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# Native Language *Turns the tide of battle*

*Juanita Jefferson's dramatic saga of the original Choctaw Code Talkers continues.*

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Commander Lawrence briefed the eight selected Choctaw soldiers who would become one of the elite group to be known as Choctaw Code Talkers, preparing them to participate in the newly to-be-devised, unprecedented American “talking code” in their own native language. They were pressed to quickly devise a system of communication. Lawrence worked with the Choctaw warriors to develop a system in which the military terms were replaced with Choctaw words. He felt the responsibility of developing a communication strategy plan should be with the Choctaw soldiers who spoke the language.

The secret code was to be implemented immediately to confuse the enemy, one the enemy can intercept but not decode. As the Code Talkers worked on a secret code to devise a system of communication, they committed the code to memory. They completed their extraordinary assignment and gained valuable unrivaled experience. There was no time for training. They worked excitedly among themselves, learning the translation from Choctaw to English and English to Choctaw in military terms; to learn to write military orders as they must be technically correct to transmit messages from company to headquarters to company by runners along the battle front; and, learning the use of a field telephone. Once the plan was devised, a secret code talker was to be stationed at each command post to translate messages for the Company Commander to headquarters.

The Choctaw warriors who were selected for the vital role of Choctaw Code Talker were born before the turn of the century – from 1890-1900. They learned their native tongue with no effort on their part as they were born into families who spoke only Choctaw. They acquired the English language attending neighborhood day schools, Indian boarding school, or those taught by white missionaries. Some spoke “broken English.” Choctaw warriors selected to play a vital key role were Solomon Louis of Hochatown, born in 1898; Robert Taylor of Bokchito, born in 1895; Calvin Wilson of Kullituklo, born in 1895; Mitchell Bobb of Smithville; born in 1895; James Edwards of Golden, born in 1898; and Jeff Nelson of Goodwater, date of birth unknown. Ben Carterby of Wright City, born in 1892, and Pete Maytubby of Broken Bow were at headquarters. They became known as the original Code Talkers. Others recruited were Walter Veach, Albert Billy, Ben Hampton, Joseph Oklahombi, Victor and Tobias Frazier.

There were no words in the Choctaw language for military terms and they used native phrases for (1) artillery, “big guns,” *tanapo chito*; (2) machine gun, “little gun shoot fast,” *tanapo iskitini hunsa tushpa*; (3) size of battalion was indicated by “1, 2, 3 grains of corn,” *achuffa, tuklo, tuchina tanchi nihi*.

The first trial message translated in Choctaw transmitted to headquarters was in hushed silence! The message was received at the headquarters and understood. The translated message transmitted was a resounding success, it was not decoded. Within 24 hours after the Choctaw began using their native dialect, “the tide of battle changed. In less than 72 hours, the Germans were retreating.”

The Choctaw warriors’ heroism was not acknowledged or honored by the United States government, even though a United States Army commanding officer had initiated the use of Choctaw language as a secret code for strategy to confuse the enemy.

The Code Talkers received high praises from Company Commander Lawrence and Colonel Bloor, commander of the 142nd Infantry. They were promised medals for this vital contribution to end the war. They were never received. Apparently, there is no record of military reassignment from infantryman to Code Talker. If this assignment as Code Talker had been recorded on their military record and Honorable Discharge papers they would have been eligible for medals as it was performed while on active duty.

When they were discharged from the Army, they returned to their home town. There he stepped off the train onto the platform of the train depot, scanned the crowd for someone whom he might recognize to give him a ride home in their wagon. Recognizing none, he hoisted the duffle bag over his shoulder and disappeared into the throng of onlookers, into the thickets on his way to walk home.

The quiet, modest veteran was reluctant and seldom spoke of his heroic contribution in World War I, whether as an infantry man or belonging to a special group known as Choctaw Code Talker.

They did not share their heroic status for fear of ostracism and according to their customs and traditions, bragging of one’s achievement was not acceptable, not Indian way. The warriors did not share even with their family because if the U.S. Army said there was no record of the Code Talker’s claim, it would bring shame to the family. If a military officer wrote a letter of appreciation or written acknowledgement of their outstanding achievement, this could be considered official.

The Code Talkers carried this role of heroic act within their breast except when he met another Code Talker. They were heard saying, “We sure fooled dem Germans didn’t we?” followed with soft laughter. They shared a common heroic status known only to members of the Code Talkers and a common pledge within themselves of secrecy. Within them, they carried the ancient tradition of their people. They fought alongside American soldiers. They were all Americans but the Choctaw soldiers who were native of their country were of another race and culturally different, especially their speaking and values.

The other American soldiers did not understand or accept them because they were different. They were not one of them. They were still referred to as “Chief” or “Savage” or in other derogatory remarks. He was alone even when he was surrounded by other American soldiers, beginning with the day of his enlistment to the training ground onto the foreign soil of the battlefield.

To be concluded in the November Bishinik



## Code Talker Act passes House



**U.S. Congressman  
Dan Boren  
Sponsor of HR 4544**

The Native American Code Talker Recognition Act of 2008, HR 4544, was introduced last December by U.S. Congressman Dan Boren and has since gathered the wide support of a bipartisan group of 300 House members. The legislation awards the Congressional Gold Medal, among the most distinguished honors Congress can bestow, to the brave veterans that served the United States as Code Talkers.

“I am honored to have carried this important legislation to honor some of America’s most exceptional war heroes. The story of the Native American Code Talkers is one of great distinction, and we should all be proud that these brave men served our nation in the name of liberty and justice. Through their unique language, they were a critical part of the Allied victory over our enemies in both World War I and II.”

The legislation would recognize every Code Talker who has bravely served the United States Armed Services with a Congressional Gold Medal for their respective tribe and a duplicate silver medal to each Code Talker.

The bill to honor Native American Code Talkers would never have been possible without the support of the National Congress of American Indians, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and in particular Chief Gregory E. Pyle and his staff.

Chief Pyle said, “The Choctaw Nation is very appreciative of Congressman Boren for sponsorship of this historic bill and we are also thankful for the support of the many other members of the House. This legislation is a great opportunity to show our Native warriors of WWI and WWII that they were appreciated for their exceptional service.”

“The tribe honors veterans and soldiers who willingly serve our great country and we owe a special debt to the men who served as Code Talkers. The Choctaw Code Talkers are now deceased, but their families are very proud of this tremendous honor,” said Chief Pyle.

“Moving the Code Talker Recognition Act through the House of Representatives this summer is a tremendous example of teamwork. The team included people from all over the United States getting in touch with their Congressperson to request co-sponsorship so that the mandatory number of 290 co-sponsors could be acquired. The team was led by U.S. Representative Dan Boren and his staff, along with other Congressional offices, calling peers and ‘getting them on board.’ Also part of the team were NCAI, the Choctaw, Comanche and Sioux Nations, descendants of Code Talkers, and many others,” said Chief Gregory E. Pyle of the Choctaw Nation.

“My staff and I spent several weeks in Washington, D.C., this year, literally going door-to-door visiting with offices in both the House and Senate, gaining support for the legislation. This honor is very important to our tribe and to us personally. On several trips, we were accompanied by family of Choctaw Code Talkers, so they were able to tell first-hand accounts of the men who helped bring about an end to WWI,” said the Chief.

“Lt. General Leroy Sisco and Major General John Furlow also joined us over the summer months for our meetings in the House of Representatives and United States Senate. I truly feel that each and every person who helped spread the information about HR 4544 is a part of the success. Time is short for it to be passed in the Senate, but we have confidence that Senator Inhofe, the sponsor for the parallel legislation that was introduced in that body, will rally for the unanimous consent of the Code Talker Recognition Act,” said Chief Pyle.

The first reported use of Native American Code Talkers was on October 17, 1918. During World War I, tribal members played a role in U.S. military operations by transmitting vital communications that helped defeat German forces in Europe. Because the communications used by the Code Talkers were not based on European languages or mathematics, the Germans were unable to understand any of the transmissions.

During World War II, the United States employed Native American Code Talkers who developed secret means of communication and were critical to winning the war. The code developed by the Code Talkers proved to be unbreakable and was used extensively in the Pacific and European theaters.

In 2001, the Navajo Code Talkers were rightly recognized for their contribution to the United States Armed Forces, but Code Talkers from many other tribal nations have not yet been recognized. For those Code Talkers who are deceased, HR 4544 would provide the duplicate silver medals to their families.

The bill would honor an estimated 300 Code Talkers and the 13 tribes they represent including: the Assiniboine, Chippewa and Oneida, Choctaw, Comanche, Cree, Sac and Fox, Crow, Kiowa, Menominee, Mississauga, Muscogee (Creek), Hopi, and the Sioux tribes.



**U.S. Senator  
James Inhofe  
Sponsor of S 2681**



# Freedom Award an humbling experience



From the Desk of  
Chief Gregory E. Pyle

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has been blessed to receive many awards over the years. Attending the ceremony for the 2008 Freedom Award was definitely among the more humbling experiences of my life. A young soldier in the audience received a standing ovation. He was brought to the event in his wheelchair from Walter Reed Army Medical Center where he was recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq. His employer was one of the 15 honored for supporting their staff who serve in the military. Meeting this young man and hearing the stories of what people across the United States are doing to show their support of

citizen soldiers was every bit as valued and treasured as meeting with the President and Deputy of Defense during the day. The Assistant Chief, Tribal Council and I were encouraged to do even more for our employees who serve our Nation just by seeing the gratitude in the faces of the Guard and Reserve members and their families as stories were relayed of special care packages, counseling, donations and welcome home celebrations. I am sure that all of the other companies, like the Choctaw Nation, simply thought that treating employees well while serving in the National Guard or Reserve is simply “doing the right thing.” We never expected such a tremendous honor but will proudly display the award.



## God has a perfect plan for you

I am thankful for the privilege to share with you God’s Plan of Salvation and answers to questions as these. Where can I find the truth about life? Where can I find guidance and directions for how to act at home, at work, and at school? Where can I find comfort in a time of need? To the Christian, the answers to these questions are obvious. The answers have been repeated from the pulpits, in Sunday school classes, in personal testimonies and in the Bible. The Bible is God’s Word. The writer in the Book of Hebrews 4:12 wrote:

12. “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Whatever your profession, or vocation, get to know the Bible. Get a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. There are many people who have not committed themselves to God in faith. They are just waiting for a wind to come along to blow them in any direction. Will you today commit your life to Jesus Christ? Let Him have complete control in your life. Let Him be the Lord of your life. Serve Him with love and a committed heart. Jesus said in Luke 14:27-30: 27. “And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. 28. “For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? 29. “Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, 30. “Saying, this man began to build, and was not able to finish.” What Jesus is saying is, “If you are going to follow me, sit

### Chaplain’s Corner



Rev. Bertram Bobb  
Tribal Chaplain

down and count the cost.” There are three problems we face when we come to the Word of God. First, there is a mind problem. We must decide who Jesus Christ is. Was He the Son of the Living God, the Way, the Truth, and the Life? (John 20:31; John 14:6). Was He all Truth as He claimed? That’s a decision you have to make about Jesus Christ – a mind problem. The Bible has this to say about the mind in Matthew 22:37: “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” And in Philippians 2:5, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” The mind is important but remember that the mind has been affected by sin. You cannot come to Jesus Christ by the mind alone, that step has to be taken by faith. Jesus is God. He left Heaven to come to this earth. He became man to pay the penalty for sin, which is death, in our place, He died, He was buried, He arose from the grave (I Cor-

inthians 15:3-4). He lives today, and this is what we believe by faith. The second problem that we face in coming to Jesus Christ is a moral problem. Meeting the high standards of Christ. Jesus Christ demands first place in everything. You come to Jesus realizing you have to pay a price. You can’t drag those dirty sins with you. You will have to quit lying, you will have to quit stealing, you will have to quit sleeping with that woman or man who is not your spouse, you will have to quit cheating in school or at work. You will have to invest study time in the Word of God “... to show yourself ‘approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed’...” (II Timothy 2:15). All these things are costly. Are you willing to pay the price? You can’t live a clean life today, except one way, and that is through Jesus Christ. Paul said in Galatians 2:20: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Paul writes in his letter to the Romans in Romans 6:14: “... sin shall not have dominion over you.” There was a time when sin ruled in your life, but when you came to Jesus Christ sin no longer rules and He can help you to meet the high standards that He sets in moral living. Now, coming to Christ isn’t going to make you perfect. Suppose you accept Jesus Christ and you slip and fall, what happens? Immediately, you need to say, “O Lord, I am sorry, I turn from that sin, I don’t ever want to commit it again.” Remember First John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive you your sins. If you have sinned, go to Him and say, “Lord, I have sinned, I am sorry.”

The third problem in coming to Jesus Christ is an emotional problem because we are made of mind, and will, and an emotion. Nobody says that you have to cry when you come to Christ or that you have to laugh when you come to Christ. You can’t look at the cross and realize the Love of God without being emotionally moved that God sent His Only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to shed His blood and die for you, so that you may have forgiveness of sin and eternal life. But there is more to it than that. To know Jesus Christ as Savior doesn’t mean just blessings in heaven, it also means blessings here on earth until you get to heaven. God has a perfect plan laid out for you here now. Remember to pray for USA and Native America and their leaders. Pray for our service men and women who remain on active duty.

## Rewarding to help with CMRI

From the Desk of  
Assistant Chief  
Gary Batton



One of the most rewarding responsibilities I am privileged with is serving on the Board of the Children’s Medical Research Institute (CMRI). Its mission is to improve the health of children through support of research and education at the Oklahoma Health Center. I first became involved with CMRI when my job was executive director of Choctaw Nation Health Services. In an effort to bring better health care to Choctaws and other Native Americans coming to our tribal hospital and clinics, a cooperative agreement was made with the Oklahoma Health Center to work with our young diabetic patients. Doctor Kenneth Copeland continues to travel to Talihina once a quarter to offer specialized care in endocrinology, as well as treating patients at our Diabetes Wellness Center monthly by telemedicine from Oklahoma City. Copeland is also one of the doctors on the team at CMRI, which is the only non-profit organization in the state with a sole focus on advancement of pediatric research and education while providing specialized clinical care for children.

The current research at CMRI covers much more than diabetes. Some of the great work going on is research and education on cancer, cystic fibrosis and lung disease, developmental and behavioral pediatrics, clinical child psychology, kidney disease, trauma and pediatric surgery and gastroenterology. The Choctaw Nation is very proud of the health care we are able to provide at the tribal clinics and hospital, and we appreciate the participation from Oklahoma Health Center. Thanks in part to the research at CMRI, health care everywhere should continue to improve.

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National Guard and reserve members have mobilized since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Currently, 110,000 are on active duty around the world. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates sent a special message to the honorees, “America’s citizen soldiers simply could not do what they do for their communities and our country without the support of employers like those honored tonight. On behalf of the entire Department of Defense, I extend my heartfelt thanks to those who serve us abroad and at home, and those caring and public-spirited members of the private sector who make that sacrifice possible.” Delivering the keynote speech at the award ceremony was Air Force Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, Director of the Air National Guard. President Bush has recommended McKinley to be the next chief of the National Guard Bureau

and for a promotion that would make him the first four-star general in National Guard and Reserve history, if confirmed by Congress. “Without your support, these young men and women could not keep their lives in balance,” he told the employers being honored with the Freedom Award. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and 14 other employers were given the Freedom Award. The other honorees were Chrysler LLC, City of Austin, Coastal Windows, Inc., Dominion Resources, Inc., Jersey City Fire Department, Lochinvar Corporation, Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, Oshkosh Corporation, Regional Emergency Medical Services authority, Robinson Transport, Inc., State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., Union Pacifica Corporation, Winner School District and Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC.

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Bethel .....	November 24....	6 p.m.
Broken Bow .....	November 20....	6 p.m.
Coalgate .....	November 12....	12 noon
Coalgate Community .....	November 14....	6 p.m.
Crowder .....	November 19....	12 noon
Durant (at Bingo) .....	November 17....	11 a.m.
Hugo .....	November 18....	6 p.m.
Idabel .....	November 18....	12 noon
McAlester .....	November 12....	11:30 a.m.
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Smithville .....	November 19....	11:30 a.m.
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Talihina .....	November 20....	11:30 a.m.
Tuskahoma (& Outreach Fair) .....	November 6....	6 p.m.
Wilburton .....	November 12....	12 noon
Wright City .....	November 20....	6 p.m.



# Marriage and financial stress

Question: It seems that all my wife and I fight about is money. We don't make a lot of money in the first place, and we have a lot of debt that only makes things more difficult to talk about. In all fairness to her, we have both made poor financial decisions in the past, but lately it seems that we can't seem to come together on how to handle our money. Is there any way out of this?

Answer: Financial challenges in marriage are often an urgent and pressing concern for many couples. Unlike many other issues that surface in marriage, financial stressors can't be easily ignored. You are wise in your desire to "come together" with your wife in relation to your finances. It's important to understand that possessing a basic understanding of budgeting and financial management won't be enough to end your dilemma if you are not unified with your partner.

Of course, it's important that a couple understand some simple concepts related to money management. Couples who feel overwhelmed by their financial burdens should consider seeking outside help from self-help resources or credit counseling organiza-

## Healthy Marriage/Healthy Kids

tions. There are a number of free resources available, such as the Consumer Credit Counseling Services (www.cccsintl.org), which provides help with debt consolidation and education about financial management for individuals and families.

However, the determining factor in your successful management of finances will be your ability to work together without becoming angry or defensive. It is a commonly held belief that marriages crumble because of money problems. In reality, money is only one of many topics that can surface existing feelings of fear, resentment, and hostility. Couples who learn to manage strong emotions in their marriages find they can discuss any topic, especially money, without spinning out of control.

Here are some suggestions for how to decrease the conflict associated with a hot topic, such as money management:

1. Find relaxing situations where you can talk about money. Set yourself up for success

by making sure you've got plenty of time and few distractions. If you become too emotional or heated about money, give yourself permission to take a break and come back to the discussion after you've cooled off.

2. Take a class together to learn the basics of budgeting. Taking a class is a low-stress environment that will give you structure as you begin to work on your finances. This creates unity as you both attend and participate in the creation of a stable financial future.

3. Work to strengthen your marital friendship outside of talks about finances. For example, doing things together that generate positive feelings can help buffer those times when you'll need to talk about the weightier issues of family finances. Think back to the best times in your relationship, such as when you were first dating or engaged, and felt connected and close to your partner. There will be plenty of memories of friendship-building ideas to draw from. Re-visit those early ways of

building your relationship to give you the boost you'll need to tackle your current financial stressors.

4. Mutual consent is critical for healthy family finances. Even if it's decided that one partner will do more of the bookkeeping, both partners need to openly agree about where the money goes. There should be no secrets or surprises when it comes to money.

As you commit to face the same direction and move forward together, you will experience the security of knowing that you are developing a pattern of unity that will help you in all aspects of your marriage.

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## NURSERY NEWS

### Samuel Todd Battiest

Future Oklahoma Sooner quarterback Samuel Todd Battiest was born February 13, 2008, at Integris Bass in Enid. He weighed 9 pounds 1.7 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Sam is the son of Tom and Teysa Battiest and the younger brother of OSU Braekyn Donn Battiest. Grandparents are Todd and Starla Fuska of Olathe, Kansas, and Mike and Leslie Battiest of Anadarko. Great-grandparents are Don and Pat Cosper of Hennesey and the late Samuel and Catherine Battiest of Idabel.



### Jake Landon and Clay Ryan Raney

J.L. and Natalie Raney would like to announce the birth of their twin sons, Jake Landon and Clay Ryan. They were born at 4:32 p.m. and 4:33 p.m. on May 20, 2008, at Beaumont, Texas. Jake weighed 4 pounds 15 ounces and Clay weighed 4 pounds 9 ounces. Both boys were 18 inches long. Their proud big brother is Johnny Life "Trey" Raney III. Grandparents are Don and Carolyn Johnson of Orange, Texas, and Karen and Johnny Raney Sr. of Idabel. Great-grandparents are Marlene Campo of Boswell, Elige Payne of Hugo, and Hulen Raney and the late Mattie Raney of Bennington.



### Chloe Marie Delno

Tyler Noah Robinson would like to announce the birth of his new little cousin, Chloe Marie Delno, born June 17, 2008, in Moore, weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Proud parents are Ricky Allen Delno Jr. and Annie Shuler, both of Newcastle. Grandparents are Ricky and Kathy "Sheila" Delno, Bryan and Vickie Newby, all of Newcastle. Great-grandparents are Katherine W. SanAgustin of Oklahoma City, Betty Paddock and Wanda Delno, both of Newcastle, Ola Stone of Norman, and Ann and John Miller of Paradise, California.



### Lillian Christine Fields

Rebecca and Alva Sturtevant of Nash, Texas, wish to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild, Lillian Christine Fields. Lilly was born June 18, 2008, and weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces. Her proud parents are Laura Jane Sturtevant and Richard Dallas Fields of Coldwater, Ohio. Lilly also has a 13-year-old brother, Jason Scott Dainwood of Texarkana, Arkansas. She is the great-grandchild of Martha Fisher of New Boston, Texas, and Eva Loyce Vaughan of Texarkana. She is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Nellie and Sylvanus Black of Westville, Oklahoma. Alva and Rebecca also wish their granddaughter, Jayci Ray Horn of Texarkana, a late happy 11th birthday on June 19 and her brother, Jett Lane Horn, a happy sixth birthday on August 20. Also, a happy 13th birthday to Jason Scott Dainwood on August 5. Jayci and Jett are the children of Julie Lynn Sturtevant of Texarkana and Jason Ray Horn of Ashdown, Arkansas. Jason Scott Dainwood is the son of Laura Sturtevant of Coldwater, Ohio, and Jeremy Scott Dainwood of Texarkana.

### Henry Dean Robinson

Shacota Robinson would like to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Henry Dean Robinson. Baby Henry made his entrance to the world on June 26, 2008, at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. He weighed 5 pounds 2 ounces and was 18.1 inches long. Proud parents are Shawn and Rachel Robinson of Spencer. Proud grandparents are John and Sharon Robinson of Del City. David and Twila Allen of Purcell and Ralph Dean and Janet Gilbert of Choctaw. He was also welcomed by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



### Madison Jade Williams

Madison Jade Williams was born August 27, 2008, weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Nikki Jordan and the late Joshua Lynn Williams. Grandparents are Luther and Rachelle Jordan of Bokchito, Donna Williams and Billy McFatrige of Bokchito, and Dannye and Gay Williams of Bennington. Great-grandparents are Skip and Brenda Jordan of Bokchito, Gene and Pat Wren of Durant, Marty and the late Gerry Haislip of Bennington, and the late Ruhl and Ernie Williams. Madison would like to wish her big sister, Kellee Marie Williams, a belated happy fourth birthday. Kellee is the daughter of the late Joshua Williams and Heather Nicole Grant.



## To the youth of the nation

*How to help the busy teen stay organized*

By KC Wood  
Choctaw Nation  
Youth Advisory Board

As a high school teen, sometimes we may find it hard to "stay organized." There is always so much going on that we get unorganized. However, there are many ways that we can change that.

First you can buy an organizer. An organizer will help you remember what you are supposed to do. All you have to do is remember to write down everything on the day it needs to be done.

You can also buy an electronic organizer. An electronic organizer is a lot like a regular organizer. However, an electronic organizer is more convenient. It has alarms on it to remind you what you are supposed to do. It has helped me personally many times. Get a large calendar and hang it in a highly visible place, showing the nights you are busy, your activities and the times, dates and locations. This will help you see at a glance what days and weeks are busier than others, making it easier to say no to functions you don't have time for.

Some days, following a schedule is impossible. To maintain control over the most frantic days, you should take 10 minutes every evening to review your calendar for the next two days. By keeping a solid grip on what you must do, you'll be able to stay focused, even if forced to switch gears during the day.

These are just a few tips to help you stay organized. They have helped me greatly. Just remember to stop, take a breath, and everything will work out.

## Dealing with ear infections

By Becky Clay, AFL Technician

### How can I tell if my little one has an ear infection?

- If your toddler is crabby, fussy, tugs on or rubs his/her ears and has a fever, your child may have an ear infection.
- If your baby cries a lot, is not drinking or playing and has a high fever, have your health care provider check for ear trouble.

### What are the symptoms of an ear infection versus a cold?

The common cold causes stuffiness and runny nose, and often fever. Sometimes children with colds also have vomiting or diarrhea. If after a few days your child's fever continues, and your little one starts pulling on his/her ear or complains of an earache, your child may have an ear infection.

### Why do I need a doctor?

It's important to get medical help:

- To make sure it's not other kinds of infection.
- So that the infection doesn't get any worse.
- Because failure to get rid of the infection completely can lead to more serious problems, including permanent hearing loss.

### Why do we keep getting ear infections?

The ear is connected to the throat by a narrow tube. In babies and small children, the tube is shorter and straighter than a fully developed adult ear. Therefore, fluid that gets inside the ear doesn't drain as well, and has a greater chance

of becoming infected. The tubes can become inflamed during a cold or sore throat.

### Can we cut down on ear infections?

- Breastfeeding can protect your baby from infections.
- Don't smoke around the baby. "Second-hand smoke" causes colds, wheezing and ear problems.
- Keep up with all your baby's shots.
- Never prop the baby's bottle. Keep the baby's head fairly upright during bottle feeding.
- Make sure your little one is getting good nutrition. A healthy child will probably have less ear problems.

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 program provides opportunities for a brighter future through integrated services within the Choctaw Nation and external agencies. Participants will expand their knowledge through prenatal 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 Services to pregnant Native American teens under 19 years of age or otherwise qualified through an eligible Native American.

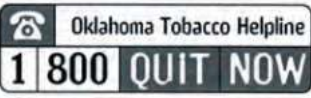
For more information or questions about eligibility contact Angela Dancer, director of AFL Project, at 580-326-7758 or 877-285-6893.

## Oklahoma and tobacco

Tobacco is Oklahoma's leading cause of preventable death, killing more Oklahomans each year than alcohol, auto accidents, AIDS, suicides, murders, and illegal drugs combined. Over 5,800 Oklahomans die each year from tobacco; another 100,000 Oklahomans suffer from serious tobacco-caused disease.

Every day, 16 Oklahomans die from tobacco use and the equivalent of a classroom of students gets hooked. Second-hand smoke exposure causes heart disease, cancer and respiratory disease among healthy non-smokers, killing an estimated 700 Oklahomans each year.

The more adults who quit tobacco, the fewer kids ever start. If you are a smoker and have



thought about quitting smoking, the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline is a resource at no cost. If you're not ready to quit, the Helpline

staff will help you figure out what steps you can take – including getting information about resources in your community.

The Helpline includes numerous options to being a successful non-smoker:

- Plan your quit attempt to improve chances of success
- Cope with cravings
- Find things to do with your hands
- Find ways to change the behavior patterns that remind you to smoke
- Avoid weight gain

## Top 10 ways to burn 100 calories

*– and help your child in the process –*

Looking for ways to burn calories AND play with your child? It's possible – and fun. By burning just 100 additional calories a day, you can lose up to 10 pounds a year. Not only will you benefit but your child will, too. The whole family will stay fit, experience fun memories, and learn to love the feeling of being active.

1. Dance during TV commercials. (10-15 minutes)
2. Kick around a soccer ball with your child. (10-15 minutes)
3. Walk the stairs while counting with your child. (10-12 minutes)
4. Play at the park. (45-50 minutes)
5. Clean/vacuum/mop the floors, allow chil-

dren to help dust. (25-35 minutes)  
6. Rake leaves. (20-25)  
7. Shovel snow – or sand. (10-15 minutes)  
8. Take a walk. (15-25 minutes)  
9. Wash and wax the car. (20-25 minutes)  
10. Put on music and dance around the house. (10-15 minutes)

Physical activity is easier than we think without planning organized exercise time. Children love spending time with their parents and building great memories in the process. Remember, little steps are easy to accomplish and don't make you feel overwhelmed.

Courtesy of MA Department of Public Health



## Choctaw Nation WIC

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN

SITE	PHONE	HOURS	DAYS
Antlers	580-298-3161	8:30-4:00	Every Tuesday
Atoka	580-889-5825	8:00-4:30	Every Mon., Thurs. & Fri.
		8:00-4:30	1st, 3rd & 4th Wed.
Bethel	580-241-5458	8:30-4:00	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Boswell	580-380-2517	8:30-4:00	1st & 2nd Friday
Broken Bow	580-584-2746	8:00-4:30	Every Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri.
		8:00-4:30	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Coalgate	580-927-3641	8:30-4:00	2nd Wednesday
Durant	580-924-8280 x 2255	8:00-4:30	Daily
Hugo	580-326-5404	8:00-4:30	Every Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs.
		8:00-4:30	3rd, 4th Friday
Idabel	580-286-2510	8:00-4:30	Monday and Friday
McAlester	918-423-6335	8:00-4:30	1st & 2nd week - Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.
		8:00-4:30	3rd & 4th week - every day
Poteau	918-647-4585	8:00-4:30	Every Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri.
Smithville	580-244-3289	8:30-4:00	2nd Thursday
Spiro	918-962-3832	8:30-4:00	Every Thursday
Stigler	918-967-4211	8:30-4:00	1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursday
Talihina	918-567-7000 x 6792	8:00-4:30	Every Tuesday
Wilburton	918-465-5641	8:30-4:00	1st & 2nd Thursday



# PEOPLE YOU KNOW

## Happy 93rd birthday

Rena Caffey turned 93 years old on September 14. Happy birthday from Ted and Carolyn Dosh!



## Happy 14th birthday

Kristianna Holder turned 14 on October 10. Kristianna is in the eighth grade. She likes working on her computer and going to church with her friends. She lives in Dallas with her grandparents, Clark and Peggy Holder.



## Happy first birthday

Brailee Madisyn Padilla was born on May 4, 2007. She is the daughter of Sean and Whitney Padilla. Her grandparents are Jimmy and Melissa Moore, Arkansas, and Isaac and Ritta Padilla of Kingman, Kansas.



## Look who's 2

Ryleigh Mosley of McAlester will turn 2 years old on October 23. We would like to wish her a happy birthday from Mu-Mu, Aunt Jen-Jen, and Aunt Bee-Bee.

Ryleigh's parents are Chris and Teresa Mosley. Her grandparents are Rina Mosley and Vickie Dumler, both of McAlester.



## Happy seventh birthday

Ryan Thorne turned 7 years old on August 28. He celebrated with friends and family. Ryan is the great-grandson of the late William T. and Ella Murphy of Idabel. He shares his birth date with his Great-Grandma Murphy.

Ryan's grandparents, Gene and LaHoma Murphy Crauthers of Oklahoma City, wish him a happy birthday.

Ryan lives in Tucson, Arizona, with his parents, Mike and Kristy, and brother, Bailey.



## Happy 16th birthday

Happy 16th birthday to Gregory Allison of Poteau on September 11. Birthday wishes from Mom, Dad, Breanna, Stephan, Mike, and Mike Jr.



## Happy 15th birthday

Happy 15th birthday to Breanna Allison of Poteau on August 26. Birthday wishes from Mom, Dad, Stephan, Greg, Mike and Mike Jr.



## Happy birthday

Amy Cate and Robert Hampton would like to wish their son, Christain Hampton, a happy birthday. His birthday was on August 26.



## Birthday wishes

Amy Cate and Robert Hampton would like to wish their son, Kevin Hampton, a happy birthday. His birthday is on September 27.



## Happy birthday

Amy Cate and Robert Hampton would like to wish their son, Casey Hampton, a happy birthday. His birthday is on October 16.



## Family birthday wishes

Dustin Hudson celebrated his birthday on September 8. He is the son of Corinne Hudson and the grandson of the late Dixon and Sarah Hudson. Happy birthday wishes also from your wife, Natasha, your daughter, Keeley, and your son, Koda.

Happy birthday to Sammy D. Baxter. He celebrated on September 24. Best wishes from your sister-in-law, Corinne, and nephew, Dustin, and family.

Greg Hudson celebrated his birthday on September 17. He is the son of the late Dixon and Sarah Hudson. Birthday wishes are sent to you from your sister, Corinne, and nephew, Dustin, and family.

Happy birthday wishes to Tonya Hudson Ayres on September 13. She lives in Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Eugene B. Hudson of Jacksonville, Florida, and the granddaughter of the late Dixon and Sarah Hudson.

Michael Brady celebrated his birthday on September 12. He is the son of Sam and Lita Baxter of Gillham, Arkansas. He is the grandson of the late Dixon and Sarah Hudson.

Also, congratulations to Michael on the birth of your son, Zach Brady, born on April 21, 2008.

## Happy 90th birthday

Sadie Impson of Fort Worth, Texas, will be 90 years old. She was born in Durant on September 8, 1915. She has been a hard-working woman all her life and raised her four daughters to be proud of their Choctaw heritage. She is loved by many.



## Happy birthday

Happy birthday to Alexander De-Muynne on September 5. His great-grandmother is Sadie Impson of Fort Worth, Texas.



## Happy 10th birthday

Happy birthday to Chipper Jones. He turned 10 years old on August 5. He went to Chuck E. Cheese in Fort Smith, Arkansas, with his family, Unk, Dad, great-grandma Joyce Jones, Aunt Jennifer, Jason Armstrong, Melissa, and Kalie.



## Happy 13th birthday

Shielo Dominique Coronado celebrated her 13th birthday on September 23.

Shielo is the daughter of Eva Coronado. Her grandparents are Larry and Nellie Norman of Dodson, Texas, and great-grandmother is Alma Glover Stephens. Shielo's great-great-grandmother is Edna Frazier Glover and her great-great-great-grandfather is original enrollee Noah Frazier.



## Happy second birthday

Dillon Daniel Norman celebrated his second birthday on September 27.

Dillon is the son of Jason Norman and Christy Harkins. His grandparents are Larry and Nellie Norman of Dodson, Texas, and great-grandmother is Alma Glover Stephens. Dillon's great-great-grandmother is Edna Frazier Glover and his great-great-great-grandfather is original enrollee Noah Frazier.



## Happy second birthday

Happy second birthday to Kazmira Nokomus Stark on July 29.



## Happy birthday

I would like to wish a happy birthday to Kendall on August 14. Best wishes from your grandma and family.



## Happy first birthday

Happy first birthday to Michael Delao from Poteau. Birthday wishes from Mom, Dad, Greg, Breanna, Meme and Papa.



## Birthday girl

We are wishing Gabrielle a happy birthday. Her birthday is on August 27. She had a Hannah Montana birthday party. Wishing her a happy birthday are her mommy, daddy, Katherine and Sarah.



## Happy sixth birthday

Keeley N. Hudson turned 6 years old on August 16. She attends Hugo Elementary School and is in the first grade. She is the daughter of Dustin and Natasha Hudson. She is the granddaughter of Corinne Hudson of Smithville and Fred and Dimple Wickerson of Hugo. Happy birthday also from all your Hudson relatives.



## Look who's 1

Happy birthday to Christina Prim on August 13. She really enjoyed her birthday. Happy birthday from her parents, Kevin and JoAnn Prim, and her big brother, Connor.



## Happy eighth birthday

Mikayla Danielle Miller of Hugo turned 8 years old on August 16. She is the daughter of Rachel Wickson Miller and Frederick Battiest, and the granddaughter of Dave Wickson Jr. of Hugo and the late Shirley Wickson.

She would like to wish her big brother, Wesley Wickson, a happy birthday. He turned 21 on July 29.



## Happy birthday

Happy birthday to Tracy on September 30. You have always been a blessing. I'm proud of you for being a good mother and person. Happy birthday from mom, Cody, Kendall, Rod and friend Bob.



## Happy fifth bithday

Happy fifth birthday to Julian Ibarra. Birthday wishes from his parents, Julian and Tammy; sister, Julianna; brother, Marcus, and Nana, Patricia Ritter.



## Happy birthday

Raeburn Bedford would like to wish some people a happy birthday. Happy birthday to my baby girl, Melissa Haney, on September 16. Happy birthday to my son, Anthony Bedford, on September 12. Happy birthday to my daughter-in-law, Melinda Lee, on September 7.



## Birthdays celebrated

Grandmother, Kathryn "Mimi" Gardner of Ardmore, and granddaughter, Samara "Mana" Jones, celebrated their birthdays in the arcade at the Santa Cruz Beach boardwalk. Kathryn's birthday was on July 31. Samara's ninth birthday was on August 10. Kathryn's parents are the late Marion and Evelyn Gardner of Ardmore. Happy birthday to Mimi and Mana.



## Happy birthday

We want to wish a happy birthday to a sweet little girl named Kaylen on September 1. Have a great day from your great-grandma, grandma and family.



## Happy 15th birthday

Wishing a happy birthday to our daughter, Rebecca Wall, who turned 15 years old on September 12 from Mama, Daddy, Mattie and Andrew.



## Siblings celebrate birthdays

Wishing happy birthday to our children, Mattie and Andrew Wall. Mattie will turn four on October 28. Andrew will turn two on October 24. Happy birthday from Mama, Daddy and Rebecca.



## Happy second birthday

Haydn's family would like to wish him a happy second birthday on October 18. He is the son of Twaleena Watson and Daniel Weddle of Vernon, Texas. His proud grandparents are Danny Billy and Dona Watson, Faretta Downing all of Vernon, Texas. Proud great-grandmother is Margaret L. Billy of Sobel. Haydn would also like to wish his Grandma Dona, Grandpa Danny and Aunt Sissy a happy belated birthday.



## Happy eighth birthday

Happy eighth birthday to Felipe Brown. Birthday wishes from his parents, Felipe and Connie; sister, Araceli, and Nana, Patricia Ritter.



## Happy birthday

Happy birthday to Tanner from your Aunt Chop. Tanner is the son of Shane and Tina Hudson. He is the grandson of R.E. Hudson, Alex and Wanda Tunnel of Smithville, and Grandma Patty form Petaluma, California.



## Happy eighth birthday

Ambree Shelton turned 8 years old on July 30. Wishing her a very happy birthday are Mom and Tony; brother and sister, Kendon and Khloe; Granny Kim, and all the rest of the family. Happy birthday "Bree Bear."



## Happy fifth birthday

Happy fifth birthday to Connor on September 13. You are getting so big. Happy birthday from his parents, Kevin and JoAnn Prim, and his little sister, Christina.



## Happy sixth birthday

Marland James Massey had his sixth birthday on September 13. He is the son of Jamie Massey of Lamar, Arkansas. He is the grandson of Pauline and Brian Genemetes of Hartman, Arkansas, and great-grandson of the late Marland and Sue Ashalintubbi of Eagletown, Oklahoma.





# Notes to the Nation

## Searching for information

Dear Choctaw Nation,

I am searching for information on ancestors Ellen (Ellena) Calvin, nee Cann (mother), David Graham (son), Edmond Calvin Sr. (son). All were in the Antlers and Jack Fork area. I would also like to find some pictures of the Tuskahoma area from 1900 to 1950. Thank you.

Theresa Dawson  
tcalvind@yahoo.com  
HC 63 Box 125, Eufaula, OK 74432

## Seeking connection

Dear Choctaw Nation,

There is a possibility that my paternal grandmother, Sudie Etheleen Brown Brents, was of Choctaw blood. I would like to make a connection with any Brown family member. Thank you.

Geraldine “Judy” Streety  
jjstreety@wtconnect.com  
P.O. Box 112, Roby, TX 79543

## ‘Curtis and Ann’s story’

Reprinted from Love Link Ministries Inc.

“Tell them our story.” I don’t know how many times Curtis has told me that as we have ended our telephone conversation. Curtis and Ann Harjo live in their Indian home in Atoka. Frequently he calls to report what is going on in their lives. Usually he has some positive news to tell me. Recently, however, he expressed concern about Ann and the decline in her physical health. She had become quite depressed. More recently it has been confirmed that Ann has cancer of the liver and has only a short time to live.

On a recent Saturday, Alice and I felt impressed to go visit Ann and Curtis. Although Ann appeared quite depressed when we arrived, she seemed very glad to see us. We hadn’t been there long before Ann’s half-brother and wife arrived providentially. As we visited Ann said she was not afraid to die, but found it hard to leave her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We all visited together and then prayed for Ann. We all sensed a special outpouring of God’s love and gave praise to Him.

I was glad I could remind Ann of the more than 30-some years of sobriety and blessing God had given to her since we first met. That first meeting was on the sidewalk around the corner from the Central Church parsonage (now the Shar-tel Recovery House.) Evangelist Ralph Tucker and I visited people to invite them to the revival. We found Ann sitting in the middle of the sidewalk, quite intoxicated. We prayed with her and invited her to the revival. She and Curtis started attending. Even after she accepted Christ as her Savior, she battled with her alcoholism.

One day Curtis came by the parsonage and asked me to take him to get Ann. She was in a bar in Capitol Hill. I parked a little ways from the bar entrance on purpose, thinking I would wait there while Curtis went into the bar and get Ann. Curtis insisted I go into the bar with him to get Ann. I reluctantly went in, hoping none of my church members would see me. Ann was sitting at a booth quite dazed. I guess it gave her quite a shock to see her pastor come through the door. As far as I know, Ann never drank after that.

We took a group of our people from Central Church to Mabel Bassett Women’s Facility to minister. I asked Ann to give her testimony. As she shared, the incarcerated women all began weeping. We all sensed an overpowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

For more than 30 years Curtis and Ann have been sharing their testimony wherever they go. What a story to give hope to the many who are battling addictions, and to those who endeavor to help them find deliverance!

As Alice and I sat with Curtis, Ann and their kin in Ann’s home, we marveled and rejoiced in what God has done and the added years in the life of this 72-year-old child of God.

Wayne Stark

## Care packages appreciated

Dear Choctaw Nation,

I would like to thank the Choctaw Nation Veterans Advocacy for sending care packages to my husband who is serving in Iraq. Without the Veterans Advocacy it would be impossible to send care packages. Thank you for supporting our troops!

Tanya Brewster  
Durant, Oklahoma

## Family feels blessed

Dear Choctaw Nation,

My name is Michelle Ingle and I live in LeFlore County. My family was recently blessed with a new septic tank. We live in an older home and ours was in very bad shape. We could not afford to have it fixed. We would like to thank everyone involved in helping us to get this and a special thank you to the two wonderful gentlemen who came out and did the work. We greatly appreciate it.

The Ingle Family

## McKee family members

Dear Choctaw Nation,

My grandmother is Mary McKee, maiden name Tucker, and we have a lot of family in Oklahoma. I would like to tell them that she is very ill and would appreciate any comfort letter or support that can be extended. She is at Providence Alaska Medical Center, an extended care facility, 3200 Providence Dr., Anchorage, AK 99501. Thank you.

Bruce Eldon Couch II  
Kenai, Alaska

## Teachers meetings assisted

Dear Choctaw Nation,

Thank you to Delton Cox, Jack Austin, Mike Amos, Hap Ward, Kenny Bryant and Perry Thompson for furnishing bottled water for the McCurtain County Teachers meeting on August 11 in Idabel and the Choctaw and Pushmataha counties’ teacher meetings, August 12 in Hugo.

Southeast Oklahoma Interlocal Coop, host  
Idabel, Oklahoma

## 13 Weeks of Summer Giveaway



First place winner of the 13 Weeks of Summer Giveaway was from the Choctaw Travel Plaza in Garvin. Derrick Williams of Clarksville, Texas, chose as his prize the new 4-wheeler. He is pictured with Travel Plaza Executive Director Brian McClain and Garvin Travel Plaza Manager Clayton Anna.



Second place winner Jena Jacobs of Broken Bow was from the Travel Plaza in Idabel. She chose the new pop-up camper. Jena is pictured with McClain and Manager Evangeline Cubit.



Third place winner was from the Travel Plaza in Poteau. Bobby Shadwick, Poteau, chose the new jet ski as his prize. He is pictured with Manager David Cox.

## Happy 50th wedding anniversary

The Denneys recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Royce Harley Denny and Nowassia Folsom were married on July 15, 1958, in Wasco, California. They have moved back to Oklahoma in 1965. They raised two sons, Jim and Mike. Both boys attended school at Stigler and graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

The family has been blessed with six grandchildren. Jim and his wife, Becky, from Oklahoma City have four children, Matt, Zac, Jason and Casey Marie. Mike and his wife, Tricia, from Owasso have two children, Nick and Samuel.

## Happy 25th wedding anniversary

Billy and Jill Vargo Mills celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 6, 2008. They have three beautiful children. Missy is a senior at Purdue University. Mindy is a junior and Billy is a freshman at Bethel High School. Jill is the daughter of Janis Wade Vargo, and the granddaughter of the late Ola B. Gann Wade and Gilbert Wade of Talihina.

## 6th Annual Cultural Gathering & Veterans Pow Wow

Native American Veterans Association (NAVA), a (501) (p) 19 non-profit organization, has established a committee dedicated to organizing the sixth annual Cultural Gathering and Veterans Pow Wow for November 8-9. Over the course of four years, NAVA has been able to sponsor the pow wow at little to no cost in Los Angeles. There is a fee this year. Sponsors are being sought to put on the pow wow which has attracted more than 2,000 veterans in the past. NAVA does not make any money on the pow wow.

All proceedings are paid by the vendors and fundraisers. Money received goes to pay for most of the honorees, head staff, drums, emcee, permits and rental of equipment. For information contact Mario Salgado, 323-562-4475.

## Harvey-Smith wed

Cody Smith and Katherine Harvey exchanged wedding vows on August 30, 2008.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Harvey of Princeton, Texas.

The groom is the son of Steve and Brenda Smith of Hochatown. Cody is the grandson of Barrentine and Nancy Tushka of Oak Hill, Glenda Ward of Hochatown, and Steve Smith of Texas.



## Lane-TaliaFerro united in marriage

Tabathya Lane and Adam TaliaFerro married on August 8, 2008. Tabathya is the mother of two sons, Jeren, 7, and Parker, 4. She is an Oklahoma University graduate pursuing her master’s degree while working as a registered nurse. The groom, Adam TaliFerro, is a successful business owner as an electrical contractor.

They reside in Lone Grove.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

### ANTLERS

November 5: Idabel 9-11:30; Broken Bow 12-2 (market closed).  
November 12: Bethel 9-10:30; Smithville 12-2; (market closed).  
Market open: November 3-21. Closed for Inventory November 24-26. Closed for holidays November 11 and November 27-28.

### DURANT

Market open weekdays November 3-21. Closed for Inventory November 24-26. Closed for holidays November 11 and November 27-28.

### McALESTER

November 3: Stigler 9-12 (market closed).  
Market open weekdays November 3-21. Closed for Inventory November 24-26. Closed for holidays November 11 and November 27-28.

### POTEAU

Market open weekdays November 3-21. Closed for Inventory November 24-26. Closed for holidays November 11 and November 27-28.

## CHOCTAW NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. We will take lunch from 11:30 to 12 noon

### WAREHOUSES & MARKETS

**Antlers:** 306 S.W. “O” St., 580-298-6443  
**Durant:** 100 1/2 Waldron Dr., 580-924-7773  
**McAlester:** 1212 S. Main St., 918-420-5716  
**Poteau:** 100 Kerr, 918-649-0431

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITES

**Bethel:** Choctaw Community Building  
**Broken Bow:** Choctaw Family Investment Center  
**Idabel:** Choctaw Community Center  
**Smithville:** Choctaw Community Center  
**Stigler:** Choctaw Community Center

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CHOCTAW NATION VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION							
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NOVEMBER 2008	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.						1
	2	3 Wilburton 10:30 am-1:30 pm	4 Antlers by appt only	5 Durant 10 am-12 pm	6	7 Idabel 10 am-12 pm Broken Bow 1-3 p.m.	8
	9	10	11 Veterans Day Remembrance Day (Canada)	12 McAlester 10 am-2 pm Stigler by appt only	13	14 Wright City by appt only Bethel by appt only	15
	16	17	18	19 Crowder by appt only	20	21 Atoka 10 am-2 pm Coalgate 10:30-1:30	22
	23	24	25	26 Poteau 11:30 am-1 pm	27	28	29
	30		Talihina 10 am-2 pm		Thanksgiving Day		

## Career Development is changing the lives of Choctaws nationwide!



Jordan Jack

Mr. Jordan Jack graduated April, 2008 from Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS. He completed the Railroad Conductor Certification Program and is now employed by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

Contact **Career Development** to get a jumpstart on your new career at **866-933-2260**.

“...growing with pride, hope, and success!”





# Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board attends 2much 2lose Camp



Fifty-one members of the CNYAB attended a weeklong 2m2l (2much 2lose) Leadership Camp in August. 2m2l is a program for youth to work at preventing underage drinking in their communities. The camp was held at Heart o' Hills in Welling, Oklahoma. The youth attended general sessions led by Nigel Wrangham, a motivational speaker as well as writer of the camp curriculum. Nigel spoke to the youth about the effects of underage drinking and also of how, at their age, they can make a difference. The youth were separated into several small groups that would meet and identify possible causes of underage drinking in their communities. By the end of the week they developed a realistic and doable plan to take back home and implement in their communities. It wasn't all work and no play. The camp had a miniature golf course and swimming pool available. 2m2l hosted a talent show, night time movies, crafts and a rafting trip down the Illinois River.

## Imotichey is honored

Former Redlands Community College basketball coach Melvin Imotichey was recently honored at a reception. The Cougar Roundball Reunion was held June 28 at RCC and was open to all former basketball players of Coach Imotichey. During the reception, Coach Imotichey was presented with a National Championship ring for the title that he won while coaching at Murray State College in 1973. Many former players were in attendance and spoke of the positive impact Coach Imotichey had on their lives. Imotichey is a native of Sulphur and is of Chickasaw and Choctaw descent. He coached



at Redlands Community College from 1978-2001. His basketball teams appeared in the national tournament in 1988 and 1995. He was also named 1995 Coach of the Year by the National Junior College Athletic Association. After retiring from RCC in 2001, he went on to coach in Waco, Texas, and at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. He currently serves as a recruiter for the Cherokee Nation's Talking Leaves Job Corps.

## Clayton YAB holds Teddy Bear Drive

The Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board recently held a Teddy Bear Drive planning to distribute the animals to local hospitals for pediatric patients as well as to law enforcement to give young children. Now that the stuffed animals have been cleaned, the youth are ready to start getting them out into the community. Thank you to those in Clayton for being so generous in donating these animals. Way to go, YAB! Pictured are Nicole Gilliam, Amanda Chabot, David Batton, Ashley Butler, Deanna Petty and in the center, Samantha Hutchinson.



## Summer Arts Camp

Samantha Hutchinson and David Batton of the Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board in Clayton taught a self-esteem class in Antlers during a Summer Arts Camp in July. The two YABsters taught six break-out sessions of approximately 12 youngsters in each class.



**District 12 – Coalgate**  
**ANNUAL**  
**CAKE WALK**  
**& CHILI SUPPER**  
**November 1**  
starts at 6 p.m. in the  
Choctaw Community Center  
*Bring a cake, pie, fruit basket,  
etc. All proceeds go to District  
12 Children's Christmas.*

## Three named to state honor rolls

Johnna Danea Ratliff, Stephen Luther Stewart and James Bray Killingsworth, all Hartshorne High School graduates, have been named to the 2008 summer honor rolls at Oklahoma State University. Stewart and Killingsworth are also on the President's Honor Roll. A total of 1,047 students were named to the 2008 summer honor rolls at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, including 544 students who received all "A" grades and were named to the President's Honor Roll. Full-time undergraduate students who completed six or more hours with a grade point average of 4.00 were placed on the President's Honor Roll. Students who completed six or more hours with a gpa of 3.50 or higher with no grade below a "C" were placed on the Dean's Honor Roll.



## Celebrating 67 years of marriage

Albert and Nancy White celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on July 26, 2008. They were married in Dyer, Arizona on July 26, 1941. The Whites spent their married life in California and upon retiring moved to Greenwood, Arkansas, where they reside now. The couple have two children. Lynda and Joe Kropf of Gainesville, Texas and the late Albert L White Jr. They have two grandchildren, Darin Kropf of Texas and Leann Terry of New Mexico, and one great-grandchild, Dylan Maddoux of Oklahoma City.



## Spears-Willmott marry

Congratulations to Brad and Danielle Spears who were married on July 12. Danielle is the daughter of Rhonda Willmott of Wilburton and Carl Willmott, Puyallup, Washington. Danielle is a graduate of the University of Washington and is working on her Master's Degree in Education at EOSC. She is an English teacher with Haileyville High School. Brad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wayne Spears, Gowen. He is a graduate of OSU and earned his Master's Degree in Administration at EOSC. He is the administrator at Jones Academy. The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. They are now residing in McAlester.



## Wheelock Heritage Festival

### & Alumni Reunion

**Saturday, November 1**  
**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**on the**  
**Wheelock Grounds**  
**Millerton, Oklahoma**

**Traditional Games**  
**Food, Demonstrations,**  
**Singing, Dancing, Preaching,**  
**Alumni Recognition/Awards**  
**For more information or vendor space**  
**call Kenny Sivard**  
**McCurtain County Historical Society**  
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## Taylor honored

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# OBITUARIES

## Orville C. Moody

Orville C. Moody passed away August 8, 2008. The youngest of nine children, he was born December 9, 1933, to Sarah and Cleave Moody.

Orville, or “Sarge” as he was affectionately known on the PGA Tour, served in the U.S. Army for 14 years before joining the PGA Tour. His first and only PGA Tour win came on Father’s Day in 1969 at Champions Country Club in Houston, Texas. In 1984, he also won the Senior U.S. Open.

When Orville turned 50, he revived his professional golf career by joining the Senior Tour. He went on to win 11 tournaments.

Survivors include three sisters, four daughters, two sons, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, all of East Texas.

## Dr. R.C. Gamble Jr.

Dr. Ralph C. Gamble Jr., 66, a long-time professor of economics at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, passed away on August 2, 2008. He was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Ralph and Eloise Gamble. He recently retired and relocated to Gig Harbor, Washington, to be close to his daughter, her husband, and expected first grandchild.

Dr. Gamble attended Spiro Schools where he graduated in 1959. During high school and for the next 20 years, his passion was music. He toured with his band, “Bee Bumble and the Stingers” and recorded an early rock classic, “Bumble Boogie,” and had a hit record when touring England.

He married Loretta House of Sallisaw in December 1965 and shortly after the birth of his daughter, Adria, he retired from the music world to enter the world of education, completing his Ph.D. in economics at Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Gamble had a long and distinguished career teaching, writing, publishing, and consulting in the field of economics. He was a true Renaissance man of many talents including recreational pilot, novelist, musician, and art apprecianado.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his father, Ralph C. Gamble; and his brother, Todd Gamble.

Survivors include his daughter, Adria, and her husband, Derek Hanson, of Gig Harbor, Washington; his mother, Eloise Gamble of Fort Smith; four sisters, Kiawana Altman of San Jose, California, Gayle Schardt of Norman and Terry Norris of London, England; two brothers, Dan Gamble of Miami, Oklahoma, and Lincoln Gamble of Fort Smith; one aunt, Maxine Taylor of Fort Smith; several nieces and nephews and many friends.

He was a Christian man strong in his faith, loving son, brother, father, and friend who will be sorely missed, but always remembered.

## Dorothy Lee Rose-Holt

Dorothy Lee Rose-Holt, 74, of Talihina passed away August 11, 2008, at her residence. She was born February 16, 1934, in Sardis, the daughter of the late David and Dovie McKinney Bohanon.

She graduated from Buffalo Valley High School. After she received her bachelor’s degree in education, she returned to Buffalo Valley School where she taught for 31 years. The children she taught were very important to her. She always considered them “her children.” She was a member of the Thesolonia Baptist Church.

She was the wife of L.D. Holt. They were married on September 19, 2002, in Mena, Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Duel Rose, in 1996; and one brother, Johnny Bohanon.

Survivors include her husband of the home; two sisters, Margie Nell and Alfred Brown of Talihina and Gladysteen and Ralph Kilgore of Owasso; stepchildren, Larry and Jeanette Holt of Wichita Falls, Texas, Daniel and Kim Holt of Muskogee, Debra and Scotty Russell, Tim and Jerelyn Holt, Sheldon and Jessie Holt, Kent and Julie Holt, all of Talihina; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

## Kevin Raymond

Kevin Lyn Raymond, 21, of Idabel passed away June 15, 2008, in Idabel. He was born September 28, 1986, in Talihina, the son of Johnny B. Raymond and Wahneeta F. Franklin.

Kevin was affiliated with the Bok-Chito United Methodist Church, Idabel, and had lived in the community all of his life. Kevin graduated with Broken Bow High School’s Class of 2005. He had finished his second year at Rose State College. He enjoyed working on the computer, talking on the phone, reading, and spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Leslie Dale Raymond Jr.; great-grandparents, Tobias and Rosa Williston, Leslie Dale Sr. and Annie Mae Raymond.

Survivors include his parents of Idabel; grandparents, Betty Raymond and Ben and Virginia Franklin, all of Idabel; one brother, Bradley Joe Raymond of Stringtown; two sisters, Stephanie Raymond and Andrea Raymond and fiancé Victor Rivera, all of Idabel; aunts and uncles, Kathy and Johnny Reece of The Colony, Texas, Christie and Brian Ashbridge of Purcell, Billy and Lenora Raymond of Idabel, Linda and Randel Dillard of Caney, Shirlene Level, Bobby Raymond and Larry Raymond, all of Idabel, Marietha and Larry Bond of Bethel, Valarie Franklin of Idabel, Thelma Jessie and Nawatha and Billy Baker, all of Broken Bow, Tracie and Barry Tohnikka of Bethel, Brian and Donna Franklin of Holly Creek, Inese and Shaun Mitchell of Valliant, Ben Franklin of Idabel, Edmond Franklin of McAlester, Rowena and Lawrence Obe and Neomi Franklin, all of Idabel; one niece, Jordyn Rivera; many cousins and a host of friends.

## LaWanda Ethridge

LaWanda Ethridge, 83, passed away June 13, 2008. She was born May 9, 1925, in Breckenridge, Texas, to Isaac and Lena Dodds McKee.

She married Thomas Eugene Ethridge on April 9, 1944, in Breckenridge. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church and the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, two sisters, and a great-great-grandson.

Survivors include her husband of Breckenridge; one daughter, Ruby Harris and husband Billy Joe of Breckenridge; two sons, Ronnie Ethridge of Leander and Jim Kronenger of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Lennie Guhl of Graham and Marlene McKee Richardson of Bryson; one brother, Carol McKee of Breckenridge; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.



## Cecil J. Coley

Cecil J. Coley, 77, of Oklahoma City passed away July 21, 2008. He was born June 26, 1931, in Red Oak to Ranes and Lela Coley.

Cecil was a member of Indian Mission Assembly of God. He enjoyed singing, playing cards and getting out and riding.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and he was a truck driver with Oklahoma Tomato for 12 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Solomon and Wilburn Coley.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; three children, Ulus Coley, Cecilia Garcia and husband Roberto and Wayne Wolfe and wife Belinda; stepchildren, Dallas Ceeley and wife Cindy, Leon Merri-man and wife Peggy, Cathy Raines and husband Phil, Billy Merri-man, Gerald Merriman, and Terry Merriman and wife Deena; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers, John Coley and wife JoAnn, Joe Coley and wife Mary; three sisters, Dolly Scott, Bydia Pope and Sue Jefferson and husband Cleve.

## Jesse M. Wallis Sr.

Jesse M. Wallis Sr., 67, of Cabazon, California, passed away August 9, 2008, at his home. He was born March 26, 1941, in McAlester.

Mr. Wallis was a retired painter. He loved to fish, hunt, and to hang out with friends at the Cabazon Market.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Patsy Jackson, in 2006; brothers Robert Wallis on June 4, 2005, and Richard A. Wallis in 1970; stepmother Patricia Wallis in 2005; father Jimmy Rae Wallis in 1988; and mother Lillie Mae Moore in 1965.

Survivors include his son, Jesse Wallis Jr. of San Jacinto, California; daughter, Penny Ortega of Banning, California; brothers, Larry Wallis of Cabazon, Jerry Wallis of Banning, Gary Wallis of Beaumont, California, Wayne Wallis of San Jacinto, Jimmy Wallis of Cabazon and Ken-ny Wallis of Cabazon; sisters, Annie Wallis of Banning and Laurie Ziem of Beaumont; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and 31 nieces and nephews.

## Harold W. ‘Tom’ Thompson

Harold W. “Tom” Thompson, CMS-GT (Ret.), 75, passed away July 9, 2008. Born in Blanchard, he was the son of John Walter Thompson and Bertha C. Buckholts.

Mr. Thompson was a 28-year, highly decorated veteran of the Air Force, serving in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He retired to Warner Robins, Georgia, in 1978. He served both his country and family with love and honor. He also worked with Zantop Airlines in Macon for many years and had many friends who honored him with great stories of the man they called, “H.T.” He was very proud of his Choctaw heritage. His mother, born Bertha Copley, was born in Indian Territory. He made sure his children and grandchildren knew about his heritage and passed it along.

He traveled the world through the military and saw many things. He was very proud of his military career and was given full military honors at his funeral. He believed in a hard day’s work and believed in rewarding you for a hard day’s work. He had strict ethics and if you needed him, he would be there for you. He will be terribly missed by all his friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Carol W. Thompson of Centerville, Georgia; daughter, Christine (Matt) Johnson, Columbia, South Carolina; son, Scott (Beth) Thompson of Fort Worth, Texas; brother, Clyde (Sandra) Copley of Lone Grove; grandchildren, Christopher Blymyer and Jacob Johnson of Columbia, Erin Thompson of North Carolina, and Katie Thompson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



## Lue McClanahan

Lue Hopkins McClanahan, 65, of Oklahoma City passed away August 14, 2008, at her home. She was born December 17, 1942, in Oklahoma City, the youngest of three daughters of Freeny and Fern Posey Hopkins.

Lue grew up a farm girl in Goldsby where she also attended school through the eighth grade. Her high school years were at Norman where she graduated with the class of 1960. After high school, Lue attended the St. Anthony’s School of Nursing in Oklahoma City and became a registered nurse. She later attended the University of North Texas where she received her degree in Nursing Home Administration.

Lue married Mack McClanahan and they made their home in Bethany. She was a member of the Bethany Church of Christ and a proud member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; nephew, Kenny Bebout; grandson, Ryan Mayne; and stepson, Michael McClanahan.

Survivors include her husband of Bethany; son, Steve Crowell of Boston; daughter, Kari Mayne and husband Bob of Frisco, Texas; grandson, Sammy Mayne; two sisters, Hilda Bebout Stoddard and husband Kirk of Goldsby, Ruth Hopkins Savage and husband Jim of Anadarko; stepdaughter, Glenna Hernandez and husband Mario of Idaho Falls, Idaho; stepson, Trey McClanahan and wife Heather of Beaverton, Oregon; step-grandchildren, Crystal, Conner and Anthony Hernandez, Justin and Marcus McClanahan; one niece, five nephews, 10 great-nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

## Callie Cleo Gladney

Callie Cleo Gladney, 101, passed away August 2, 2008. She was born March 20, 1907, in Lane, Oklahoma, the first child of Benjamin and Elbie Smith.

Callie, her four sisters, and one brother were primarily raised in Vian, Oklahoma. She received her education in Maybelle and Vian. She professed her love and hope in Christ at an early age in Vian. She later united with Wilson Chapel Baptist Church in Haskell, Oklahoma, where she remained a faithful member until her health began to fail.

Callie Cleo met and married Ruffin Gladney on December 16, 1923. She was a loving and devoted wife who showed unconditional love for her children and grandchildren. She loved gardening, sewing, cooking, canning, and was an inspiration to all young mothers around her and other children in the community.

She was preceded in death by two siblings, Raymond Smith and Ivy Jean Irish; four children, James Gladney, Fannie Gladney, Elbie Riley and Corenzo B. Smith.

Survivors include three sons, Charles and Barbara Gladney of Muskogee, Donald and Dorothy Gladney of Haskell, and Raymond Curley and Janice Gladney of Kansas City, Missouri; three sisters, France and Pete Finney of Webbers Falls, Gladys Hood of New Jersey, and Della and Linton James of Tulsa; 17 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 24 great-great-grandchildren, eight great-great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and a special caregiver, Rebecca Thomas.

## Verna L. Hughes

Verna L. Hughes passed away June 3, 2008, at Sparks Hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas. She was born October 20, 1919, in Howe, Oklahoma. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Mary Goeske Allen; two brothers, John J. Allen and Sam J. Allen; and three sisters, Ada Robinson, Leona Harrison and Vina Thorne.

Survivors include one daughter, Louise Durant of Poteau; three sons, Gaylon L. Cooper of Marysville, Washington, Vern L. Hughes of Broken Arrow, and Howard L. Hughes of Tampa, Florida; one sister, Wanda James of Poteau; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, other relatives, loved ones and many beloved friends.



## Irene Himes

Irene H. Himes, 87, of Talihina passed away August 19, 2008, at Talihina Manor Nursing Home. She was born November 5, 1920, in Howe, Oklahoma, the daughter of the late Atchison and Angeline McIntosh Hickman.

She was a member of Greenhill Baptist Church, Talihina. She worked as an LPN at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center until retirement.

She was the widow of Babe Himes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; niece, Donna Frazier Godsby; nephew, Ellem Benjamin Frazier Jr.; and sister, Margaret Hickman.

Survivors include a son, Melvin and Linda Himes of Poteau; granddaughter, Hannah Himes of Howe; two grandsons, Daniel Himes of Poteau and Kevin Himes of Louisiana; two sisters, Nancy Ondersma of Phoenix, Arizona, and George Frazier of Talihina; brother, Jerry Hickman of Fort Smith, Arkansas; stepsister, Pauline Fish; two nieces, Ellen Frazier and Brenda Hickman of Talihina; several great-nieces and nephews; and a very special friend, Beverly Picott of Talihina.

## Timothy Shane Hernandez

Timothy Shane Hernandez, 29, of Talihina passed away August 23, 2008, at his residence. He was born October 25, 1978, in Talihina, the son of the late Vinace Hotella and Sharon Hernandez.

He was employed at the maintenance department at Choctaw Nation Health Care Center. He enjoyed golfing, NASCAR racing, carpentry, and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Lydia Means of the home; three daughters, Makayla, Brianna and Aiyana Hernandez, all of the home; two brothers, Chris Hernandez of Talihina and Mark and Bridgette Hernandez of Konawa; aunt, Eva Joe Head of Albion; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

## Beverly Jo Vavra

Beverly Jo Vavra, 68, of Bodfish, California, passed away August 3, 2008, at her residence. She was born November 22, 1939, in Madill, the daughter of George and Viola Bench.

She married Ron Vavra on April 26, 1956. She was a homemaker, loving wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed fishing, bowling, and was a member of the Lake Isabella Moose Lodge where she enjoyed many activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Tim Phy; and a sister, Louise Roehrman.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years; three sons, Robby, Tony, and Ronnie Vavra II and wife Crystle; one daughter, Debbie and husband Mark Loseth; two granddaughters, Melissa Farley and Lela Loseth; four grandsons, Gary Vavra, Ronnie III, Anthony Vavra and Tim Alexander; two sisters, Nadene Matthews and Betty Still; and several nieces and nephews.

## Sarah Jene Barrett

Sarah Jene Barrett passed away July 24, 2008, as a result of a vehicle accident. She was born September 12, 1982, in Sacramento, California.

Survivors include her children, Nicholas, Jessica, Chelsea and Shawn; father, Buddie Barrett; mother and stepfather, Terri and Carl Robinson; sisters, LaKrisha Anderson, Hannah Barrett and Melissa Barrett; brothers, Lee Grammer, Jeremiah Barrett, Carl Robinson Jr., and Quinn Robinson; and her uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

She will be missed very much by all who loved her.



## Joe Casey Isaac

Joe Casey Isaac, 26, of Talihina passed away August 23, 2008, at Choctaw Nation Health Care Center. He was born March 31, 1982, in McAlester, the son of Randy Earl Mangrum and Lisa Isaac.

He had worked in the oil field. He enjoyed taking his daughter and his brothers and sisters fishing and swimming.

He was preceded in death by his aunt, Jeannie Mings, and uncle, Bobby Isaac.

Survivors include his daughter, Ally Dawn Smith of Bache, Oklahoma; his mother of the home; his father of Dallas, Texas; sister, Sydney Isaac; brother, Mark Munoz; cousins, Trelyn Redway and Kobe Redway, all of the home; two half-brothers, Randy Mangrum Jr., and Bennie Mangrum; half-sister, Brenda Mangrum; three aunts, JoAnn Rutherford of Bengal, Oklahoma, Debbie Mangrum of Mounds, Oklahoma, and Rhonda Isaac of McAlester; uncle, Dennis Isaac of Mannford, Oklahoma; grandparents, Joe Charles Isaac of Talihina, Sauline Isaac of Alderson; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

## Charles ‘Chuck’ Ray Poindexter

Charles “Chuck” Ray Poindexter, 74, of Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away July 31, 2008, at the Bernadette Care Home. He was born December 4, 1933, in Garvin County, Oklahoma.

In 1997, he retired from the California Ironworkers Local 416 out of Las Vegas after 33 years as an ironworker.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Annie Farmer of Oklahoma; his father, George Martin Poindexter of Oklahoma; and three brothers.

Survivors include his son, Shon of Colorado; a brother, Oral of Las Vegas; a niece, Karen Hines of Chino Valley, Arizona; and two grandchildren.