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## WIC Overseas facility opens in Schweinfurt, Germany

Tribal Council Representatives and tribal employees were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony in July to open the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program on the 280th Base Support Battalion and Schweinfurt Military Community in Germany. Councilpersons Lois Burton and Charlotte Jackson said they were happy to participate in the official opening of the WIC site.

"It is wonderful to talk to the employees of the program and know that they are so excited to be able to offer the counseling and nutrition products to the families," said Councilperson Burton.

"These families were not able to receive assistance from WIC before the Choctaw Nation administered it here through CM/SE," said Councilperson Jackson. "This will be a tremendous asset for them."

Both Councilpersons pointed out that not only will the physical well-being of the participants be improved, but the food purchase vouchers will help the families' financial budgets.

Brigadier General Richard L. Ursone, TRICARE Europe Lead Agent, has been a proponent of the WIC program for many years and was instrumental in getting the program approved for servicemen and women's families overseas.

General Ursone credited the local WIC team

with implementation of the service at Schweinfurt. This team of workers included LTC Jenny Roper, LTC John Lute, 1 LT Kim Leesebert, Lisa Keyes, LTC Barbara Fretwell, LC Sue Keller and Erika Edwards. Ursone also thanked the 280th Commissary and the Dental Clinic for their cooperation and help.

WIC has been around since 1972 in the United States, administered at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Studies show that WIC has been consistently associated with reductions in the prevalence of very low birth weight of infants and a lower incidence of infant mortality. WIC participation has also been associated with improved dietary intake in children and improved cognitive development.

Studies show that by age five, children enrolled in WIC prenatally have better vocabulary scores. Children participating in WIC also have a better memory for numbers.

WIC Overseas (WICO) brings this valuable service to eligible soldiers and family members. Two members of the Choctaw Management/Services Enterprise Board of Directors, Paula Wingfield and Diane Perrin, were also present for the ribbon cutting celebration held at the Schweinfurt site.



Pictured at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Schweinfurt WIC program are Brigadier General Robert Williams, ADC-S (Assistant Division Commander for Support, Infantry Division), Managing Officer for Choctaw Management/Services Enterprise (CM/SE) Matt Novick, Councilpersons Lois Burton and Charlotte Jackson and Brigadier General Richard Ursone, TRICARE Europe Lead Agent.



Some of the first WIC participants at the military base in Schweinfurt, Germany were Ivonne Shiraishi and her children, Sean Logan and Tiffany Ann. Ivonne's husband, Sam, is enlisted in the army and based at Schweinfurt. Recently hired CM/SE employee, Erika Edwards, is processing the paperwork for the Shiraishi family to receive their WIC vouchers.

### Original enrollee to celebrate 102 years in September

Original Choctaw Enrollee Myrtle Azlea Beaver Lovin will turn 102 years old on September 20th. She visited recently with Chief Gregory E. Pyle, telling him some of her family's history. Mrs. Lovin was born in Wapanucka I.T. in 1899, after the original land run. She and her parents, Calvin and Gertrude Beaver, traversed the early Oklahoma Territory looking for choice land to establish a permanent home.

After many weeks of searching and traveling by covered wagon, the family was allotted one site in the area of Springer, then a second allotment near the Claypool area and finally a permanent home place in the Mudcreek district northwest of current Ringling. Mrs. Lovin now lives in Ardmore.

Happy Birthday!



## Tribe receives \$750,000 CDBG grant for Diabetes Clinic and Wellness Center

Chief Greg Pyle is pleased to announce that U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe has advised him the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma was awarded a Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount

of \$750,000. The tribe will be constructing a Diabetes Clinic and Wellness Center at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina, Oklahoma. The tribe will provide the balance of funds necessary to construct the facility.

Diabetes has reached epidemic

proportions among American Indians, and presently there are over 3,800 diabetic patients being treated in the Choctaw Nation's five health care facilities.

In November 1997 the tribe opened a Diabetes Treatment Center, housed in a small area of

the Choctaw Nursing Home in Antlers, to address the needs of diabetic patients. In March 2000 the clinic was moved into the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina. The space in the hospital soon became cramped and does not provide the mini-

mum requirements necessary to provide effective and total care. When the Diabetes Treatment Center was moved to the hospital, they had 300 active patients. One year later, the patient load had increased to 1,139. They average 70 new referrals each month.

It is a well documented fact that primary prevention activities can have a major effect on reducing the prevalence of chronic diseases such as diabetes. A sedentary lifestyle and obesity are two modifiable risk factors for diabetes that

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## IHS grant submitted for Stigler ambulatory clinic

The Choctaw Tribal Council met in Regular Session on August 11, 2001 to approve submitting a grant application to Indian Health Service (IHS) for an ambulatory clinic to be located in Stigler. This clinic in Stigler will improve access to basic health care for citizens of the area.

Council members reiterated their support for education by approving \$3 million of Gaming Funds and Motor Fuel Tax Funds to be used for Higher Education Scholarships this semester.

The Tribal Council voted to support a school based intervention project for reducing the risk of Type 2 diabetes among Indian children. Type 2 diabetes is a prevalent disease among Choctaw people and is being diagnosed more and more frequently in children and adolescents. This intervention project will research the emerging epidemic of Type 2 diabetes mellitus in children and design effective prevention programs to reduce the health disparity of elevated risk for the disease in Choctaws and other Indian people.

The Choctaw Language Program will continue, thanks to an allocation approved by the Council. Funds will be provided to the program to broadcast internet classes, which allows participation by all who are interested in learning about the Choctaw language and history. The funds also provide for classes in public schools and other areas.

Approval was given to accept a \$110,000 grant from the District Attorney's Council of the State of Oklahoma for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Drug Task Force.

Grants were approved for submission to the Center for Substance (See COUNCIL on Page 11)



## Choctaw Nation breaks ground for Atoka travel plaza

On July 25, Chief Gregory E. Pyle, Assistant Chief Mike Bailey and Tribal Councilmembers led the way as shovels turned soil in Atoka County as the Choctaw Nation held a groundbreaking for its eleventh travel plaza. The Travel Mart will be located at the southeast corner of Hwy. 69-75 and State Highways 3 and 7, across from the Dollar General store and McDonald's in Atoka. The 4,000 square foot facility will include a Hot Stuff Pizza and a Cinnamon Street Bakery. Twenty-one new jobs will be available at the Atoka Travel Mart which is expected to open its doors early next year.

## Grateful for help in receiving degree

Dear Chief Pyle and people of the Choctaw Nation,

I am writing to express my gratitude and thanks for helping me obtain a college degree. I have been a recipient of the Choctaw Scholarship Program for four years. In May, I received my Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Nursing and will soon be going to work for the Indian Health Service. I am looking forward to serving the Indian people and learning more about Indian culture.

I would also like to honor my ancestors at this time: my great-great-grandmother, Amelia Yarby Farve; my great-grandmother, Elvener Farve Berry; and grandmother, Thelma Berry Henson Kirby. My grandmother is still living and requested that I honor my ancestors because she feels they would be proud as she is also.

Jennifer Henson Caudle  
Norman, Oklahoma

## Educational aid is a great tribal service

To the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma,

I would like to thank this opportunity to thank the Choctaw Nation, the Tribal Council and the Department of Higher Education for their help in providing financial aid during my undergraduate college career. On May 20th, I graduated with honors from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Musical Theater. I also obtained a minor in dance. On May 29th, I moved to New York City where I am pursuing a career in theatre.

Without the help of the Choctaw Nation, my family and I would have been hard-pressed to find the money for college. Thanks for the financial help we received from the Choctaw Nation. I feel that I have received a priceless and valuable education. I hope to be able to return the favor in some way in the future.

By helping to provide funds for Choctaws in need of financial help with schooling, I believe that our tribe is doing a great and necessary service for its members. For this service, I am grateful and I thank you.

Jennifer Tom  
Broken Bow, Oklahoma

## University student receives clothing grant

Dear Editor,

As a proud Choctaw attending Texas A&M University, I would like to thank the Choctaw Tribal Council, Chief Pyle and Assistant Chief Bailey for the clothing grant I received recently from the Choctaw Nation. It was truly needed to help me with my college expenses.

My parents and grandparents have always stressed the pride and importance of my Choctaw heritage. I hope to have children of my own someday and will pass this pride on to them.

Thanks again for your help with my education.

Katie Hastings  
Lake Jackson, Texas  
great-granddaughter of Daisy Costilow Hastings

## Seeking information on Folsom ancestors

Dear Editor,

I need some information on my family and am hoping someone who reads the BISHINIK can help me. I have some information on my grandmother, Bettie Folsom, born about 1877, died May 18, 1910, and is buried in Stigler, Oklahoma. Her father was Elias Folsom, died April 5, 1907 and is buried at Whitefield.

I need information on Elias' father who was David Folsom, born in Mississippi and married a Betsy Lucas. David's father was Edmund Folsom, born in Rowan County, North Carolina about 1767 and died in Mississippi. Seems to be very little on David or his father, Edmund. Edmund had nine children and I understand he had three wives. David had Tecumseh and Elias.

I appreciate any help I can get.

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## Newspaper an important connection

Dear Chief Pyle, Assistant Chief Bailey, staff and friends,

Thank you very much for the BISHINIK news each month. I enjoy every page of it. I laugh out loud when I see the cute pictures of the beautiful, cute babies and children. I'm proud when I see the awards given to our teen graduates. I'm interested when I read about the lives of our old folks. The stories about the lives of some of them are very interesting and we had some strong characters in our Choctaw history.

On Page 4 of our June '01 newspaper, "Active Lifestyle Benefits People" was of special interest. "It is no secret that most Americans need to eat less and move more." Keep printing health tips, recipes, etc., just as you have been doing. Our newspaper, your cards and letters to me are important connections to my Choctaw heritage in Choctaw County, Boswell, communities of Oak Ridge and Wade school districts.

Muriel D. Smith  
Red Bluff, California

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# Poteau Language Class visits Mississippi Choctaw Festival

Dear Chief Pyle,

This is to express our gratitude for the use of the bus to transport the Poteau Choctaw Language Class on July 11 through the 15 to the 52nd Choctaw Indian Fair near Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Enroute to Mississippi we stopped in Memphis, Tennessee to tour the historic Chukalissa Museum that is maintained by the University of Memphis. We were fortunate to have a knowledgeable Choctaw guide who had just returned from an educational trip.

We arrived at the hotel on the reservation early enough the first night so that we were still able to attend the Fair. We saw the 2001 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant and a playoff game of the World Championship Stickball Tournament.

The next day was busy. The class and its guests started with a tour of the Pearl River Choctaw Community. We saw the homes the tribal members live in, a residential home for seniors, their hospital, the River Oaks housing project, American Greeting Cards Factory, Wire Harness Factory, the building for

their dialysis center, new Choctaw Town Center, where the Dancing Rabbit Golf Course is located, and a pawn shop where we were able to buy less expensive arts and crafts items. We then went to the Williamsville Country Store and afterwards to Nanih Waiya Cave where we had a picnic. Before returning to the hotel, we went to the Holy Rosary Indian Mission south of Philadelphia where we sang Choctaw hymns. We returned to the hotel for our evening meal before going to the Fair. While at the Fair that evening, we went through the Choctaw museum of the Southern Indians, arts and

crafts stands, fair exhibits, and attended another stickball play-off game before returning to the hotel.

On the 13th, we toured Tiak Hikia and Oka Homma Choctaw Communities near Carthage. The principal of Tiak Hikia School gave us a tour of their new school building. After returning to the Pearl River Community, we were allowed to visit the sweat lodge there where our guide, James Johnson, explained its function. This is the first time any of the "outside" groups had been allowed to see or visit one of the lodges constructed for a sweat ceremony. That evening

individual class members were free to attend the concerts, Choctaw cultural dances, crafts making demonstrations and the semi-finals of the World Championship Stickball Tournament.

On Sunday, we had lessons in drum making, traditional dress making, swamp cane basket weaving, beadwork, and miniature stickball stick making. The president of our class, Chris Darnell, took a test about the Choctaw language that was being given by the Language Program of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and passed it. We are proud of him.

One of our guests, Daniel Howard of Stigler, played for the Beaver Dam team that was the runner-up champion in the stickball tournament.

Again, the Poteau Choctaw Language Class wishes to thank you, not only for the bus to attend this edifying event, but the opportunity to learn the Choctaw language and culture.

Chris Darnell, President  
JoAnn Jones, Secretary  
Carolyn Cagle, Treasurer  
Deloris Cox, Teacher  
and all the  
Poteau class members

## Books reveal bits of Choctaw heritage

Dear Editor,

Through many long hours of research and endless days and nights on a computer, my mother, Beatrice O. (Orcutt) Harrell, has brought back to life an all but extinct Choctaw legend and part of my family's history. She has done this through three books, the last to be published in a few short months.

Her first book, published in 1995 by Dial Books, is titled, "How Thunder and Lightning Came To Be." It is a children's book that depicts traditional Choctaw ways and tells of the very rare, almost extinct Choctaw legend of two clumsy birds who accidentally create thunder and lightning while trying to help the Great Sun Father find a way to warn the Choctaw people of coming storms.

Beatrice's second book is based on my family's history. It is titled, "Longwalker's Journey" and tells the story of Minko Ushi (later renamed Longwalker) and his pony Black Spot who traveled the long walk from Mississippi to Indian Territory during the Indian Removal Act in 1831. It is a novel of the Choctaw Trail of Tears. Longwalker was Beatrice's great-great-grandfather. He was given the name "Longwalker" because he survived the Trail of Tears.

The third book is a story based on the life of my grandmother, Juanita Ruth Walker, Beatrice's mother. Her maiden name, Walker, is a shortened version of Longwalker. It tells of Juanita as a very young Indian girl growing up at the Wheelock Mission School in Millerton, Oklahoma. It gives an account of the harsh cruelty she faced at the hands of the white people running the school as they forced her to give up her native Choctaw tongue as well as her other ways of life. The title of the book is appropriately named, "Speak No More."

Beatrice resides in Glenpool, Oklahoma. She has four children, eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild expected in a few months.

Through her work the spirit of the Choctaw people will live on.

Theresa E. Stith  
Glenpool, Oklahoma

## Owa-Chito Princess Pageant a success

Dear Chief Pyle and Tribal Council,

Thank you so much for your contribution of \$640 to the Choctaw Owa-Chito Princess Pageant held on June 15, 2001 at the 29th Annual Owa-Chito Festival. Many Choctaws were simply thrilled to have the pageant back after being absent five years from the festival.

I made the announcement among hundreds of people attending the festival, "Chief Gregory E. Pyle and the Tribal Council made the pageant possible." The response from the audience was great!

This pageant gave Choctaw girls living outside the Choctaw Nation boundaries the opportunity to participate in a Choctaw Pageant.

The winner in each division follows:

**Little Miss Choctaw Owa-Chito Princess 2001**

Wendy Taylor, Broken Bow

**Junior Miss Choctaw Owa-Chito Princess 2001**

Tiffany Shomo, Broken Bow

**Senior Miss Choctaw Owa-Chito Princess 2001**

Kandace Folsom, Dallas, Texas

Again, thank you for your help in making the pageant a success.

Angela Stocks  
Broken Bow, Oklahoma

## Dr. Bert Thomas participates in meeting

Dear Chief Pyle,

We were honored by the presence of Dr. Bert Thomas at our recent bi-annual meeting of the American Indian Advisory Group for our NIAAA Collaborative Research Project, "Patterns and Consequences of Alcohol Use in Non-Reservation Indians."

Dr. Thomas' participation in the meeting provided a tremendous asset to our discussion of the needs of Indian people related to substance abuse treatment and mental health services. We appreciated the clinical experience, knowledge of substance abuse treatment and familiarity with Indian culture brought to the discussion by Dr. Thomas.

Thank you for sharing the marvelous resource that the Choctaw Nation enjoys in Dr. Thomas. We appreciate the opportunity to interact with Dr. Thomas as a part of our collaboration with service providers to non-reservation Indian people. It is this type of cooperation between tribes, service agencies, service providers and research scientists that will encourage a positive movement toward effective and culturally appropriate treatment for substance abuse among our Indian people.

The superb reputation of the Choctaw Nation in health care and service to tribal members is well known throughout Oklahoma and the nation. The American Indian Research Group of Oklahoma (AIRGO) offers our sincere gratitude for your efforts in behalf of the health of Indian people.

Sara Jo Nixon, Ph.D., Principal Investigator  
Deborah Jones-Saumty, Ph.D., Co-Principal Investigator  
The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center  
Cimarron, Texas 70516

## Support during college appreciated

Dear Chief Pyle,

I would like to say thank you for the financial assistance I was given by you and the Choctaw Nation. The money helped me more than you will ever know.

I graduated from the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope on May 15, 2001. I graduated with an Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice degree. My grade point average was 3.67. While in college I received some awards. I was awarded Who's Who in Junior Colleges and the National Dean's List. I made the Dean's List every semester except one. That semester I was on the Chancellor's Honor Roll (4.0 for the semester). I was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society, and a Big Sister for incoming freshman. I also graduated cum laude and an honor student.

I would like to say thank you to my mom, Susie Jessie, and grandmother, Nacey Jessie, for their support during college.

Thank you again for the aid.

Robin Driver  
Fulton, Arkansas

## Researching heritage

Dear Editor,

I'm trying to track down my grandmother to find out about my heritage. All I know about my grandmother is that she came off a Choctaw Reservation. I have never met her and no one ever talks about her. My father's name is Daniel Shockley, Sr., born May 9, 1929. I think in Houston, but I'm not sure. I haven't seen him in over 30 years so I don't know too much about his side of the family. My father had two brothers, Paul and Jude, and a sister, Ruth. His father was a street corner minister and his mother was a full-blood Choctaw. I would appreciate any further help you could give me in helping me locate where my grandmother is living or where she is at her resting place. Thank you.

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## Class visits Eastern Band of Cherokees

Dear Editor,

As a member of the Choctaw Language Class of Oklahoma City, I sit in my motel room in Cherokee, North Carolina pondering whether to wait until I get home to write, but then, I feel so compelled that I dig into my purse and find a piece of paper to jot down my notes.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Chief Greg Pyle, the Tribal Council, the kindness of the two bus drivers, and to all others who had anything to do with our cultural trip to North Carolina.

The evening following our arrival, the Chief of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation met us with open arms. As we gathered to sing, I noticed that a Choctaw shared a hymnal with the Chief to sing along with us. Singing in perfect harmony with every individual, singing in all sincerity, our voices rose "unto these hills," surrounded by the Great Smoky Mountains. It was then that I felt the presence of the Great Spirit. What an inspirational event!

As the Chief and our Director exchanged gifts, my memory went back in time of history with two tribes meeting and exchanging gifts with joyous hand shaking. The thoughts of the long tiresome trip were completely forgotten. Even though our many activities were wonderful, I really think that was my highlight.

It has always been interesting for me to meet new people of other tribes. My first words are, "What tribe are you?" then I identify myself as Choctaw. A good conversation follows. My version of a "good conversation" is exchanging information and learning from each other. We are responsible for setting good examples for the tribe. The key is sincerity and kindness. I truly believe that each of us on three buses did well as goodwill ambassadors for Choctaw Nation. I heard comments made by the Cherokees that "Choctaws are friendly people."

It is sometimes necessary to venture out of our territory in order to reconnect the circle of life.

Stella Long  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

## Needing information

Dear Editor,

I am seeking the names Joe and Lucille Whitehurst, believed to be Choctaw from around Chickasha, Oklahoma. Also, anyone knowing about anyone with the name John Lawson or John and Margret Annie (Tullis) Jacobs, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. Thank you.

Viola Green  
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# Choctaw language course offered in four public schools

The Choctaw Nation has a determined focus on improvements for the future of the tribal members. At the same time, the Council and I know it is extremely important that our great heritage be remembered for generations to come.

We have been very fortunate to have such amazing success in business endeavors over the past few years. Travel plazas, gam-

ing operations, manufacturing industries and contracts through the U.S. Government have all contributed to the tribal programs that have made life better for many people.

One of these programs that the tribal businesses have made possible is the Choctaw Language Program. Students can log on to the internet from all over the world and take the classes to

learn our native language. Many places have live classes that can be attended with certified teachers in the room to help those wishing to learn.

Beginning this school year, the Choctaw language will be offered in public schools as an accredited course. Considered a "pilot program" for the first months, the course will be offered through technology of the

internet to four schools — Caddo, Durant, Bennington and Bokchito.

The teacher will be Hannah Bryan. Hannah will be broadcast onto the view screens in all of these schools. The students will receive credit for the class for learning a second language.

Next year, we expect to expand the public school language

classes to include all those classrooms in the Choctaw Nation who wish to offer the course. The classes contain education about much more than the language. A great deal of the history of the Choctaw Nation is also shared by the teacher.

Learning about our tribe is a great experience and it is exciting to be able to offer this information to so many people.

## From the desk of Assistant Chief Mike Bailey

### Choctaw Management/Services Enterprise employees provide vital services overseas

Overseas employees of Choctaw Management/Services Enterprise (CM/SE) were thrilled with the participation last month of Tribal Councilpersons Lois Burton and Charlotte Jackson at the opening of the newest WICO (WIC Overseas) site in Germany and a corresponding visit to Aviano Air Base to meet the Family Advocacy Program staff.

The WIC program has never been offered at the United States Overseas Military Bases before the Choctaw Nation stepped in to administer the program and offer the services to all eligible military families.

The tribe works with the U.S. Government and contracts from the Department of Agriculture to receive the funds to purchase the supplies for WIC and pay the salaries of the employees. This program is to benefit pregnant and nursing women, and infants and children up to the age of five.

Nutrition counseling is an important component, and vouchers for food items such as milk, cheese, peanut butter and cereal are given to the women. Formula vouchers are available for bottle-fed babies.

Military families also benefit from the CM/SE



administered Family Advocacy Program (FAP). This program has many facets of assistance. In addition to helping new families get settled with overseas life away from home, the FAP employees sponsor activities so that military personnel and their families can meet each other and socialize.

FAP staff also provide social service assistance such as offering advice on programs and benefits that are available, counseling at-risk families and helping with emergency situations.

The Family Advocacy Program is vital to the success of family life at the bases. Just think, these people are living away from their parents, brothers, sisters, and many times don't even speak the language native to the country they are living in. FAP employees can help newcomers and also the more experienced military families be more comfortable in these situations, and guide them through the necessary paperwork required by many countries.

The Chief, Council and I are very proud of the caliber of staff that we have offering these services to the many men, women and children who are serving our country.



LTC Jenny Roper is pictured with Councilmembers Charlotte Jackson and Lois Burton and CM/SE Managing Officer Matt Novick at the Schweinfurt WIC clinic opening.



The Choctaw Nation team, including Matt Novick, Charlotte Jackson, Lois Burton, Diane Perrin, Paula Wingfield, Lawrence Semprivo and Jayne Hart, visited with FAP staff at Aviano Air Base to learn more about the needs of the program.



## Chaplain's Corner

By the Rev. Bertram Bobb, Choctaw Tribal Chaplain

Our text is from II Kings 22:8: "And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the Book of the law ..."

This text takes us back to the Old Testament kings, and at this particular time Josiah was the king, one of the best of all the kings of Judah. Josiah became king when he was only eight years old. The Bible tells us that when he was 16 years old he began to seek after God and at the age of 18, young Josiah began a national reformation, a turning back to God across the whole land, after he finds the long lost Book of the Law.

First, Josiah wanted to restore Solomon's temple at Jerusalem. The temple and its services of worship had been neglected for many years. It is hard to think that the nation would have allowed this beautiful temple to be filled with rubbish and left in a shameful condition. But this was the case and we know why it was. Why? It was a neglect and finally a setting aside of the Guide Book for the nation of Israel.

Workmen were hired for the cleaning and the repairing of the temple. In the midst of the cleaning out of all the trash, the high priest found a dust-covered scroll which was called the Book of the Law — the laws of God given through Moses. In other words, Hilkiah found the lost Bible of that time.

My, how could this happen we wonder? For a long time the rulers, the priests and the people of Judah had no knowledge of their Bible which was called the Book of the Law. This neglect resulted in the spread of the teaching of Baal throughout the land of Judah. It also caused the neglect of the temple and its services of worship of God. It also resulted in the nation sinking into a low moral condition. This is going to happen to any individual or nation that forgets or neglects God's Word.

Shaphan took the Book at once to King Josiah and said, "Hilkiah, the high priest, while he was cleaning the temple, found this Book."

"Read it to me!" commanded the King, and Shaphan began to read. Josiah, the King, was so surprised as he realized from the Word of God that his nation had departed from God in a terrible way. Then Josiah humbled himself in the dust.

"Reformation!" Josiah said, "shall begin with the King. The head of this nation will put himself in the dust and repent in sackcloth and ashes." And then he said to all his officers and to those close to him, "We must repent for all our neglect, for all our sins, or the nation will be destroyed."

So REVIVAL began in Judah and the King and his people were spared. The lost Bible had been found and read and obeyed.

Josiah assembled leaders from all over the nation and read to them the long, lost Book of the Law. They were astonished, they were humbled and were repentant when they realized how far the nation had departed from the laws of God. They agreed with their young King, and they favored the full restoration of the temple and its worship of Almighty God. Not only did they do this but they decided to back Josiah in his cam-

paign to wipe out every trace of Baal worship in the land and also all other forms of idolatry.

Now idolatry means that which you worship, that is anything that comes between you and God. You may worship your material possessions, you may think of your wife or husband or children more than you do God, or you may think or depend on your money more than God. This is idolatry.

All of this reformation was brought about because the long, lost Book, the inspired Word of God, was found.

This Old Testament record is a lesson of warning and encouragement for us. It shows what happens to people when they lose sight of God's Word and neglect the worship. But it also shows us the blessed results when people give God's Word and worship first place in their lives.

The sad truth is that many people have lost the Bible today even as it was lost in the time of Josiah. The Bible has been lost today through neglect. Many have gone their ways, looking after their businesses, looking after the concerns and calls of daily living and have lost this Book of the Law of God. Yes, the Bible is lost to many and may be lost to anyone by neglect. The Bible may lie somewhere in the house, on the table or bookshelf, and weeks or even months may pass by and this Book of God is not read. But neglect is not the only cause of the Scriptures being lost.

How else may the Bible be lost? It may be lost by substitution. That is, we may put other things in its place. Jesus said to the Scribes and Pharisees of His day: "Ye have made the commandments of God of none effect by your traditions." These Scribes and Pharisees, who were teachers of religion, set aside the Bible, the law of God, the divine revelation of God to man. They set it aside by substituting it with human commandments, human traditions. If we put anything in the place of the Bible, then the Bible is lost.

This is not all. Many have and we all are in danger of losing the Bible by mutilation, by taking out a little here, and a little there. You cannot treat the Word of God like that. Modern theology says that the Bible contains the Word of God. They don't believe that the Bible is the Word of God, but they say it contains it. When they say this, they mean that if you can understand it, it is the Word of God to you, but if you can't understand it, then you don't have to believe it. This is the reason the liberals reject the creation of man, the blood atonement, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, all because they cannot understand it. God says for us to believe Him by faith. Abraham believed God and He counted it to him for righteousness (Romans 4:3). "But without faith it is impossible to please Him ..." (Hebrews 11:6).

If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, the Bible tells you, "... behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." You can trust Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior, by faith.

Pray for the Native American people. Pray for the Spiritual and Governmental leaders of our nations.

## Choctaw Nation GED Classes

### Choctaw County

Beginning September 10, 2001  
Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Choctaw Nation Community Center  
Hugo, Oklahoma

### McCurtain County

Beginning September 11, 2001  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center  
Broken Bow, Oklahoma

The classes will meet two days each week for approximately 3 months. 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 Felicia Carnes at the Durant office or call 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.

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can be changed through community based education and access to the services provided in a Wellness Center.

This new Center will provide the space necessary to provide "one-step" care for the diabetics.

Currently the patient shuffles from one clinic to another and sees multiple providers. This does not provide continuity of care and is an inconvenience to the patient.

The Wellness Center will also provide community access to fitness instructors and the equipment to improve the quality of their lives.

Combining the Diabetes Clinic and Wellness Center into one facility, housed together under one roof, will allow for a smooth and progressive treatment for the diabetic patient, as well as for those at risk for diabetes.

## Festival weekend packed with family oriented fun

Each year, on the Labor Day Weekend, the Choctaw Nation is host to thousands of visitors at the Capitol Grounds in Tusahoma. The four day weekend of fun is free of charge and open to everyone.

The Festival begins on Friday, August 31 with a weekend full of arts and crafts, carnival rides, historic re-enactments, a powwow and variety acts such as a magician, Bengal tiger act, and a circus aerial act.

Music lovers will enjoy three nights of great entertainment with Friday concerts beginning at 6:00 with Lynn Anderson, The Bellamy Brothers and John Anderson. Saturday concerts

also begin at 6:00 p.m. with Mindy McCready, T.G. Shepard and Tanya Tucker. Sunday gospel singing features The Crabb Family, Suzy Luchsinger and The Martins, as well as numerous local groups.

Also on Saturday the annual Choctaw Nation Princess Pageant will be held at 10 a.m. in the amphitheater. More information on this year's contestants can be found on Page 9.

The Choctaw Village will open for tours throughout the weekend where storytelling and other traditional activities will take place.

The Capitol Grounds where the Festival is held each year are

beautiful, with a new cafeteria, an amphitheater with covered seating, original Council Building (built in 1884), four ball fields, extensive campgrounds, and much more.

The entire weekend is family oriented and plenty of food vendors are located on the grounds to offer a tremendous variety of food and cold drinks. The Arts and Crafts Pavilion features great opportunities to purchase unique items. There is also a huge carnival with many rides and midway games.

A free lunch is served Monday, immediately after Chief Gregory E. Pyle gives the State of the Nation Address.

## Sierra heading for first grade

Sierra Moran graduated Kindergarten on May 22, 2001 from Wickes Elementary. She is excited about going to the first grade.

Sierra is the daughter of Scott Moran, the granddaughter of Susie Oliver and the great-granddaughter of Nacey Jessie.

She would like to say "Hi" to her brother, Allan.



## Congratulations on 50th anniversary

Wilson and Deloris Taylor celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 3. They have 12 children, 40 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren with three more on the way! We love you both very much - your children, grandchildren and great-

## Look who's two!

Happy second birthday to Santana Rynae Childress. She turns two on September 4, 2001. She is the daughter of Christa Campbell of Tulsa, Oklahoma and William Childress of Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Her grandparents are James and Jeri Campbell of Tulsa and Lanny and Glenda Childress of Skiatook, Oklahoma.

Santana will be celebrating by having a "Pooh" party with her family, including her GeGe and Pe-paw, her cousins, Christie, Courtney, Katlin, Ryan and Daniela; aunts, Kim and Tabatha; uncle Jerry, and lots of friends. We all love you very much Tana! Have a great year!

## Derek is awarded baseball scholarship

Derek Collins of Latta High School was recently selected to play in the McDonald Coaches Associates All-State baseball games at Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City.

Derek is playing this summer for the Byng American Legion team. He has played in seven state tournaments in high school, winning one title with three runners-up. He will attend Carl Albert Jr. College at Poteau, Oklahoma this fall on a baseball scholarship.

He is the son of Ed and Tammy Collins of Ada, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Kenneth and Royce Battles of Antlers and Laverne Collins and the late Herman Collins.

## Presidential scholar

Amanda Quintana, great-granddaughter of original enrollee Leo E. Merryman, recently graduated from Veneta, Oregon eighth grade. Because of her 4.0 grade point average, she was selected to receive the "Presidential Award for Scholastic Achievement". Amanda is also an athlete, being a standout pitcher on a fast-pitch girl's softball team, the Killer Bees, which competes statewide.

## Jera celebrates first

Jera JuliAnne Davis of Texarkana, Texas celebrated her first birthday on June 27, 2001.

Her parents are Keith and Sharon Davis of Texarkana. Grandparents are Earl and Ann Davis and Donald and Bobbie Scott of Idabel, Oklahoma. Her great-grandmother is Evelyn Mills of Atlanta, Texas.

## Bookout, Seaman exchange vows

Tribal member Scott Allen Bookout and Christi Leigh Seaman were married on July 10, 2001 in Oklahoma City. They plan to reside in Oklahoma City. Congratulations!

## Taylor is Pageant's "Most Beautiful"

One-year-old Taylor Raye Pierce won the title of "Most Beautiful" in the Denison, Texas Easter Pageant. Taylor is the daughter of Rhonda Pierce of Boswell, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Nell and the late Sterling Maxwell and Bill and Sandra Peebles. Her great-grandmother is Lorene Wickesham of Hugo, Oklahoma. Special aunts and uncles include Rick and Polly Maxwell, Micah and Lisa Wilson, Charity Swafford and Tara Peebles, and she has a very special godmother, Cathy Mathews.

## Brandon celebrates August birthday

Brandon Joseph Finger will be five on August 30. He is the son of William and Vanessa Finger of San Diego, California. His grandparents are Adelard Joseph Beliveau and Luree Merryman Beliveau. Great-grandparents include Leo and Ida Merryman. Leo was an original enrollee. Leo's dad, Dave, was a U.S. Marshal for 16 years and served as an interpreter for the Choctaws.

## Seven-year-old active in sports

Seven-year-old Dillon Ray Dugger will begin the second grade this year. He is very active in sports and a good student.

Dillon is the son of John W. Dugger and the grandson of Rosemary Dugger of Antioch, California. His great-grandfather was Garrett H. Price, an original enrollee of the Choctaw tribe.

## Perfect attendance

Pamela West and daughter Krystle Countz have received their perfect attendance pins. Pam's, now 18 1/2 inches long, marks her 37th year of perfect attendance. Krystle's is 5 1/2 inches and marks her 13th year.

They received the bars on Homecoming Sunday from their grandfather, Mack Jones, who also serves as Sunday School superintendent of the Arpelar Nazarene Church. They received them in memory of the late Vera Jones, their grandmother who passed away earlier this year.

Pam is the wife of Eric West of Stuart, Oklahoma. Her parents are Buck and Frances Jones of Arpelar. Her grandparents are Lorene McClendon and the late Edgar McClendon and Mack Jones and the late Vera Jones, all of Arpelar.

Krystle recently graduated from Haywood Elementary School where she was active in basketball, softball, track, 4-H and served as Ms. Haywood School Queen for 2001. She will attend Stuart High School in the fall.

Her father is Jim Countz of Shady Grove. Her grandparents are Buck and Frances Jones, Arpelar, Sue Countz of Shady Grove, Ora Lee Thomas of Shady Grove, Taylor Countz of Indianola, Oklahoma, James and Billie Countz of Indianola and Lorene McClendon and Mack Jones of Arpelar.

## Chipper celebrates third

We give our best wishes and a big happy birthday to Chipper Isaiah Jones who turned three years old on August 5.

He is the son of Stephanie Jones of Talihina, Oklahoma. His grandfather is Albert Jones of Talihina; great-grandmother is Joyce Jones of Talihina; great-grandfather is William Jones, Sr. of Moyers, Oklahoma and he has two very special aunts, Melissa Jones and Jennifer Jones, and uncle, William Jones, Jr., of Talihina.

## Earns master's from University of New Mexico

Maureen McIntyre Lesky of Albuquerque, New Mexico graduated May 12, 2001 from the University of New Mexico. She received a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Learning and Instructional Technologies.

Currently, Maureen teaches first grade at San Felipe Pueblo Elementary School in San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico. She also facilitates workshops through a New Mexico State University Grant Program for teachers on how to implement technology into the classroom.

Maureen plans to work toward attaining licensure in educational administration.

She is the daughter of Charles "Beaver" McIntyre and Gwendolyn Querdbitty McIntyre of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

## Happy birthday

Daisy M. Watson turned 47 years old on July 16. We all would like to wish her a happy birthday and many, many more to come. We love you, from George, the children and grandchildren.

## Happy sixth, Kimberly

Kimberly Dawn Kemp turned six years old on July 11, 2001. She will start first grade at Ft. Towson Elementary School this year.

Birthday wishes are sent from her mother, Tammy of Antlers, Oklahoma; father, Warren of Ft. Towson and grandparents, Will and Lila Kemp of Ft. Towson.

## Family sends Stormy happy birthday wishes

Grandma Wanda Byington would like to wish her grandson, Stormy Locke Byington, a blessed birthday on August 5th with many hugs and kisses from his uncles and aunts, Houston, Noka, Nonie, Tana and Debi Byington and Brokeshoulder. All are from McAlester, Oklahoma. Stormy's sister, Lakota Cheyenne Byington, is also special in everyone's hearts.



## Happy second, Nika Bear

Renita Billy and Eric Bizzell of Broken Bow, Oklahoma would like to send out a big happy second birthday to Renika Lera' Billy and say that we love you very much and that you are our one and only precious baby bear.

Also Renika would like to say "Hay!" to all her cousins, Darian, Sadie, Jalen, Cameron, Darrell, Chloe', Rodrick, Lamar and Ray.

## Choctaw on deployment in Middle East

Lt. Cpl. Brian D. Barcus, USMC, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California, has been on a six-month deployment in the Middle East since March 9, 2001. His unit, the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) is aboard the USS Boxer, an amphibious assault ship which is also a part of the Fifth Fleet.

They have been in ports Hawaii, East Timor, Thailand, Singapore, Bahrain, Phillipines, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Brian is the son of Jimmy and Elois Barcus who are currently living in Petersburg, Virginia. He is a 1998 graduate of PHS in Palmer, Texas.

He celebrated his 21st birthday on July 21 while out in the Persian Gulf.

Happy birthday greetings and a safe return are extended to Brian from his sisters, Stephanie and Paul Spray of Waco, Texas and Paulette and Mike Robinson, nephew, Jeremy, nieces, Samantha, Jessica and Montanna, all of Palmer, Texas; aunt Barb and Al Shipley of Calera, Oklahoma, and Mom and Dad.

## Broken Bow grad joins U.S. Navy

Jeremy Willis, the son of Jimmy and Paula Griffith of Wright City, Oklahoma, recently deployed to the U.S. Navy. Jeremy will receive nine weeks of training in Great Lakes, Illinois. Jeremy is also the grandson of Annie Mae Wilson of Broken Bow and the late Bernice (Baker) Colbert.

We are very proud of Jeremy!!! He is a 1999 graduate of Broken Bow High School.

## Congratulations, grad of 2001!!

Lena Willis, the daughter of Jimmy and Paula Griffith of Wright City, recently graduated from Broken Bow High School.

Lena is the granddaughter of Annie Mae Wilson of Broken Bow and the late Bernice (Baker) Colbert. She was active in FCCLA and received two plaques for Outstanding Salesperson in FCCLA. We are very proud of her.

## MacKenzie turns one

MacKenzie "Mack" Wright of Watson, Oklahoma turned one year old on August 8. He is the son of Priscilla and Chad Wright.

Mack's grandparents are George and Daisy Watson of Watson, Oklahoma and John and Donna Wright of Mena, Arkansas.

Happy birthday, Mack, from your cousins, Jordan and Cameron Hodge.

## Cousin wished a happy birthday

Jennifer L. (Thomas) Gardner, Ernest F. Thomas, Jr., and Desiree Gardner would like to wish their cousin, Rain Lahoma Archambeau a very happy birthday. Rain is the granddaughter of original enrollee Doyle E. Thomas and Edith Margueritte Thomas. She is the daughter of Lance and Edith Archambeau. She is pictured with her daughter, Raven Marshall.

We hope this birthday is the best one yet and your year is filled with all the happiness imaginable. Distance may separate us now but you are very close in our hearts. We love and miss you - the Thomas Family.

## Happy 75th, Alpha Uptegrove

Alpha Uptegrove of Antioch, California will turn 75 years old on August 27, 2001. Alpha is the daughter of original enrollee Henry C. Cochnouer.

She has lived in California for 59 years and likes to shop, go to the markets and golf.

Happy birthday, Alpha!

## Boys celebrate birthday with great-grandmother

We would like to wish Eric and Dalton Poore a happy belated birthday. Eric turned two on May 28 and Dalton turned one on June 9. They recently visited family in Durant, Oklahoma and while there, celebrated their birthday with their great-grandmother, Frances Farrell. Her birthday was May 22.

Eric and Dalton's proud parents are Mike and Melissa Poore of Otis, Oregon. Grandparents are Vera Butler of Durant, Ricky and Rhonda Butler of Durant and Ron and Janet Poore of Otis. Great-grandparents are Frances Farrell, the late Billy Garland Russell, Billy Gene Farrell, C.T. and Lola Ansel of Taft, Oregon.

Eric and Dalton would like to send a big hello to their Nanny, Great-Nanny and Uncle Billy Butler and family.

## Tommy turns 55

Tommy Brixey of Tulsa, Oklahoma turned 55 on July 5. Happy birthday from wife, Diana; sons, Ryan and Thomas; daughter-in-law, Sherri; granddaughters, Ashley, Stephanie and Julie and grandson, Ray, all of Tulsa. Also, happy birthday Tommy from Isaac and Brenda Wacoche of Talihina, Oklahoma.

**Melton Lee Aaron**

Leroy L. and Melissa Aaron of Wilburton, Oklahoma would like to announce the birth of their son, Melton Lee Aaron. He was born on February 28, 2001 at the Health Care Center in Talihina, Oklahoma. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Olen Durant of Sobol, Oklahoma and the late Leroy M. Aaron and Daisy Aaron of Wilburton.

**Myra Rose Frame**

and the great-great-granddaughter of Garrett Hoklatubbee Price, an original enrollee of the Choctaw Nation.

Myra lives with her parents in Martinez, California.

**Jeannie Marie Robertson**

J.D. and Carmen Robertson are proud to announce the birth of their little miracle, Jeannie Marie. She was born February 23, 2001 in Oklahoma City, weighing 1 pound, 2 ounces and was 13 inches long.

Jeannie has a sister, Lisa, and a brother, Lucas, in Boron, California. Her grandparents are Michael and Greta Hunt of Hurley, New Mexico, and great-grandmothers are Betty Hunt of Wyoming and Virginia Rose of Ohio.

**Michael Cage Morris**

Andrea and Brittany Fox would like to announce the birth of their cousin, Michael Cage Morris, on June 25, 2001 at the Health Care Center in Talihina, Oklahoma. Michael weighed 10 pounds, 1 ounce.

Proud parents are Bane Morris and Denise McKinney of Gillham, Arkansas. Proud grandparents are Milton and Frances Morris of Gillham and Deroy and Margaret McKinney of Millerton, Oklahoma. Great-grandmothers include Selma Holt of Tom,

Oklahoma and Georgia McKinney of Idabel, Oklahoma. Michael would like to say "Hi" to his brother, Sean Gentry, of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

**Jordan Arthur Hodge**

Sheala (Watson) Hodge and Alvin Hodge of Clarksville, Arkansas are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jordan A. Hodge.

Jordan was born at 1:05 p.m., March 14, 2001 at Johnson Regional Center in Clarksville. He weighed 3 pounds, 13 ounces and was 17.25 inches long.

Jordan has one brother, Cameron, who is two years old. His grandparents are George and Daisy Watson of

Watson, Oklahoma and Ledora Perryman of Russellville and Alvin R. Hodge of Waldron, Arkansas.

**Whitney Nicole James**

Janet Dickey and Justin James would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Whitney Nicole James. She was born on May 30, 2001 at Tulsa Oklahoma, weighing 2 pounds, 5 ounces and measuring 15 inches long.

Whitney is the granddaughter of Debbie and Mike Dickey and Lottie Flanary and Frankie James, all of Poteau, Oklahoma.

**If you have had an individual/family photo ran in the BISHINIK and the photo has not been returned to you, please call the BISHINIK office at 800-522-6170 Ext. 2347. Please have a brief description of the photo and approximately when it appeared in the BISHINIK. We have several photos that have no return address or were returned by the post office.**



**Miss Oklahoma Princess Hostess**

Sabrina Patton is proud of her Choctaw heritage and would like to share with everyone her accomplishments in winning the title of Miss Oklahoma Coed Princess Hostess 2001.

Sabrina's parents are Doyle and Crystal Patton of Keota, Oklahoma. Her grandparents are Jim Bill and Morine Patton of Stigler, Oklahoma and Charlie and Ann Ballard of McCurtain. She also has one sister,

Larissa, who is very proud of her.

Sabrina and her family would like to thank the Choctaw Nation for taking the time to go over her letter and helping her get closer to reaching her goal of becoming Miss America National Hostess.

The Miss American Princess Pageant for 2001 will be held November 19 through 26. Good luck, Sabrina!

**Apopka graduate of '01**

Dara M. Sexton, great-granddaughter of original enrollee Henry Sexton, graduated from Apopka High School in Apopka, Florida on May 18, 2001. She plans to attend Lake Sumter Community College.

While in high school, Dara was a football trainer, basketball cheerleader, a member of flag corps and played two years on the water polo team.

Her parents, Doyle and Janet Sexton, are proud of her efforts in graduating and entering college.

**Belated happy birthday wishes**

Happy belated birthday June 28 to my special brother, Garvin Hunter, and our favorite uncle. Love you - Cathy Lynnette and Joe.

**Happy 22nd Brett!**

This birthday wish is a little late, but one of Granny's babies has grown up. Granny Mattie B. Jones of Kiowa, Oklahoma would like to wish her grandson, Brett Cheyenne Warden, a happy 22nd birthday on July 28. Mattie's son, Fred Warden, is Brett's dad.

**Birthday wishes for Makala and Kelsie**

Birthday wishes go out to Makala who turned four years old on April 24 and little sis, Kelsie, who turned three on June 12.

Their parents are Jerry Walker of Leigh, Oklahoma and Shellie Wear of Atoka, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Garr and Jeff Loftin of Atoka, Gomer Walker of Coalgate, Oklahoma and the late Faye Walker. Birthday wishes to their Uncle Randy and Grandpa Adam Betsy of Atoka. Their grandma is Anna Betsy of Durant, Oklahoma.

**Gary Lawrence named outstanding student**

Choctaw Nation Health Care Center employee Gary Lawrence graduated from the nursing program at Carl Albert State College in Poteau, Oklahoma with an Associate Degree in Applied Science of Nursing. Gary was named the outstanding student of the program and received the Florence Nightingale Award at the awards ceremony in May.

He attended nursing school while working full time as an LPN on the medical/surgical floor at CNHCC. While at Carl Albert he maintained a 3.6 grade point average, was a Phi Theta Kappa honor student, was named to Who's Who in the American junior colleges, and was an Indian Health Service scholarship recipient. Gary attended the IHS conference for scholarship recipients this past June in Phoenix, Arizona.

He received his RN license and now works in that capacity on the medical/surgical unit of CNHCC. Gary is the husband of Louisa (Luke) Lawrence who is the Transportation Coordinator at the health care center. Gary is active in the Talihina community and serves on the volunteer fire department, as a paramedic on the county volunteer ambulance unit, and is a member of the Talihina Masonic Lodge. He plans to continue his education this fall as he pursues his bachelor's degree in nursing at Northeastern State University.

**Happy birthday!**

Happy birthday wishes are sent to Breanna Allison who will celebrate her birthday on August 26 and Gregory Allison who will

celebrate his on September 11. Love from your Mom, Dad and big sister, Stephanie.

**Happy birthday, guys**

The family of Bert and Tim Holt wants to wish them both a happy birthday.

Bert Huston Holt turned 51 on August 5. He is the son of Selma Holt of Tom, Oklahoma.

Timothy Wayne Holt will be 20 years old on August 23. He is a three-year student at Haskell Indian University and plays football for the Fightin' Indians. He is the son of Bert Holt of Antlers, Oklahoma.

Happy birthday and we love you both!



**Happy 25th!!!**

Beverly Cooper would like to say happy birthday to her husband, Stacey Cooper. Stacey will turn 25 on September 29.

Also wishing their Daddy a great day are Emily, Jake, Shi Ann and Dade. We love you!



**Happy 12th birthday to our granddaughter!**

Ashley Nicole Heady (Taylor) turned 12 years old on August 8, 2001. Her parents are Julie Ann Heady of Sawyer, Oklahoma and William Dwayne Taylor of Hugo, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Clifford and Judy Heady of Apple, Oklahoma, Theda and Dodson Lamb of Hugo, and William and Judy Taylor of Soper, Oklahoma.

Ashley attends school in Rattan, Oklahoma.

**Phi Theta Kappa inductee**

Paula Jean Godfrey of Checotah, Oklahoma has been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, an international Honor Society for the two-year college. Paula attends Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee, majoring in Office Information Systems Technology with a specialty in Legal Administration. She will graduate in the spring with plans to attend Bacone College in Muskogee where she will obtain a bachelor's degree before continuing on to Tulsa University Law School.

Paula is originally from Maysville, Oklahoma. Her parents are Janice Coley and the late John Coley, Sr. and Mike Oakes, all of Maysville.

**Strickland becomes LPN**

Donna Strickland received her LPN training at Durant Kiamichi Area Vo-Tech graduating in June 2001. She passed her licensing boards in July. She is the daughter of Ed and Joyce Strickland of Caddo, Oklahoma. Her daughter, Ashley, would like to say "Way to Go, Mom!" and the rest of her family would like her to know that they are very proud of her accom-

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plishments. We love you, Donna - Kathy, David, Brenda, Danny and Patty.

**Look who's two!**

Jaiden Catherine Danielle Johnson turned two years old on July 25, 2001. Jaiden is the daughter of Todd and Lynnette Johnson of Lemoore, California. She is the little sister of Darrian Jean and the big sister of Todd Michael Keith. Her grandparents are Keith and Catherine Boles of Coalinga, California, Cliff and Pat Johnson of Merced, California and Bruce Johnson of Turlock, California. Great-grandparents are the late Garvin and Clara Hunter of whom she gets her Choctaw and Cherokee blood. Her great-grandfather is original enrollee Andeel Dale Hunter.



**Morgan Mathis to compete in Youth World Championships**

Morgan Mathis, a nine-year-old Tyler, Texas youth, has captured Reserve Champion Texas District 20 in the National Barrel Horse Association. This qualifies her for the NBHA Youth World Championships held in

Jackson, Mississippi. Morgan secured her position using a point system established by the NBHA by winning barrel races in her district. Texas District 20 is the largest in the nation with over 300 members.

Morgan will compete with youth from across the United States, Canada, Italy and Panama. Prizes will be given by secured national sponsors to include money, saddles, belt buckles and horse trailers.

She is the daughter of Chantay and Chad Mathis of Tyler and the granddaughter of Chester and Jane Crosby, Buzz and Mary Williams of Wright City and Edward and Debbie Mathis of Canadian, Oklahoma. She is the great-granddaughter of Gladys King Dunlap.

Morgan is the grandniece of JoAnn Crosby-Hobbs of Wright City who won the GRA (which is now the WPRA) barrel race in Jackson, Mississippi in 1964 and qualified for the first three National Final barrel races in 1959 - Clayton, New Mexico; 1960 - Scottsdale Arizona, and 1961 - Santa Maria, California.

**Happy third birthday!**

The family of Timothy Marion McGinnis III would like to wish him a very happy third birthday. He turned three on August 14. His proud parents are Timothy McGinnis II and Jennifer Tonihka of Broken Bow. His grandparents are Tim and Cynthia McGinnis, Lavona Haurly and Wilbur Tonihka, all of Broken Bow. We love you, Trae, and we're so thankful to have such a wonderful boy like you in our lives!

**Honors graduate**

Hillary Anne LeRoux graduated with honors from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles on May 11, 2001. Hillary received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and is planning to pursue a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Geriatrics.

Hillary is the daughter of Brendan and Danise Koch LeRoux and the granddaughter of Anton and Virgene

Koch. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Effie Lou Koch.

She is a member of the Choctaw Nation and is thankful for the educational scholarship funds provided by the tribe.

**Happy birthday!**

Charles Marquett Burton, Jr. will turn six years old on August 31. He is pictured with his Grandpa, Joseph Tyson of Tuskahoma who will celebrate his birthday on August 29. Charles is the son of Charles and Josephine Burton of Oklahoma City. His great-grandpa, Z.L. Andrews of Tuskahoma, will celebrate his 84th on August 23. Charlie's grandma, Billie Jean Smith of Broken Bow, will celebrate her birthday on August 25.

Happy birthday, everyone!

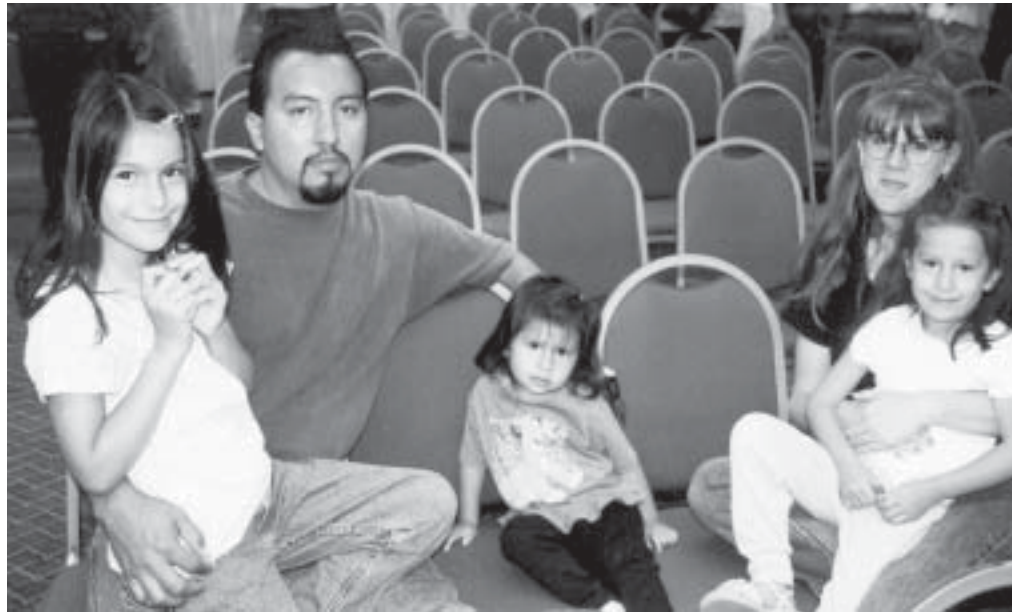




The day of the Portland meeting, July 28, marked George Ruggles' 33rd birthday. Happy birthday, George!



Frankie Cobb of Apache, Oklahoma attended the Portland meeting while visiting with her son, Terry Cobb and granddaughters, Janessa Cobb and Alex Cobb.



Charles and Jennifer Watson with Ashley, Emily and Carly.



Jeff Meeds fastens Choctaw pins to daughters Jaymie, Kara and Morgan's blouses while mom, Mona, looks on.

Miky Alcaraz, Lee Tiger, Shelly Alcaraz and Jessica Alcaraz (photo above) would like to say "Hi!" to their cousins in Talihina.

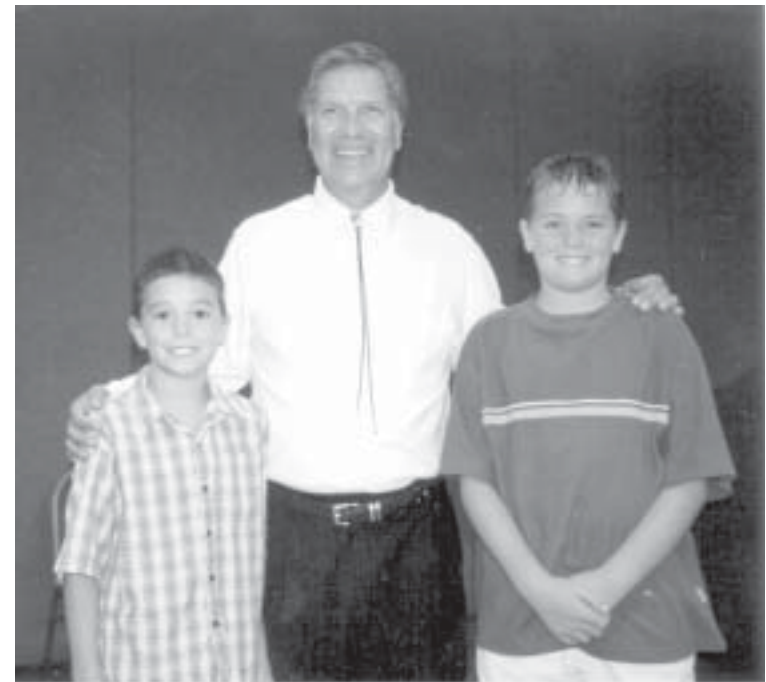
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Rewarded with 2001 Long Walk T-shirts for being such a great help during the meeting are Nevin Halvorsen and Emily Taylor. Nevin and Emily took turns drawing names for door prizes.



Eight-year-old Aubreyanne Miller poses for a picture with Chief Pyle.



Chief Pyle visits with Chris and Sean Walsh.



Sheri, Chris, Wade and Tyler Cach, Gary Fipps, Chief Pyle, Wanda Fipps and Harvey and Terry Foster.



Patty Russell and Cheryl Arsenault receive information from Russell Sossamon, Housing Authority Executive Director, and Larry Wade, Higher Education Director.



Ida Haraughty, Clestina Barrett and Clestina Haraughty enjoyed meeting Chief Pyle.



Chief Greg Pyle congratulates Evan Wilson on bringing home the gold medal in the 100-meter dash from the Washington State Special Olympics competition in June. They are pictured here with Ben and Pam Wilson.

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Fifteen-month-old Jacelyn Provenzano attended the Seattle meeting to get her very own membership card.



Orietta Hegtvedt, right, receives assistance with membership applications from Director Brenda Hampton.



Ruth Frazier McMillan shares many of her historical artifacts, documents and photographs with guests at the July 29 meeting in Seattle.



Who's the next winner? Lucinda Coleman draws door prize tickets at the Seattle meeting.



Family gathers at Seattle meeting – Regina McKinney, Natosha Sanesi, Larry McKinney, Gabrielle Sanesi, and Matthew, Renee, George and Diana Holman.



Housing Authority Director Russell Sossoman visits with Perry Adams, a Lummi Tribal Councilmember, and Choctaw Tribal member Dianna Perkins Kale.



Norma Haney and Judy Wesch are greeted by Chief Pyle. Judy's mother is Choctaw original enrollee Maud Lee Wyatt Fitzgerald, 100, of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.



## Susie Luchsinger

### The sound is country, the message is Christ

Four-time "Christian Country Artist of the Year," Susie Luchsinger has been in the studio working on her latest album, "Raised on Faith." Luchsinger, who has had no less than eight #1 hits, and her producers Billy Aerts (Lobo) and Woody Wright (Ponders, Sykes and Wright) have spent countless months searching for songs that would be true to her country and "country" roots, but would also create and develop a sound appealing to the traditional Southern Gospel audience.

Many years before Susie began making records, she was growing up on a ranch in a small town in Oklahoma. Her father, Clark, earned a living as a world champion steer roper. Her mother, Jackie, had a passion for country music and a strong musical talent and passion to her children.

Just as Susie was approaching her teen-age years, she began singing with her siblings, Pamela and Reba, as the "Singing Martins." About two years later, in 1980, after graduating from Oklahoma State University, Susie was singing with her sister again, only this time her sister had become country superstar Reba McEntire. In addition to performing concerts in front of sold-out crowds, they made TV appearances on programs such as "The Johnny Carson Show," "Hee Haw" and "The Grand Ole Opry." During this time that they also toured with the now famous Ronnie Milsap and Merle Haggard.

While still touring with Reba and Susie married Paul Luchsinger, a professional wrestler. As the demands of both her busy career and her husband's quickly became overwhelming, Susie and Paul came to a low point in their marriage.

Knowing that there was a better plan for their life, Susie made a personal commitment to pursue a solo career and use her talent to sing country music. For the next several years, Susie and Paul traveled together to rodeos, where Paul would compete and Susie would sing. It was during these years that Susie recorded her first five albums.

Luchsinger has been the featured guest on numerous shows including

Chase," "The Leeza Gibbons Show," and The Family Channel's "700 Club," just to name a few. She has also been profiled in People Magazine and USA Today. She is also the author of the book, "A Tender Road Home."

### Gospel Singing

Sunday, September 2

- 12:00-12:20 p.m. Gospel Bound
- 12:20-12:40 p.m. Mary Catherine & New Life
- 12:40-1:00 p.m. Destiny
- 1:00-1:20 p.m. Chantri Harper/Daphne Johnson
- 1:20-1:40 p.m. Charlie & Co.
- 1:40-2:00 p.m. The Jenkins Sisters
- 2:00-2:20 p.m. Mike Parker/T.J. Welch
- 2:20-2:40 p.m. Esther & the Redeemed
- 2:40-3:00 p.m. Posen Few
- 3:00-3:20 p.m. Pamela and Inez Johnson
- 3:20-3:40 p.m. About Country Gospel Singers
- 3:40-4:00 p.m. Gospel Revelators
- 4:00-4:20 p.m. Southern Gate
- 4:20-4:40 p.m. Tubesmen
- 4:40-5:00 p.m. Orphan Family
- 5:00-5:20 p.m. Bubba Johnson
- 5:20-5:40 p.m. Merle & the Gospel Four
- 5:40-6:00 p.m. The Rivers
- 6:00-6:20 p.m. Hee Haw
- 6:20-6:40 p.m. The Choctaw Hymns
- 6:40-7:00 p.m. Susie Luchsinger
- 7:00-7:20 p.m. Crossroads
- 7:20-7:40 p.m. The Crabb Family
- 7:40-8:00 p.m. The Martins
- 8:00-8:20 p.m. New Creation
- 8:20-8:40 p.m. Glory Bound
- 8:40-9:00 p.m. Tinsians
- 9:00-9:20 p.m. Singing Buck Family
- 9:20-9:40 p.m. Higher Ground
- 9:40-10:00 p.m. Taylor Family
- 10:00-10:20 p.m. Sold Out
- 10:20-10:40 p.m. Tommy Tushka Family
- 10:40-11:00 p.m. Rogers Clay
- 11:00-11:30 a.m. Harris Family
- 11:30-1:30 a.m. Wright City Singers
- 1:30-1:50 a.m. Valiant Gospel
- 1:50-2:10 a.m. Harmonettes
- 2:10-2:30 a.m. Tinsians

The annual CHR sponsored health fair and health expedition will once again be held during the upcoming Choctaw Festival at Tushka Homma. This year's theme will be "Choctaw Nation CHRs - Creating a Buzz". These events will begin on August 31 and continue through September 2, 2001. Daily schedules are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The health exposition will feature topics on "Circle of Life" - Breast Cancer Awareness; Diabetes - Diet & Exercise; Lupus; "Jo Camel & Friends" - how advertising jeopardizes your health; Foot Massages; American Indian Bone Marrow drive; Diabetic Foot Care and "We Are What We Eat".

The health fair segment offers screening of cholesterol, blood glucose level, hemoglobin b, blood pressure and weight. One-to-one counseling is provided to each health fair participant, with medical referrals as indicated.

As always, the Community Health Representatives of the Choctaw Nation are looking forward to another wonderful health event. We're "Creating a Buzz" and invite you to walk another world where you will be pleasantly surprised!



## The Martins

### Siblings add fresh sound to gospel music

The Martins - a trio of siblings Joyce Martin McCollough, Judy Martin Hess and Jonathan Martin - have breathed new life into Southern gospel music in the past couple of years with a fresh sound that takes them into the Adult Contemporary realm.

McCollough and her brother and sister grew up singing in the tiny Tillou Baptist Church in northern Louisiana, not far from the cabin where they grew up in southern Arkansas.

The family had no plumbing or electricity in its cabin, and the children learned to entertain themselves by reading and singing. Their mother taught them how to harmonize, and those early lessons are paying dividends today.

In spite of their family's lean finances in those years, the three have nothing but fond memories.

The Dove-award winning Martins also received a Grammy-award nomination in 1998. They have attained outstanding popularity in the world of contemporary Christian music, performing about 200 days a year.

### Sharing the gospel through song

The bluegrass state of Kentucky that brought us the Happy Goodman Family, the Rambos and the Hinsons has birthed yet another musical sensation - the Crabb Family. In just a few short years, the Crabb Family has firmly established a place in the hearts of radio audiences adding to their credit nine top ten songs within the last three years.

The Crabb Family brings to the stage a seven-piece band and six vocalists. The word that comes to mind at the thought of this talented family is "unique". Comprised of Gerald and Kathy Crabb, five of their six children, a couple of in-laws, and musician Chuck Reyer, the Crabb Family is the largest "family" group on the road. They bring variety, excitement and an anointing straight from above to the stage of any concert or church event.

Singer, songwriter and musician Gerald Crabb has served as a minister for many years. Writing not only for the Crabb Family, but for many other charting artists as well, Gerald's chart success has afforded him many nominations and awards. Kathy Crabb's love for the Lord and gospel music led her to join her first trio at the young age of six. She serves as arranger, road manager and also plays keyboards and organ on stage for the Crabb Family.

With a lifelong love for gospel music, it is not surprising that Gerald and Kathy Crabb have instilled this love in their children and encouraged them to serve the Lord and answer the call to sing the gospel. Jason, at 23, is a versatile singer and musician. He was nominated for the Horizon Individual Award in 1996 and '97 and Young Artist in 1998 and '99. Jason's wife, Shellye, also travels with the group as product manager.

Kelly, 22, is an accomplished vocalist and has been nominated for and received several awards during her singing career. Kelly's husband, Mike Bowling, not only plays piano for the family but has recently launched a solo career.

Aaron, 20, is the bass guitarist. Adam, Aaron's twin brother sings backup. Terah, 17, the youngest of the clan brings to the stage a great big voice that has already won the hearts of audiences everywhere.

While possessing individual identities and abilities, each member of the Crabb Family has collectively committed to one purpose: sharing the gospel through song.



## Crabb Family



### 3~ON~3 TEAM REGISTRATION

ENTRY DEADLINE: August 27, 2001

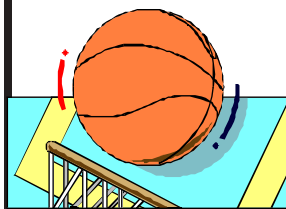
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**\$40.00 Entry fee**

3 DIVISIONS  
12 AND UNDER - CO-ED  
13-17 - TEENS  
18 & UP - ADULTS

Enclose ONLY Cashier's Check or Money Order.

Mail to: 3~ON~3 Basketball  
P.O. Drawer 1210  
Durant, OK 74702



Forty Days

**Friday,  
August 31**  
at  
**Tushka Homma**  
**Gathering  
of Youth**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
in the  
**Amphitheater**

## Labor Day 5 KM Run September 1, 2001 • Tushka Homma

Race day registration is from 6:30-7:45 a.m. in front of Crossroad Cafe on U.S. Hwy. 271, 5 miles north of Clayton. Preregistration is \$10.00.

All entrants must be postmarked by August 28, 2001. Race-day registration is \$12.00.

- AGE CATEGORIES AND AWARDS -

5-8 years, 9-11, 13-15, 16-19 and succeeding 5-year age brackets up to 65 and older for women and 70 years and older for men. Top three finishers in each age bracket for men and women will receive medallions.

**Race directors:**

**Joy Culbreath and Linda Tyler (580) 924-8280, ext. 2319**

**Race coordinator: Glen's Road Race**

I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I also know that although police protection will be provided, there will be a possibility of traffic on the course. I assume the risk of running traffic. I also assume any and all other risks associated with running this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including extreme cold and wind, and the conditions of the roads, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Furthermore, I agree to yield to all emergency vehicles. I also am fully aware that baby strollers and wheels of any kind (except competitive wheel chairs), animals (aside from canine participants in canine and human race) and head phones are strictly prohibited and I agree not to go back onto the course after finishing. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive and release and discharge any and all race sponsors, race officials, volunteers, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma employees and volunteers, tribal police including any and all of their agents, employees, assigns or arising out of, or in the course of, my participation in this event. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind of nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. The undersigned further grants full permission to sponsors and/or agents authorized to them to use any photograph/videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any purpose.

#### ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver must be signed Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applications for minors accepted only with a parent's or guardian's signature

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of September 1, 2001 \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (M / F) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one T-shirt size only (Adult) S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_

Detach and send entry form and fees to:

**Choctaw Nation Attn: Linda Tyler**  
**5 KM Road Race/Walk**  
**P.O. Drawer 1210**  
**Durant, OK 74702-1210**

featuring  
**Cross Road,  
Donal  
Thompson**  
and  
**Forty Days**



**Fun & Games**  
**Door Prizes**  
**\$500 Scholarship**  
**give-away**



Cross Road

## Youth groups taking center stage in gospel music

A new event at this year's annual Choctaw Nation festival in Tushka Homma, "Gathering of Youth", will feature some of the best up-and-coming talent in gospel music today.

Cross Road, an Oklahoma-based Native American Southern Gospel group won first place in the group division in one of the nation's largest Southern Gospel talent contests in July in Owensboro, Kentucky.

The site of the contest was the Crabb Family Homecoming 2001 and was sponsored by Daywind Music group.

Members of the Tahlequah, Oklahoma group, Van Samuels, Andrea Samuels and Lin Maye, represent both the Cherokee and Choctaw tribes.

As the first place winner, Cross Road will go on to record a ten-song project at Daywind Music Groups' recording studios in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

"We are so proud of this achievement and honored to be this year's winners," said group manager and lead singer Van

Samuels. "I believe this is the first time an all Native American, as well as an Oklahoma-based group, has won first place honors in this particular contest. This made winning even more special."

Recently signed to Benson Records, the group Forty Days is launching the release of "Everyday," the group's very first label recording.

Band members Mark Warren (vocals, harmonica), Joel Warren (vocals, acoustic guitar), Brian Barth (drums), Chris Foster (acoustic/electric guitars) and Drue Phillips (bass, background vocals) have created an acoustic rock blend of songs that maintain an edgy pop sound that is accessible to a wide range of listeners.

The project was produced by Third Day front man Mac Powell, and is his first outside production effort to date.

Based in Dallas, Texas, Forty Days has quickly built a huge regional following over the span of the last few years since the group's beginnings in 1995. With two in-

dependently produced projects under its belt, the band has already become a regular on the touring circuit, performing at youth and college events in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee to name a few.

The band's experiences over the past year have been a big factor in the formation of the new album. It is a challenge to those who believe in Christ to follow Him completely.

As Forty Days continues to move into Christian music's center stage, the band's mission remains the same: to reach across cultural religious boundaries with

a timeless message for a generation of youth.

"Our ministry to kids matters more than our music does," Joel explains. "Too many people get caught up in the music, but we do this to be able to relate to kids and to share with them. If we were doing it for any other reason than that, we would have quit a long time ago."

Mark adds, "Kids are so impressionable, and they seem to have an open heart to music. Music reaches people like most nothing else, and if God can use us in this stage in their lives, maybe we can be an encouragement to keep living for Him."

*—Don't miss it!*

## Checkers and Dominos Tournament

**Sunday, September 2, 2001**

**Choctaw Nation**

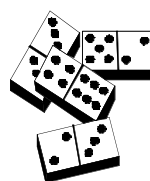
**Labor Day Festival**

**Registration begins at 10 a.m.**

**in the cafeteria.**

**Checkers begin at 1 p.m.**

**with Dominos immediately following.**



## District Princesses ready for Pageant

Many young ladies will be competing for the titles of Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Sr. Miss Choctaw Nation on Saturday, September 1 during the annual Labor Day Festival at Tushka Homma. Everyone is invited to attend the pageant which begins at 10 a.m. in the amphitheater. Each contestant has won their district title and will be representing that district in the pageant. All are judged on interview/personality, traditional Choctaw dress, traditional Choctaw accessories, and beauty/poise. The Jr. and Sr. Miss contestants are also judged on the categories of traditional talent and goals as princess.



**Andrea Fox**  
District 1 Little Miss



**Tia Battiest**  
District 2 Little Miss



**Andrea Wilson**  
District 3 Little Miss



**Kristie McGuire**  
District 5 Little Miss



**Nakisha Bohanan**  
District 7 Little Miss



**Tia Hampton**  
District 8 Little Miss



**Phyllis Lee**  
District 9 Little Miss



**Jessica Tenequer**  
District 10 Little Miss



**Leandra Morgan**  
District 12 Little Miss



**Tiffany Shomo**  
District 2 Jr. Miss



**Gloria Melton**  
District 3 Jr. Miss



**Tiffanie Bohanan**  
District 7 Jr. Miss



**Courtney Baker**  
District 8 Jr. Miss



**Pakanli Polk**  
District 9 Jr. Miss



**Rachel Cagle**  
District 12 Jr. Miss



**Reannon Frazier**  
District 2 Sr. Miss



**Katrina Taylor**  
District 7 Sr. Miss



**Stacy Tims**  
District 8 Sr. Miss



**Kerri Scaggs**  
District 9 Sr. Miss

# Fuel up for school: eat breakfast

Breakfast fuels a body with energy and nutrients that help both kids and grown-ups meet the demands of a fast-paced lifestyle. It is especially important for parents to eat a good breakfast every day because they are role models for their children.

Children who see their parents eat breakfast are more likely to eat breakfast. By eating breakfast a person is more likely to get the 40+ nutrients needed each day by a person than a person who skips. Breakfast skippers may never make up the nutrients they miss.

If your child is in Head Start or in a public school, a nutritious breakfast is served each day that meets one-third of their daily nutritional requirements. These breakfast programs are available for your children because these institutions know how important breakfast is to your child's intellectual development.

Children who eat breakfast are

## WIC WOMEN, INFANT & CHILDREN

less likely to miss class, be tardy, or report they are sick than children who miss the morning meal. Breakfast eaters also score higher on tests and have better concentration and muscle coordination. Kids who eat breakfast are less likely to be overweight, too. Unfortunately, about 30% of children between 8- to 13-year-old children do not eat breakfast every day.

Parents need to encourage their children to eat breakfast. Starting at a young age, parents can create a positive attitude toward breakfast by showing their children how much they enjoy the morning meal. Do it for your kids - and for yourself. Eating breakfast as a family offers an opportunity to spend some quality time together. On busy morn-

ings when it's impossible to eat together, encourage children to eat breakfast at school.

Sometimes because of the busy lifestyle we have, breakfast seems like an impossibility to us. We simply do not have the time to prepare breakfast much less eat it. Everyone is short on time these days but a healthy breakfast can be quick and easy to fix and eat. Try these breakfast-in-a-minute ideas:

- Toasted waffles topped with fruit and yogurt
- Fruit smoothie (fruit and milk whirled in a blender)
- Peanut butter on whole-wheat toast
- Grilled Cheese sandwich with fruit
- Toasted bagel with cheese
- Ready-to-eat cereal with fruit and milk

Remember ... Breakfast feeds the brain as well as the body. Wake up your child each morning to breakfast!!!

## Diabetes screening and education booth will be available at Labor Day Festival

The staff of the Diabetes Treatment Center will have a diabetes screening and education booth at the Labor Day Festival again this year. This year we will screen children 10 years and up in addition to adults. There will be prizes for all the children participating in the diabetes screening. Our doctor, nurse practitioner, and diabetes educator will be on hand to answer your questions about diabetes.

We have been busy this summer with the clinic and helping with the children wellness camps. Two wellness camps were held at Tuskahoma during June. Norma Austin and the CHR's organized these camps.

The staff of the Diabetes Treat-

## SWEET TALK

By Sharon Passmore,  
Diabetes Treatment Center

ment Center helped out with registration, prizes and presenting the diabetes overview for the youth. We are presenting information on the wellness camps at the American Association of Diabetes Educator's annual meeting in Louisville Kentucky on August 15-19. The wellness camps demonstrated collaborative efforts to present diabetes education in a culturally sensitive format.

Indian Health Service has invited our program to share our success in diabetes treatment and prevention at the third annual

Tribal Health Summit in Tulsa on August 29. Results of the annual diabetes audit demonstrate our success in lowering blood sugar for our patients and preventing complications of diabetes. We are honored to represent Choctaw Nation and our program at this important meeting.

In the near future, we will expand our education and screening program into the communities of Choctaw Nation. We hope to provide these important services in locations most convenient for tribal members.

For questions regarding any of the services of the Diabetes Center, contact Sharon Passmore at 800-349-7026, ext. 6066. For appointments call ext. 6673.

# FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Closed Inventory	4 Stigler 9-2 Coalgate 9-12	5 Hugo 9-12	6 Wilburton 9-2 Atoka 9-12	7 Broken Bow 9-2	8
9	10 Wright City 9-12	11	12 Bethel 9-10:30 Smithville 12-2	13	14 Talihina 9-2	15
16	17	18 Poteau (A-H) 9-2	19	20 Idabel 9-2	21	22
23	24 Poteau (I-P) 9-2	25	26	27 Poteau (Q-Z) 9-2	28 Closed Inventory	29
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September 2007

## Food Distribution Sites

ANTLERS - Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 306 S.W. "O" St.

ATOKA - National Guard Armory.

BETHEL - Choctaw Nation Community Building.

BROKEN BOW - Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.

COALGATE - Choctaw Community Center.

DURANT - Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 100 Waldron Dr.

HUGO - Housing Authority.

IDABEL - Choctaw Village Shopping Center.

McALESTER - Choctaw

Commodity Warehouse, 1212 S. Main.

POTEAU - Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.

SMITHVILLE - Big Lick Church.

STIGLER - Choctaw Community Building.

TALIHINA - Boys & Girls Club.

WILBURTON - Choctaw Community Building.

WRIGHT CITY - Choctaw Head Start Building.

The Food Distribution Program workers will take a 30 minute lunch break from 11:30 to 12 noon.

Please bring boxes to pick up

your commodities.

If you cannot pick up commodities when you are scheduled, please notify the Food Distribution Office at 1-800-522-6170 so that you can be rescheduled to go to Antlers, Durant or McAlester.

All Commodity Warehouses (Antlers, Durant, McAlester) will be open September 7 through September 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Food Distribution Program does not discriminate because of sex, race, color, age, political beliefs, religion, handicapped or national origin.

## ECU at SOSU nursing program accepting applications for spring

Applications are being accepted until September 21 from students in southern Oklahoma and northern Texas who want to earn a four-year nursing baccalaureate degree on the Southeastern Oklahoma State University campus in Durant. Students are admitted to the program only once a year and coursework begins in January.

SOSU has an agreement with East Central University in Ada to offer its highly ranked nurs-

ing program in Durant. Although the bachelor of science (RN) degree is from ECU, all the coursework will be available on the SOSU campus and most of the required clinical work will be completed in the Durant area.

One of the purposes of this nursing program is to increase the number of Native American students graduating from a baccalaureate degree nursing program. Financial aid may be available through the Choctaw

and Chickasaw higher education programs, said Deborah Flowers, Ph.D., Program Coordinator of the ECU at SOSU Department of Nursing.

"It's a great opportunity for women and men in our region who would like to pursue nursing careers to be able to do their coursework toward a bachelor's degree in nursing right here in Durant," she said.

ECU's nursing programs have one of the highest first-time

NCLEX (National computerized Licensing Exam) pass rates in the country, averaging 96% over the past five years.

The Department of Labor projects there will be a shortage of RNs well into the 21st century, Flowers said. And many health care facilities are offering sign-on bonuses of up to \$5,000 as well as beginning salaries between \$16 and \$20 per hour. Nurses with a BS degree in nursing can be promoted to manage-

ment positions or continue their education to become a nurse practitioner or nurse anesthetist.

"With the acute and growing shortage of nurses nationwide, especially for nurses with a BS degree," Flowers said, "the partnership between ECU and SOSU is a big plus for students who want to become professional nurses but are prevented from making a long commute to a school in another community."

The competitive program now accepts only 16 students per year, but that number should grow each year as the program becomes more established and clinical learning opportunities are available to all students, Flowers said.

For more information about the ECU at SOSU Nursing Program, contact Dr. Deborah Flowers at 580-745-3199 or 580-745-3100 or call toll-free 1-888-691-0001.

**FREE  
HOMEBUYER  
EDUCATION  
WORKSHOP**

The Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation invites all Native Americans to attend a free Homebuyer Education Workshop to learn more about the home purchasing process.

The workshop will be sponsored by the Home Finance Department of the Choctaw Nation. Participants will learn about a new program that will enable homebuyers to purchase or build a home for as little as a 3% down payment.

Workshops are scheduled for:

**Poteau  
September 5**

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**Durant  
September 13**

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**Oklahoma City  
September 17**

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**Talihina  
September 27**

To receive more information or to register, interested persons should contact Rebecca Smith at 1-800-235-3087 or 1-580-326-7521, ext. 295.

| VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND<br>DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM |                              |                                  |                              |          |                                  |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday                                                         | Monday                       | Tuesday                          | Wednesday                    | Thursday | Friday                           | Saturday |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                                               |                              |                                  |                              |          |                                  | 1        |
| 2                                                              | 3                            | 4<br>McAlester<br>10 am-2 pm     | 5<br>Durant<br>10-12 noon    | 6        | 7<br>Idabel<br>10 am-2 pm        | 8        |
| 9                                                              | 10<br>Talihina<br>10 am-2 pm | 11<br>Coalgate<br>10 am-2 pm     | 12                           | 13       | 14<br>Broken Bow<br>9:30 am-2 pm | 15       |
| 16                                                             | 17<br>Antlers<br>1-3:30 pm   | 18<br>McAlester<br>by appt only  | 19<br>Durant<br>by appt only | 20       | 21<br>Poteau<br>11 am-1:30 pm    | 22       |
| 23                                                             | 24<br>Atoka<br>10 am-2 pm    | 25<br>Wilburton<br>10:30 am-2 pm | 26                           | 27       | 28<br>Bethel<br>by appt only     | 29       |
|                                                                | 30                           |                                  |                              |          |                                  |          |

A Vocational Rehabilitation and Disability Employment Representative will be available at the locations listed above. A representative is available Monday thru Friday 8-4:30 except for holidays at the Hugo office.

## Council continued from Page 1

Abuse Treatment and to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. These two grants are designed to improve the quality of life in tribal communities.

The Capitol Grounds will have several improvements prior

## Council election in District 10

Esias James Johnson retains his seat at District #10 Tribal Councilmember. A run-off election was held August 4th with voter participation of 40.61%.

Esias James Johnson received 501 votes (53.41% of the vote) and his challenger, Johnnie Burleson, received 437 votes (46.59% of the vote.)

to the Labor Day Festival. Funding was approved to purchase additional kitchen supplies to operate the cafeteria, two additional metal buildings for the RV entrance and parking booths and to upgrade electrical hookups in the RV area and food vendor area.

In other business, the Council:

- Allocated five acres of land at Tushka Homma to be used for a reburial site for Choctaw ancestral remains.
- Granted permission to apply for funding for LIHEAP and Community Services Block Grant programs.
- Approved a cross deputization agreement between the tribe, the BIA and the Broken Bow Police Department.
- Approved budget modifica-

tions for the WIC program and the Upward Bound program.

- Approved Jones Academy's Policy and Procedures Handbooks.

- Authorized submitting a proposal to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a Family Violence Program.

- Approved placement of Latimer County property in Trust Status.

- Agreed to recontract the Head Start Program.

- Approved the budget for the Adult Education Program.

- Approved submitting a Tribal Management Grant request to the Indian Health Service.

The next Regular Session of the Council will be September 8. The public is invited to attend.

2nd Annual  
**TRAIL OF TEARS**  
PARADE  
AND POW WOW  
**September 14-17**

**Herman  
Dierks Park  
DeQueen, Arkansas**

**POW WOW SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 15**

|        |                                              |                                                                                                                                          |
|--------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 p.m. | Grand Entry<br>(All Specials and Give-aways) | <b>REGISTRATION</b><br>All contestants must register in person and be in both Grand Entries and must participate in Inter-Tribal Dances. |
| 4 p.m. | Gourd Dance                                  |                                                                                                                                          |
| 5 p.m. | Break                                        |                                                                                                                                          |
| 6 p.m. | Gourd Dance                                  |                                                                                                                                          |
| 7 p.m. | Grand Entry                                  |                                                                                                                                          |
| ???    | Closing Song                                 |                                                                                                                                          |

- ADULT CATEGORIES AND PRIZES -  
All categories separate

Women: Fancy Shawl - Jingle Dress - Buckskin - Cloth  
Men: Straight - Traditional - Grass - Fancy Dance  
1st - \$300; 2nd - \$200; 3rd - \$100

- YOUTH CATEGORIES AND PRIZES -

Jr. High: 8-13 years old  
Sr. High: 14-18 years old  
(18 years old must still be in school)

Girls: Fancy Shawl/Jingle Dress - Buckskin/Cloth  
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# Clayton teen missing since January

Dear Editor,

My son, Jeffrey Lee Ben, is 18 years old. He has been missing since January 29, 2001 when his father's truck was found off the road near Clayton, Oklahoma. I cannot explain to you the nightmare this has been. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and sheriff's office, as well as the tribal police, have all worked together to find him or find out what happened to him and we know nothing at this time.

Every time you turn on the TV you see Chandra Levy, "the missing intern" from Washington, D.C. I mourn for her family. Everyone is familiar with her face. I have tried to get the Carrington Foundation, who is helping the Levy family, to help me and also sent this story to America's Most Wanted. I have received very nice rejection letters. The Carrington Foundation helps with rewards. They said Jeffrey didn't fit their criteria and I wondered "what is their criteria?" Also, America's Most Wanted said they couldn't air Jeffrey's case because they had so many missing people, however, Chandra was on their show this week. She has only been missing since April.

What is disheartening to me is that I love Jeffrey just as much as Chandra's folks love her and I am so glad she is getting all this publicity. I only want the same for my son. We are from rural Oklahoma and do not have a lot of money, however I have put up a \$25,000 reward.

Jeffrey is a proud member of the Choctaw Nation. Kim Eberl has put Jeffrey's picture and story on the Choctaw Nation website and I appreciate this so much. Thank you.

Linda M. Miller

## REWARD OFFERED

A private reward is being offered for information leading to the whereabouts of Jeffrey Lee Ben, missing since January 29, 2001 from the Pushmataha County, Oklahoma area.

Jeffrey, 18, is 6'3", weighing approximately 150

pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen at 1 a.m. January 29, wearing a white shirt, blue jeans, "Chucka" lace-up boots and a black "Carhart" jacket with a hood. He has a tattoo of an Indian maiden on his chest and a scar on his nose.

Ben is from the Clayton, Oklahoma area. His truck was found wrecked on 9-Pine Road and he also has money in the bank that has not been touched. Ben's mother is asking for your help in finding her son. Anyone having information should contact the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, 1-800-522-8017, or the Pushmataha County Sheriff's Office, Antlers, Oklahoma, 580-298-2475

## Dream of American Legion baseball team is realized

Dear Chief Pyle and Tribal Council,

With your graciousness our dream of an American Legion baseball team in LeFlore County has come true. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the Chief and the Tribal Council, especially Lois Burton and Delton Cox for their vocal support during my visit with you.

You may not be able to see in the picture, but on every player and coach there is a Choctaw Tribal Seal patch to honor our tribe and you, the Chief and Council.

You will also be pleased to know that this first year team, made up of players from LeFlore County, has won its district and zone playoffs and is now headed for the state playoffs in Perry, Oklahoma. What an achievement for any team, but for a first year team, I'm quite sure that is a record and let me assure you that the Choctaw name has been spread throughout the state this summer and that you have been acknowledged as our main supporter.

Keith Patton, team manager and proud Choctaw Pocola, Oklahoma

## Employees contribute to forensic program

Dear Chief Pyle,

I just wanted to acknowledge a few employees of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that contributed to the Oklahoma Forensic Nurses' "Multidisciplinary Forensic Education Day" held in McAlester, Oklahoma on July 21. Specifically, Mr. Robert Blum, hospital administrator, and Sampson Moore of the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center; Mr. Bob Pate, Councilman; Ms. Gloria Sirmans of the McAlester Choctaw Community Center; and the Tribal Police for their assistance and participation in this program.

This program format takes a multidisciplinary approach to the forensic sciences and education similar to the format of graduate forensic science programs. The majority of our speakers are known statewide, while two speakers are internationally known.

The Oklahoma Forensic Nurses is the new state chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses. Without the contributions of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, we could not have had such a successful day. The insight of your employees in furthering forensic education, science and nursing allowed us to bring forensic experts and professionals to McAlester and the Choctaw Nation. We hope to work with the Choctaw Nation again.

Nancy A. Jefferson, BSN, RNC  
Education Chair, Oklahoma Forensic Nurses

## Choctaw seeking information on heritage

Dear Editor,

My grandmother's name was Ruby May Strickland. She was from Durant, Oklahoma. I am enrolled in the Choctaw Nation, but other than that I have no idea of my heritage. I am seeking any individual who might be willing to correspond with me in regards to helping find out more about my heritage.

My life has been a shambles and spent mostly in prison, that of which I am not proud of. I am currently in federal prison with no contact with family or the free world. If you would like to correspond with me and help to enlighten me as to what it is like to be Choctaw, please write to:

Frank Henry Ainsworth #14491-064  
FCI P.O. Box 1500  
El Reno, OK 73036-1500

## Researching family tree

Dear Editor,

I am in the process of researching my family tree and trying to find members of my family. My grandfather, the late Rev. Adam Ishcomer, died in the early 1900s and is buried in Golden, Oklahoma. My father, the late Clayton Ishcomer, last lived in Idabel, Oklahoma and died in the late 1970s. I would appreciate contact from anyone who might be related or whom might have any information. My home address is 1408 W. Lincoln Rd., Idabel, OK 74745 or I can be reached at jishcomer@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Gregory (Kennedy) Ishcomer, Sr.

## Sharing Taylor and Durant family history

Dear Editor,

I will be in the Choctaw Nation over Labor Day weekend and would like to talk with anyone descended from the Jackson Taylor and Louie Durant lines.

I have gathered extensive materials on this family and will be happy to share. I live in California and can be reached at 916-704-3966.

Ted C. Hilliard

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## Exploring Choctaw ancestry

Dear Editor,

I am looking for information on my grandmother's Choctaw ancestors. My grandmother was Lena May Florence (Choctaw) who married Ira Earnest Kimberlin (Chickasaw). My grandmother was the child of Mary Jane Gardner Florence who married Robert C. (Jack) Florence, both Choctaw. Mary Jane Gardner was the daughter of George and Phoebe Gardner who lived in the Chickasaw Nation in or near what is now Garvin County, Oklahoma. They apparently both died before enrollment.

I have not been able to find out anything about George or Phoebe. In fact, I do not even know Phoebe's maiden name, whether they had any children in addition to Mary Jane, or if both George and Phoebe were of Choctaw blood. There is a family legend that George died and Phoebe then married a Cherokee named Ross, but no one seems to know any further details.

I would appreciate any information that anyone could give me on the family of George and Phoebe Gardner. Thank you very much.

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e-mail: tempesto@swbell.net

## Reunions

### Smallwood-McKee Family

The annual Smallwood and McKee Family reunion will be held on Saturday, September 1, 2001 at the Soper Senior Citizens building in Soper, Oklahoma. We are hoping for a good turnout. We will have a covered dish lunch on Saturday. For those who can't attend Saturday, we will meet Sunday, September 2 at Boggy Depot, southwest of Atoka, Oklahoma. We had a good turnout at both places last year.

### Thompson-James Family

The first annual Thompson-James Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, September 2 at Clayton Lake State Park, Pavilion Area, next to the office. You can contact Gary at the office for directions at 918-568-7981.

Anthony Thompson and Evelyn James are coordinating the event and if you can have any questions, please contact 202-260-1574. The reunion will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. All descendants of Hampton and Narcissa Thompson and/or Anderson and Frances James are invited to attend.



## Durant pre-school class takes field trip

The pre-school class of the Choctaw Nation Daycare in Durant recently enjoyed a field trip to KLBC radio station. Shown in the photo are Reed Beilhartz, Sydney McKaughan, Victoria Delozier, Rylanne Martin, Garrett Mitchell, Allyson Thomas, Keeleigh Newman, Colin Stevenson, Tayen Wilson, Spencer Newman, Kaylynn Conklin, Alexis Weatherford, Patrick Carden, Taylor Nelson, Kelly Smith, Derek Penz, Dylan Anderson, Aaron Abbott, Kayleigh Powell, Christy Smith and Gavin Gary along with radio personalities Tom Mullins, Bob McKenzie and Clay Corbitt. The class has also visited Eaker Field, the library and the First United Bank in Durant. Teachers are Ms. Alice, Ms. Brenda and Ms. Cherly.

News from ...

## OK Choctaw Tribal Alliance

The general meeting will be held 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, September 10.

The Taco Sale will not be at our building in September. Instead, we will be at the State Fair in Oklahoma City September 14 to 30. The OK Choctaw Indian Taco booth will be located on the circle near the Space Needle. Come see us there!

The Choctaw music and dance class meets every Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information call Lee Hester at 405-574-1289 or 405-321-0668.

The next session of the Phase I and II Choctaw Language classes will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 11. Phase III and IV will begin 7 p.m. Thursday, September 13.

For recorded details on the recent Princess Pageant, Choctaw language class graduation or other items of interest, please call 405-688-4191.

If you have further questions, call Rick Jones at 405-948-7785.



## Choctaw is member of Child Abuse Awareness Task Force

Members of the Okmulgee County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force look over the group's plans for the upcoming year. Pictured are David James, United CAP Early Head Start Director; Alissa Cashman, Staff Physiologist for Creek Nation Behavioral Health; Faith Watashe, Licensing Supervisor for Child Care for the Creek Nation; Lydia Campbell, Deep Fork Child Care Referral; Jackie Miller, Executive Director of the Okmulgee Youth Services; Brenda Miller, Extension Educator; Molly Mabry, parent of a child in the Early Head Start Program; Valerie Steele, Early Head Start Site Manager, and Chloe Cornish, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) State Planner.

David James, who is three-quarters Choctaw, is from Boswell, Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Boswell High School and Northwestern Oklahoma University. David's mother is Hattie James of Boswell and his father is Bill James of Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

## Internet Language Class Schedule

— 2001-2002 —

Fall registration for all classes began August 1, 2001.

The fall registration for day classes closes at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2001.

Fall registration for evening classes closes at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2001.

Spring class and mini-semester registration will be announced at a later time.

Please see following schedule for a list of classes offered:

### "Beginning Choctaw Grammar"

Beginning date: August 20, 2001

Ending date: December 14, 2001

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

10 a.m. (Central Time)

50-minute classes

### "Intermediate Choctaw Grammar"

Beginning date: August 20, 2001

Ending date: December 14, 2001

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

1 p.m. (Central Time)

50-minute classes

### "Beginning Choctaw Grammar"

Beginning date: August 21, 2001

Ending date: December 13, 2001

Tuesday - Thursday

9 p.m. (Central Time)

50-minute classes

### "Beginning Choctaw Grammar"

Beginning Date: December 31, 2001

Ending Date: April 19, 2002

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

10 a.m. (Central Time)

50-minute classes

### "Intermediate Choctaw Grammar"

Beginning Date: December 31, 2001

Ending Date: April 19, 2002

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

1 p.m. (Central Time)

50-minute classes

### "Beginning Choctaw Grammar"

Beginning Date: January 3, 2002

Ending Date: April 18, 2002

Tuesday - Thursday

9 p.m. (Central Time)

50-minute classes

There will be no classes on the following dates:

September 3, 2001 - Labor Day Holiday

November 19-23, 2001 - Thanksgiving Break

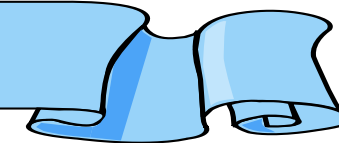
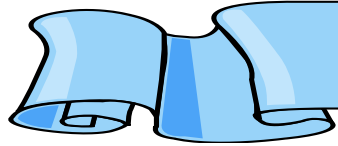
January 1, 2002 - New Year's Day

March 29, 2002 - Good Friday

The Mini Semester will begin May 6, 2002 and end June 28, 2002. Course, Title, Day and Times will be given at a later date.

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## Benjamin Nelson

Benjamin Nelson, 96, passed away July 7, 2001 at Baylor-Richardson Hospital after a brief illness. He was born in 1905 near McAlester, Indian Territory and was very proud of his Choctaw heritage. He was the son of Jackson F. and Emma Pitchlynn Nelson. He was an original enrollee at the end of the allotment period.

Mr. Nelson attended school in Alderson, Oklahoma and graduated from Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas in 1926. He was employed by Western Union in Prescott, Arkansas and Snyder, Texas after graduating from Chillicothe Business College.

In 1927, he married his high school sweetheart, Lucy Benham, and they moved to Texarkana, Texas where he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 38 years. They were residents of Texarkana for 57 years before moving to Dallas.

Mr. Nelson was active in the Rose Hill Baptist Church in Texarkana and served in the Gideon Ministry several years, acting as Chaplain part of the time. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Dallas. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years; a son, Benjamin Nelson, Jr. of Walnut Creek, California; a daughter, Marguerite Malcolm of Richardson, Texas; three grandsons, Mark Malcolm of Richardson, Matthew Malcolm of Dallas, Texas and Clark Nelson of Walnut Creek, and two great-grandchildren, Robert and Hailey Malcolm of Richardson.



## Jefferson Lee Taylor

Jefferson Lee Taylor passed away on April 19, 2001 in Broken Bow, Oklahoma at the age of 49 years. He was born on March 21, 1952 in Sobol, Oklahoma to Wilson and Deloris (Billy) Taylor.

Jeff had worked as a forklift operator for 27 years. He has been in Broken Bow with his wife, Lillie, for the past two years. Jeff and Lillie were married on March 21, 1998 at the Goodwater Methodist Church in Sobol. His favorite pastimes included fishing, hunting and gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie of the home; parents, Wilson and Deloris Taylor of Rattan, Oklahoma; grandmother, Ida Taylor of Rattan; three children, Jennifer Davidson and husband, Aubrey, of Rattan and Nathen Taylor and Deann Taylor of Dallas, Texas; two stepchildren, Angie Luper of Broken Bow and Joe Luper of Garvin. He is also survived by five brothers, Wilson Taylor, Jr., Rayburn Taylor and John Taylor, all of Antlers, Jessie Taylor of Broken Bow and Steve Taylor of Rattan; five sisters, Velma Whisenhunt of Gilliam, Arkansas, Karen Burt and Brenda Haycraft, both of Antlers, Phyllis Bohannan of Rattan, and Ava Hilton of Talihina; eight grandchildren, Glen, LaTisa, Dustin, Ernest, Jonathon, Micheal Anthony, Gabriella and Jessie Lee and three step-grandchildren, Amanda, Samantha and Alexia.

A brother, Kurt A. Taylor, preceded him in death.

Thank you ...

A special thank you to the Choctaw Nation, Chief Pyle, Vocational Rehab Department, Randy Hammons and staff, Housing Authority, Rusty Sossamon and staff, CHRs, Ross Winship, and the many others who were there for us in a time of need. We appreciate all that everyone took the time to help us with food, words and prayers. Words can't express how grateful we are to have friends such as you.

Jennifer Davidson and Taylor Family

## Helen Nadine (Oakes) Petty

Helen Nadine (Oakes) Petty, 79, of Hugo, Oklahoma passed away Friday, July 27, 2001 in Paris, Texas. She was born December 10, 1921 in Soper, Oklahoma to Edgar Omega and Annie Marie (Rives) Oakes.

She lived briefly in Oklahoma City where she married her late husband, Neely Petty in 1980. Nadine's first marriage was to Clifford Hamby in 1940.

Both Clifford and Nadine were active in programs for Choctaw County Youth Groups, FFA, FHA and worked with the Extension Service.

The greatest love for Nadine, Neely and Clifford was the Jackson Street Church of Christ congregation. They were faithful members and cherished the brotherhood, where service, memorials and God's blessings abound.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Clifford Hamby in 1977; her second husband, Neely Petty in 1988; two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include two stepsons, Billy Petty of Houston, Texas and Ronald Petty and wife, Betty, of Durant, Oklahoma; two brothers, Tom Oakes and wife, Lucille, of Wheatland, California and Robert Oakes and wife, Connie, of Decatur, Illinois; three sisters, Wilma Hammond, Edna Montgomery Loftin and husband, Ralph, and Betty Lyles and husband, Roy, all of Hugo, Oklahoma; two step-grandsons, two step-granddaughters, two step-great-grandsons and many nieces and nephews whom she loved very much.

## Ted Sanderson Williams

Ted Sanderson Williams, 51, of Stigler, Oklahoma passed away Thursday, August 9, 2001 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born April 15, 1950 at Stigler to James and Edith Morris Williams.

Ted was a flute maker. For those who knew him he always had time to talk, to listen and to play the flute. His flute music came from his heart. He had special songs for special times. A philosopher of life, he called himself, "Lone Wolf". His favorite saying was, "If it makes you happy, go your own way, do your own thing."

His parents, James and Edith Williams; a brother, James Williams, Jr., and one niece, Olivia Newton Johnson, preceded him in death.

Survivors include five sisters, Virginia Terrell and husband, George, Topsy Williams, Imogene Wind and husband, Stanley, Ann Roach and husband, Jerry, and Norma Howard and husband, David, all of Stigler; two brothers, Van Williams of Stigler and Leon Morris of California; 18 nieces and nephews, Vincent Terrell, Angie Terrell, Lesley Harris, Jimmy Terrell, Jay Terrell, Jerry Terrell, Jesse Terrell, Dana Rucoba, Dena Wind, Willie Wind, Chuck Roach, Princess Roach, Josh Roach, Sarah Roach, Daniel Howard, Candace Williams, Windy Williams and Dayrl Williams.

## Nelson James Noahubbi

Nelson James Noahubbi passed away on Saturday, June 15, 2001 after a brief illness at Methodist Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Noahubbi was born December 9, 1932 at Bethel, Oklahoma.

He was a retired machine operator in the plastic manufacturing business. He was of the Presbyterian faith and a graduate of Jones Academy and Chilocco Indian School. He served in the 45th Division of the National Guard.

Mr. Noahubbi was a sports fan at heart. His teams were the Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys and Dallas Mavericks. To relax he would take long rides and go fishing for hours. He coached his grandsons' T-ball teams along with his sons' fast pitch softball team.

Mr. Noahubbi was known and loved by many. He will always be remembered not by memories only but by the wisdom he gave so many.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Susie Jane Wilson Noahubbi; four sons, James Noahubbi, Carl, Daniel and Russell Osage; two daughters, Gail Ann Noahubbi Plunkett and Wanda Lou "Lulu" Osage Smithson; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a sister, Hazel Smith of McAlester, Oklahoma.

A son, Joe B. Osage, preceded him in death.

## Stewart O. Dickey

Stewart Owen Dickey, 80, of Wellington, Kansas passed away August 2, 2001 at Via Christi St. Joseph Campus in Wichita, Kansas. He was a retired oil lease pumper. He was born the son of James E. Dickey and Susan O. McLellan Dickey on July 8, 1921 in Kenefic, Oklahoma.

On October 9, 1948, he and Ruth Whitney were united in marriage in Wellington. Mr. Dickey was a member of the First Christian Church, V.F.W. Dan C. Matson Post #881 and American Legion Tom Schwinn Post #90. He had a love for gardening and would supply the neighborhood with tomatoes year after year. He enjoyed hunting and fishing trips to Colorado and New Mexico. He would sneak a garage sale in occasionally. He was a loving husband and brother and was loved by all.

His parents, a brother, James Dickey, and a sister, Etoye Hagley, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of the home; brother, Harold Dickey and his wife, Roberta, of Baldwin City, Kansas; several nephews and nieces and a host of friends and neighbors.

## Mark Robert Taylor

Mark Robert Taylor, 35, passed away Sunday, July 15, 2001 at his residence. He had courageously battled acute lymphocytic leukemia for nine months.

Mark was born on December 31, 1965 in West Allis to Jonathon "Jack" and Patricia Taylor. Mark was married to his soulmate, Kellie Toollefson, on April 24, 1990. Together they had two beautiful girls, Nicole, 5, and Megan, 1.

He attended Waukesha North High School and graduated from Washington Park High School in Racine in 1984. Mark had continued his love of working on cars and had recently started his own automotive/transmission business with his wife.

Mark's grandparents and two of his uncles preceded him in death.

Survivors include his loving wife, Kellie; their two children, Nicole and Megan; his parents, Jack and Pat Taylor; his sisters, Dawn Sorenson and Jill Toloso; as well as their families, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and close family friends.



## Virgil Wayne Beasley

Virgil Wayne Beasley, 51, of McAlester, Oklahoma passed away Sunday, July 29, 2001 at his home. He was born July 28, 1950 in McAlester to Marcus and Anna Beasley.

Virgil worked as a heavy equipment operator. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his children.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marcus Beasley; grandfather, Richard Beasley; a grandson, Thomas Beasley, and a nephew, Marcus Phillips.

Survivors include his wife, Susan, of the home; sons, Richard Kalep Beasley of the home, Virgil Wayne Beasley, Jr. and David Beasley, both of Tulsa, and Jimmy Don Beasley of Texas; daughters, Rachel Yvonne Beasley of the home and Sophia Lynn Beasley of Tulsa, and his mother, Anna Beasley of McAlester.

Also, his grandfather, Dock Nail of McAlester; a brother, Alfred Nail and wife, Cheryl, and daughter, Tammy, all of Hartshorne, Oklahoma; sisters, Ella Mae Beasley and Marcella Beasley, both of McAlester, and Loretta Coberly of Tulsa; and his grandchildren, Jessica, Cyal, Tesla, Marcus, Case, Devon and Ciera.



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