Gene Spradlin and wife Sarah of Longview; mother, Laura Carney of Smithville; brother, Elton Carney and wife Rosetta of Smithville; grandchildren, Sheree Matthews, Kristopher Spradlin, Alta Jesters, Alton Jesters and Matthew Spradlin; and great-grandchildren, Bailee Matthews, Jackson Matthews and Kristina Spradlin.

## Charles Austin Ladd

Charles Austin Ladd of Smithville passed away February 5, 2008, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born November 9, 1930, in Durant where he was raised.

Charles was retired from the U.S. Air Force and served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was recognized by the Air Force for his design of the maintenance system of the Minute Man Missile System used in the Cold War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mark and Dessa Ladd; his loving wife of 51 years, Evelyn Zink Ladd; his son, William Austin Ladd; his daughter-in-law, Terri Ladd; and great-granddaughter, Alexis Heifner.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Ladd; daughter, Karen Ladd and husband Robert Carpenter of Fernandina Beach, Florida; sons, Richard Ladd and wife Sandra of Edmond, Ronald Ladd and wife Tanya of Smithville, Michael Ladd and wife Shana of Chandler, Texas; sisters, Thelma Ladd Loftis and Linda Ladd Fuller; brothers, Roger Ladd, Jimmy Ladd and Paul Ladd; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The entire Ladd family would like to thank Peachtree Hospice of Poteau for their loving and kind assistance.

## Camilla F. Sanner Monahan

Camilla F. Sanner Monahan, 65, of Lancaster, California, passed away January 12, 2008.

She was preceded in death by a son, Scott A.; sister, Daphene J. Sanner; mother, Helen B. Sanner; and father, Raphel Sanner.

Survivors include her husband, Patrick A. Monahan; sons, John D. Monahan and Cindy, Ronald E. Monahan

and Vicky, and Shawn P. Monahan and Jenna; 10 grandchildren; and a sister, Raylene H. Sanner.











### Searching for **Original Enrollees**

The Choctaw Nation is asking for any assistance in identifying Original Enrollees who are living outside of the tribal boundaries. Three have been identified within the service area but none are documented as residing outside of the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation. Please contact Oneida Winship, Director, 800-522-6170 or 580-924-8280, ext. 2202.

### Senior Day

Planning is under way for the 24th Annual Senior Day on May 28 at the Choctaw Bingo Pavilion in Durant. Don't miss it!

#### Senior Bingo

A change has been made in the dates of Senior Citizen Appreciation Bingo. They are: May 22, August 14 and November 13.

### Gospel singing

Everyone is welcome to the Annual Frazier Memorial Gospel Singing, March 28 at the Crowder Choctaw Center, 707 Bond St. in Crowder. Emcee is Curtis Kenny. Singing starts at 7 p.m. Concession available.

### Annual singing

The Choctaw Academy United Methodist Church in Rufe is holding its Annual Singing April 25. Emcee is Thurman Jefferson. Supper is 5:30 to 7 p.m. followed by a hamburger/hot dog sale. For more information contact Freeman Taylor at 580-876-3792 or Troy Blue at 580-876-3620.

#### Hartshorne reunion

The Hartshorne Class of 1998 is gearing up for its 10-year reunion in June. Any graduates from that year who would like to attend need to contact Kristin Cope Turner at keturner98@ hotmail.com or 918-426-4696.

#### Chilocco reunion

The Chilocco Alumni Annual Reunion will be June 6-8 at the Clarion Meridian Hotel and Convention Center in Oklahoma City. A special room rate is available starting June 5. For information on

# **Bakersfield gathering of Choctaw** people to be fun-filled 2-day event

Visit with your Chief and Assistant Chief



**Chief Gregory E. Pyle** and Assistant Chief Gary Batton

The Okla Chahta Clan of California is excited about its 13th annual gathering of Choctaw people in Bakersfield. This year's event will provide an opportunity for everyone to visit with Chief Greg Pyle and the new Assistant Chief of the Choctaw Nation, Gary Batton. The gathering will be held on the soccer field at Bakersfield College, 1801 Panorama Drive, Bakersfield, with ample paved parking close to the site.

Don't miss all the fun! On tap this year will be Choctaw storyteller Tim Tingle and numerous demonstrations and classes on how to make traditional Choctaw food, dresses and necklaces as well as social dancing and learning the Choctaw songs. Another must-see is the Choctaw ponies and among the many booths this year will be Choctaw artist Gwen Coleman-Lester with her fantastic Choctaw art.

Staff from the Tribal Membership Department in Durant will be on hand to help family members register with the tribe or to assist with new photo IDs or change of addresses. The importance of being a registered member of the tribe cannot be emphasized enough. Many Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma programs require both a CDIB and tribal membership cards.

Choctaw Nation health officials will be providing health screening, diabetes information and testing. Also, representatives of several Choctaw Nation programs will be on hand to help with questions on housing, health, higher education, genealogy, and veterans assistance, to name a few.

A Grand Entry opens festivities on Saturday with the

### Pre-Register for the 13th Annual Gathering

Please pre-register for the FREE Saturday meal.

Name			
Address			
City/State/Zip			
Phone #			
E-mail	Are you a tribal member?		
Those who are attending with you:			
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Sign up now – limited number of	on grounds of gathering – spaces – they go fast – request early for GISTER & PAY IN ADVANCE get a refund so we can open to someone		
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For information: 661-393-6552 or www.oklachahta.org \_\_\_\_\_

Choctaw Nation Color Guard and all veterans leading the way into the circle. All veterans and activeduty military personnel are invited to participate in the opening ceremony. New this year is the "Young Warriors Society" for young men age 6 to 18 years old. Contact Ryan MacKay for more information at ryanmackay@earthlink.net.

The annual Okla Chahta Princess crowning will be on Saturday as well and all girls and young ladies up to 25 years of age are eligible to run for 2008 princess. For more information please contact Victoria at princessvixeypooh@sbcglobal.net.

On Sunday, church services will be held with hymns being sung in Choctaw. All classes will be repeated

once after church. Everyone who has Choctaw traditional clothes is invited to wear them.

You must pre-register to tent/RV camp. Please email Theresa Harrison at oklachahta@igalaxy.net or call 661-393-6552.

A special Choctaw rate is available at the Holiday Inn Select in Bakersfield. Please call 661-323-1900 and insist that you make reservations locally. Ask to be on the Special Choctaw Rate (single or double) which includes one free breakfast. Rates will go up April 15, so make your reservations as early as possible.

The gathering will take place rain or shine so bring plenty of shade, lawn chairs and enjoy the weekend.

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## **ATTENTION Choctaw Artists**

If you are interested in participating in a

Juried and Judged Choctaw Indian Art Show

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

Please fill out the following interest form in order to re-

ceive more information regarding the show which will

be in Tushka Homma during the 2008 Labor Day fes-

tivities. Categories include: painting, graphics, cultural,

sculpture, jewelry, pottery and basketry. Please fill out

the form and return it to the address below. Art informa-

You must be at least 17 years old and have a member-

ship card issued by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

For more information, call Cindy Matson at

**Choctaw Nation Tribal Complex** 

tion packets will be mailed beginning in April.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number\_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Cindy Matson, HR

800-522-6170, ext. 2481.

P.O. Box 1210

**Durant, OK 74702** 

Name

E-mail address\_

Artistic category \_\_\_\_

vendor booth space call Pauline Levi at 405-737-0174.

#### Chilocco alumni

The Chilocco National Alumni Association is inviting all Chilocco Indian School students and staff to attend its monthly meeting held at 1 p.m. on every fourth Saturday. A potluck lunch is enjoyed before each meeting held at Villa Eisen Bardt, 3801 NW 19 and Portland, Oklahoma City. The association is looking for classmates from the 1950s, '60s, '70s and '80s. For more information contact Betty Jones at 405-392-5536 or Charlotte Warrior at 405-948-4073.

#### **Dyer-Labor reunion**

Descendants and family friends of one of the oldest families in Southeastern Oklahoma - James Dyer and Malinda Labor Dyer – are meeting June 14-15 at Tenkiller Lodge, 26247 Hwy. 82 S., Park Hill, Oklahoma, 74451. We hope everyone will arrive by 11 a.m. on June 14 for lunch. If you could bring beverages, paper goods, or contribute to the potluck, it would be appreciated. A group will also be journeying down to McCurtain County and possibly the Bennington area to visit cemeteries, old home places, etc. of Dyers and Labors.

### Jones, Doctor, Bond, Carney, Winship reunion

Families of Wilburn and Mary Ann Jones, George and Martha Doctor, Dee Rice and Anna Sue Bond, Bill Carney and James and Mary Winship are invited to a family reunion on June 15 at Billy Hooten United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. The reunion, hosted by Janet Robertson, begins at 11 a.m. Please pass the word to other family members. For more information call 405-605-1337 or 822-9946.

#### about the presidential elections?

TO THE YOUTH OF THE NATION

By Jessie Blackwell Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board

Why do teens need to care

With primaries and caucuses already started in many states and the actual election less than a year away, it is important that even as teenagers, we start thinking about who we believe should be the next leader of our country. You may have the "I'm still young, I don't need to think about this stuff," mindset, but you should start to consider that the person chosen for this position will be making decisions that will affect your future.

There are many issues facing our country that will be dealt with differently by each candidate. A few of these issues are abortion, economic stimulus, energy, Iraq, same-sex marriage, and taxes. You may feel that you don't need to worry about these issues, but look at it this way: By the time of the next presidential election most of you will be able to vote and the way the previous president ran our country will affect your life and might restrict you from doing things you believe is right. Your religion or morals will have a lot to do with the way you think our country should be run, therefore, you really should look at some of the things each candidate stands for and see if it supports your beliefs.

Now, you may be thinking, "Okay, that's good, but I'm not old enough to vote." Well, you may be under 18, but being knowledgeable about what's going on in our country will make it easier for you when you are eligible to vote. So, get out there, get informed, and have a say in who runs our country.



Cultural Displays, Arts and Crafts and a whole lotta tellin'

Hash-una-chi-ke

Everyone Welcome

For more information contact Dena Cantrell - 918-423-4086 or www.choctawstoryfest.com

May 10 at 4 p.m. at the Choctaw Community Center in Poteau. Deadline for applications is May 2.

- DISTRICT 4 -

#### – DISTRICT 5 –

May 21 at 1 p.m. at the Choctaw Community Center in Stigler. Deadline for applications is April 15.

#### - DISTRICT 7 -

May 30 at 6 p.m. at the Choctaw Community Center in Antlers. Deadline for applications is May 23.

#### - DISTRICT 8 -

May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Choctaw Community Center in Hugo. Deadline for applications is May 9.

#### - DISTRICT 10 -

May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Choctaw Community Center in Atoka.

#### Choctaw items available online!

The Choctaw Store is a new way to find those items you are always wanting including T-shirts, blankets, note cards and mousepads, all designed and produced by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Many more items are being added. Check it out at:

www.choctawstore.com

## **40th Annual Talihina Indian Festival Pow Wow**



### April 26 In the old school gym on Hwy 1 & 271, Talihina, Oklahoma

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2-5 p.m. Gourd Dancing 5 p.m. Supper 6-7 p.m. Gourd Dancing 7-10 p.m. Grand Entry & Intertribal dancing

Call Harry or Carol James at 918-567-2539 for reservations on arts & crafts spaces. \$25 for arts & crafts space plus an item donation. Bring your own table and chair.

Pow Wow sponsored by the Talihina Indian Club with assistance of the Oklahoma Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts.

MC: Head Singer: Head Man Dancer: Head Lady Dancer: Arena Director: Honor Guard:

- HEAD STAFF

Eddie Wilson, Cheyenne, Norman Pat Oyebi, Inter-Tribal Drum, Kiowa, Stilwell Presley Byington, Choctaw, Idabel Evelyn Kasworm, Cheyenne, Greenwood, Ark. Head Gourd Dancer: Richard Emhoolah Sr., Kiowa, Idabel Willard Polk, Choctaw, Bennington Choctaw Nation Color Guard

> Club Princess: Miss Landry Danielle James Honoree: Sylvestor Moore, Choctaw Veteran, Talihina Contests: Tiny Tots 6 years and under

• Cake Walk • Indian handmade arts & crafts • Food concession

- Public welcome Frere admission Bring pow wow chairs
  - All princesses, clubs and drums welcome
- Not responsible for thefts/accidents No firearms, alcohol or drugs!