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## Native Americans invited to Job Readiness Seminar

Choctaw Nation Projects with Industry (PWI) Program will be offering a Job Readiness Seminar August 24-25 at the Choctaw Nation Field Office, 219 N. Broadway in Hugo, Oklahoma. The seminar will begin at 10 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. on both days.

All Native Americans are invited to participate in the class on preparing to enter the workforce field. The training includes, but is not limited to, identifying job/career choices, identifying strengths/weaknesses as an employee, how to locate job sites, how to complete job applications, job interview techniques, completion of a resume, and job-keeping characteristics. A certificate of achievement will be given to all consumers who complete the class.

PWI can assist many businesses who are looking for capable, dependable and prescreened employees. If a business agrees to hire an individual through this program, the program will be able to reimburse for on-the-job training at 100 percent of the employee salary. The business is encouraged to retain the individual in permanent employment at the end of the training period. Businesses can also take advantage of federal tax credits of up to \$4,000 per employee for employing Native Americans with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

Disabled Native Americans who have a CDIB and are looking for employment are urged to take advantage of this program. Individuals found eligible can benefit from several services offered such as on-the-job training, job placement, job searches, counseling and guidance, and job readiness classes. This program can assist native individuals with disabilities such as diabetes mellitus, alcohol abuse/dependency, orthopedic, mental health, high blood pressure and many more which are too numerous to mention. Applicants must reside in the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation. Further information on services is available through the Projects with Industry Program. Contact Randy Hammons, PWI Director, Angela Dancer, Coordinator and Sr. Counselor, or Bucky Ensey, Counselor, at 580-326-7758 or 877-285-6893. The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Special Education and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

## Member's photo ID may soon be used to obtain driver's license

In the near future, pending approval by the State of Oklahoma, a tribal member will be able to use his/her Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma photo ID card to obtain an Oklahoma driver's license. Not all photo ID cards will be accepted by the state. There will be an approval date stipulated. More information will be published in the BISHINIK as soon as it is released.

This is another reason to obtain your child's or grandchild's CDIB and Tribal Membership cards as soon as possible. It takes approximately 45-90 days if we have everything we need to process the cards.

Remember, we only accept original state full-form birth certificates on new applicants for CDIB cards. Even if a person once had a CDIB and has lost it, it is possible that not everything now required on a person's ancestry is available in the file to be able to reissue the CDIB. The CDIB/Membership department must check each person's ancestry lineage to see if the required state birth or death certificates are on file. If a loved one has passed away, please send a copy of their state death certificate to the office so it can be filed with their records.

**Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
CDIB/Membership Department  
P.O. Drawer 1210  
Durant, OK 74702**

# Progress for the people



Idabel Child Development Center

## Tribe opens new child development center in Idabel

A grand opening was held in Idabel, Oklahoma, on July 19 for a new 11,290-square-foot Child Development Center. The facility will house a Head Start, Day Care and storm shelter. Combined Day Care and Head Start programs provide much-needed guidance during a child's formative years, developing a firm foundation for educational development. The Choctaw Nation continues to strive forward ... taking positive steps to provide the best for all of its members. More photos on Page 11.

## Council approves budget for Jones Academy program

### Grades one through four now taught on campus

Jones Academy will be teaching grades one through four on campus this year, funded by the Choctaw Nation through gaming revenues.

Jones Academy's academic program began last year with first- and second-graders remaining on the grounds for classroom studies and the older students attending public school at nearby Hartshorne. Each year, two more grades will be added to the campus classrooms.

The Tribal Council approved using gaming profits to fund improvements of parking areas for community centers in Antlers, Crowder, Spiro and Smithville.

The Head Start Program is also benefitting this year from Choctaw gaming monies, with \$283,412 being used to supplement the tribally operated programs. There are Choctaw Nation Head Starts in Durant, Idabel, Bennington, Hugo, Stigler, Wilburton, Antlers, Broken Bow, Bethel, Wright City, Poteau, McAlester, Coalgate and Atoka.



Tribal leaders such as Chickasaw Governor Bill Anoatubby and Choctaw Chief Gregory E. Pyle, pictured here with President George W. Bush, spend many hours in the country's capitol, ensuring a good working relationship between tribes and the federal government. It is also vital that we continue to send the message to our state capitols and Washington, D.C., that the voting block of Indian people can make a difference in the outcome of elections on all levels. ■ See Chief's column on Page 3.

# Inter-Tribal Council honors top JOM students



Chief Gregory E. Pyle presents Patti Davis of Panama, Oklahoma, with a scholarship for being one of the Choctaw Nation's top graduating seniors.



Chief Gregory Pyle presents the annual Inter-Tribal Council scholarship to Cody Key, a graduate of McAlester High School.

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes presented scholarships to each of the tribes' top JOM students during its quarterly meeting, July 9, in Tulsa.

This year the Louis LeFlore/Grant Foreman Scholarship was awarded to Choctaw student Casey Wallace of Hugo.

Casey, 21, graduated in May 2002 with an Associate's Degree in Arts from Tyler, Texas, Junior College, and is presently attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. A nursing major, she is a certified phlebotomist.

Casey was a member of Hugo's tennis team and cheerleading for four years and participated in basketball and show choir for two years. She was also a member of the women's tennis team at Tyler Junior College and has been a part of SOSU's women's tennis team for two years.

The Choctaw Nation's two top JOM seniors residing in the tribe's 10 1/2 counties are Patti Davis, a graduate of Panama High School, and Cody Key, a graduate of McAlester High School.

Patti, the daughter of Angela Davis, is a member of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society and National Honor Society. She was valedictorian of her graduating class and on the Superintendent's Honor Roll. She has served as president of the National Honor Society and president of the Student Council as well as being a member of the Academic Team for four years and a cheerleader for four years. She was Captain of the cheerleading team one year and taught youth cheerleading camp. Patti also was a member of the basketball team, Spanish Club, FCCLA and the yearbook staff.

Patti participates in many other activities such as  
**See INTER-TRIBAL Page 11**

## Several enjoy storytelling camp at Crowder

The Choctaw Nation sponsored a Choctaw storytelling camp June 28 through July 1 at the Choctaw Community Center in Crowder. The camp featured Choctaw storyteller Tim Tingle. Many people from several states drove to Crowder to participate.

Stories were recorded of memories of long ago events, funny, scary and sad stories. Over 30 hours were recorded and once they are put onto a CD they will be available to be checked out from the center.

Tingle has compiled a collection of stories in a 142-page book, "Walking the Choctaw Road," which is available for purchasing from both the Choctaw Nation Museum and the Choctaw Nation Book Store.



Tim Tingle, left, records a story from Juanita Jefferson while Jerry Young, a professor at Eastfield College in Mesquite, Texas, looks on.



## Letters

### Choctaw Nation provides scholarship

**Dear Choctaw Nation,**

I recently graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Spanish. The Choctaw Nation was instrumental in supporting my education throughout my undergraduate career, and for this I would like to express my gratitude. The scholarship I received from the Choctaw Nation was a tremendous resource in making my education possible. I will be continuing my education at the University of Tulsa pursuing a law degree, and I hope to one day be able to give back to the Choctaws who have given so much to me. Thank you to the Choctaw Nation and to all the tribal employees who make higher education assistance possible.

**Candice Freeman  
League City, Texas**

### Tribe assists with summer program

**Dear Chief Pyle,**

On behalf of the Wright City Schools, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Choctaw Nation for their assistance and support of our summer school program. Your contributions impacted 13 McCurtain County high school students. Nine of those students were Native American.

Our curriculum consisted of courses of study in math, science, history and English. All 13 students successfully completed their classes and earned credits toward graduation. This would not have been possible without your help.

The Choctaw Nation is to be commended for its support of McCurtain County's young people. Wright City Schools recognizes and appreciates the opportunities we are able to offer students because of your assistance. Thanks again for helping to make a difference in the lives of our students.

**Bob Finley, Principal  
Wright City High School**

### Fund helps band student

**Dear Choctaw Nation,**

I would like to thank you for the Youth Extra Curriculum Activity Fund. It helped me to purchase this Bach trumpet in October 2003.

**John D. Hale  
Avinger, Texas**



### Searching for relative

**Dear Editor,**

Searching for Bill Tolan, last seen in Ada, Oklahoma, during the 1920s. If you have any information, please contact his grandson, Billy Harkness at 936-591-0939.

### Soldier appreciates care package

**Dear Choctaw Nation,**

I just want to write and send thanks to the Choctaw Nation for the care package. It is great to know that the Choctaw Nation cares for the deployed Choctaws. I am 4/4 Choctaw from Broken Bow. I graduated from Broken Bow High School in 1997. I joined the U.S. Army in June of 2001 and am currently serving with the 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Ft. Hood, Texas. My tour in Iraq is in the Al Rashid District, South Baghdad. Once again, thank you for the package and support. It is greatly appreciated.

**SPC Jerrod L. James  
Baghdad, Iraq**

### Tribe donates toward championship rings

**Dear Choctaw Nation,**

Ashley Griffith would like to extend a personal "Thank You" to Tribal Councilperson Hap Ward and the Choctaw Nation for the recent donation toward the purchase of state championship rings in slow pitch softball. Ashley is Choctaw and the pitcher for the Valliant Lady Dawgs. The Lady Dawgs recently won their first ever Class 5-A State Softball Championship by beating out Okemah, New Castle, and three-time State Champion Bethel. Ashley pitched all three games of the championship tournament. The championship game was played at the Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City. Proud parents are Jimmy and Paula Griffith of Valliant.

Thank you, Choctaw Nation, for your support!

### Student graduates University of Colorado

**Dear Editor,**

I would like to thank the Choctaw Nation Higher Education Office for the financial assistance I received to further my education. I graduated from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs with a B.A. in Communications in December 2003. I am truly grateful.

**Zakary Watson  
Colorado Springs, Colorado**



**Volunteers construct the Choctaw Academy United Methodist sanctuary.**



**Councilman Jack Austin and Tennessee volunteer Connie Taylor.**

and Bethel Hill United Methodist Church for helping us out. We also want to thank those in the community. A special thank you to Danny Howe of the First Broadstreet United Methodist Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, and the crew of Volunteers in Mission from Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina, who came and erected a beautiful sanctuary for us. Also we would like to thank Bertram Bobb and Travis Bankester for the use of the youth camp for lodging.

**Freeman Taylor**

### Houston-Phillips family extends thanks

**Dear Editor,**

The family of Roger James Phillips would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for the love, prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and food during the loss of our loved one, Roger. We would like to send a special thank you to the Rev. Nathan Scott for your heartfelt words and scriptures, to all the Choctaw singers, to the Choctaw Nation Honor Guard, to Debra Bacon, CHR, to Preston Scott and Missouri Brown for the Warrior's Burial Ceremony. We will all miss him deeply. May God bless each and every one of you. Our prayers are for your continued prayers.

**The Houston and Phillips family**

### Missionary trip a memorable experience

**Dear Editor,**

We would like to thank the Choctaw Nation and especially Perry Thompson for donating money to my son, Cody Peters, so he could go on a mission trip to Old Mexico. The trip was a success and many souls were saved. It was an experience he will never forget. Thank you again.

**Cody Peters and mother Becky Peters  
Hugo, Oklahoma**

### Arizona Choctaws visit with Chief

**Dear Editor,**

I want to thank Chief Pyle for taking the time to talk to me and my son on May 27. Also, for the caps and coffee cups.

**Dale and Frank Williams Jr.  
Peoria, Arizona**

### Smithville Rodeo has friend in Bryant

**Dear Editor,**

The Smithville Ropers and Riders would like to thank Councilman Kenny Bryant again this year for helping with the Smithville Rodeo. He is our biggest sponsor every year for the rodeo. Thank you again, Kenny Bryant.

**Dale Toon  
Smithville Ropers and Riders**

### Honored to receive scholarship

**Dear Choctaw Nation,**

It was an honor to receive the scholarship award from the Choctaw tribe. This award along with my student loans will assist me as I pursue my degree in Elementary Education at the University of Oklahoma. Thank you for helping me with my degree goals.

**Cori Fishell**

### Care packages mean a lot

**Dear Choctaw Nation,**

Thank you for the many care packages you sent me while I was deployed overseas. It meant a lot to me and my soldiers.

**Sgt. Blaine Child  
Ft. Drum, New York**

### Native American Christian volunteers needed

**Dear Editor,**

I am the Native American Ambassador for the "Festival of the Americas," a fund-raising event on September 12 for St. Eugene's Church in Oklahoma City. This festival celebrates the diverse community we live in. I would like other Native American Christians to consider volunteering their time and talents. Please contact me by e-mail, julie.anneler@okdhs.org, or by phone at 405-226-8303.

Last year the Native American booth won second place for the educational value and I plan to continue the tradition this year.

**Julie Hood-Anneler**

### Researching Phelps lineage

**Dear Editor,**

I am searching for any descendants of my great-grandmother, Louisa Phelps, born December 25, 1843 in Carthage, Leake County, Mississippi, and died in 1895 in Rising Star, Texas. Louisa married Jacob Warren Brooks February 4, 1864 in Carthage.

Two of Louisa's daughters were Georgia Anne Brooks (maiden name), born December 18, 1864, Leake County, Mississippi; died June 30, 1930, in Roff, Oklahoma, and Cornelia Brooks Harrell Stewart (my grandmother), born March 5, 1872, May, Texas, and died November 22, 1964, in Stratford, Oklahoma. She is buried in Rising Star, Texas. Thank you.

**Berl Harrell  
#14 Ray Lane  
Mayflower, AR 72106**

### Appreciates respect shown to Native American soldiers

**Dear Editor,**

Our family wants to express our sincere appreciation for the respect and recognition our Native American soldiers are receiving through the BISHINIK. The photographs, articles and notes regarding our soldiers are wonderful.

We are also thankful that Chief Pyle's son-in-law has returned home safely to his family.

Our son, Matthew, a Choctaw tribal member, has been serving in the area of Camp Taji, also called Camp Cooke, Iraq, since earlier this year. We have been forwarding him the monthly BISHINIK along with our local papers to keep him abreast of things going on here at home. This means so much to the soldiers, to have that sense of connection to home.

Also, we would like to express a thank you to the hospital/clinic staff in Talihina. When Matthew's division was called up it was on such short notice, he needed to have some medical needs taken care of. Dr. Martin and Dr. Mathis both were able to get Matthew in the next day to have his medical needs taken care of prior to deployment. The staff was very understanding and sent Matthew off with well wishes. Our family is truly thankful to all who assisted.

**Steve and Susan Akers  
Poteau, Oklahoma**

### Grateful for assistance

**Dear Choctaw Nation,**

My husband was disabled on July 7, 2003. Words cannot express all the gratitude we feel for the help we received with our utilities and commodities. My husband has since been awarded his Social Security Disability.

I thank the good Lord every day for people like you who care and help people like us in our time of need.

**John and Linda Poteet  
Colbert, Oklahoma**

### A special thank you!

**Dear Choctaw Nation,**

We want to thank Chief Pyle, Councilman Jack Austin, Randy and Christy Hammons, Bruce Frazier, Leo and Jane Smallwood, Steve Smallwood and Billie Rhea Duncan for making it possible for our son, Chris Thomas, to have the opportunity to play for Elite Sports International in Hawaii.

An honor student at Rattan for four years, Chris was salutatorian of his class and a member of Oklahoma Honor Society, 4-H, FCCLA and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was voted most talented and class favorite by his fellow senior classmates. Active in sports, Chris was a member of the basketball and baseball teams. He was chosen to play in the OBCA All Star game, Kiamichi All Star game, and Coaches All State game, and now has the opportunity to participate in the Elite Sports International.

Thank you very much.

**Levi and Angela James**

### Host parents needed in Bryan County

**Dear fellow Choctaws,**

AFS Intercultural Programs is a non-profit exchange student organization who works to improve relations between the different countries. We are in need of host parents in the Bryan County area. Host parents provide food, a home, a bed, and a family for a student from another country for 11 months. The students come with their own spending money and medical insurance.

These teenagers, ages 15 to 18, come from more than 50 countries and from a variety of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. The students have maintained good grades, have studied the English language for many years, and are seen as role models in their home communities. Hosting can be very rewarding, enriching your family by introducing a new culture. As a host parent you will develop a lifelong bond with your hosted student and his or her family and help an outstanding young person grow into a more confident and knowledgeable adult.

Host families can be two-parent households with children, single-parent families, as well as couples or single people who do not have children. If you are interested please contact Chantel Hamner at 580-847-2551 or Diane Soto at 1-866-AFS-USA 1.

**Chantel Hamner, Chair Red River Chapter  
Bennington, Oklahoma**



### "Old Dawgs" appreciate donation

**Dear Editor,**

We would like to thank Councilperson Charlotte Jackson for the donation to our baseball team. We appreciate your support. We WON!!!

The "Old Dawgs" senior softball team has been playing in local and national softball tournaments for over ten years.

In that time we have received numerous trophies and awards, including first-place World Champions – Las Vegas, Nevada, for 2003; second-place World Champions – Mobile, Alabama, for 2003; second-place tournament – Elk Grove, California, for 2003; 50-A Champions – Sacramento Senior Softball Late Summer Class for 2002; second-place World Champions – Roseville, California, for 2002.

**The "Old Dawgs"**

### BISHINIK deadline

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

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From the desk of Chief Gregory E. Pyle

# Our vote is more important than ever

A recent trip to Washington, D.C., has me dwelling on the importance of each and every vote. We are very blessed in the United States to be able to mark our choice of elected leaders on a ballot and it is our responsibility as citizens to participate in the voting process.

I am very proud of the percentage of Choctaw voters who take part in tribal elections – close to 50% of eligible voters cast ballots in most of the Council elections in recent years. Most likely, these same active voters are interested in their area, state and national elections as well.

The Native American vote is more important than ever. As increased numbers of tribal people make their voice heard, more politicians are including Indian issues in their platforms. It is vital that we continue to send the message to our state capitols and Washington, D.C., that the voting block of Indian people can make a difference in the outcome of elections on all levels.

Each and every vote is powerful. We only have to look at history to see how just one vote has molded the lives we know today.

\*In 1771 just one vote gave America the English language instead of German.

\*In 1868 just one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment conviction.

\*In 1876 just one vote made Rutherford B. Hayes President of the U.S. The man in the Electoral College who cast that vote was an Indiana Congressman elected by one vote.

\*Women won the right to vote in 1920 by the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution. Tennessee, the last state needed to pass the amendment, ratified the amendment by one vote.

\*In 1923 just one vote gave Adolf Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

\*In 1941 just one vote saved selective service, just weeks before Pearl Harbor.

\*One vote kept Aaron Burr from becoming President. That one vote elected Thomas Jefferson in 1800.

\*One vote gave statehood to Texas (1845), California (1850), Oregon (1859), Washington (1889), and Idaho (1890).

\*John Kennedy won the presidency in 1960 by just one vote per precinct in Illinois. One voter in each precinct could have changed the election, giving Nixon 26 electoral votes in Illinois and consequently electing him President.

\*Marcus Monton was elected Governor of Massachusetts in 1839 by one vote out of 102,066 votes cast.

\*In 1950, a State Senator from Garrett County, Maryland was elected by one vote. The winner had 3,080. The loser, 3,079.

\*Woodrow Wilson was elected President in 1916 by carrying one state by less than one vote per precinct.

And we all remember how close the last Presidential election here in the United States was. Your vote or my vote could determine who wins an election. You can bet I'll be at the polls to mark my choice of leadership and state questions! I hope you will, too.



From the desk of Assistant Chief Mike Bailey

## State Question on November ballot will affect tribes



The Choctaw Nation has had gaming as a revenue-producing business since December of 1987. Since that time, the tribal gaming business has grown throughout Oklahoma, with many of the Indian Nations opening at least one casino. The Choctaw Nation has gaming sites in Durant, McAlester, Grant, Idabel, Broken Bow and Pocola, and we also own a race track in Sallisaw.

Earlier this year, tribes joined with horsemen and educators to pass legislation, SB 553, which allowed a tribal gaming compact with the state to put a portion of gaming revenues into education funds, and allowed three tracks to offer some machine gaming, which would help keep the horse racing industry in our state. Currently, tribes are spending millions of dollars in litigation to clarify what electronic games are legal and which games cannot be played in our casinos. Under SB 553, the tribes and the state had

an agreement that clarified the games, ending litigation, and about \$71 million would go to education each year instead of lawyers.

Disagreements from some state leadership with SB 553 has resulted in the issue being put before the Oklahoma voters on November 2, 2004. On the ballot, it will be listed as State Question 712. A YES vote on SQ 712 will help solve Oklahoma's school funding problems, without raising taxes. A YES vote on SQ 712 will help protect our state economy and more than 50,000 local jobs.

The estimated \$71 million per year in new revenue for education will be split as follows: 88% to local schools on a per student basis and 12% to provide college scholarships for Oklahoma students.

Oklahoma voters can help support education and jobs by voting YES on SQ 712 on November 2nd.

### 2004 Labor Day Festival Gospel Singing Schedule

If you are interested in singing and aren't on the following list or if you are on the list and will not be able to attend, please call Sabrina Turner at 800-522-6170, ext. 2335. Thank you!

12 noon	Shirley Marcille	7:00 p.m.	Eastern Gate
12:15 p.m.	The Lighthouse	7:30 p.m.	Crossroads
12:30 p.m.	The Horn Family	8:00 p.m.	The Crabb Family
12:45 p.m.	Goodin Family	9:30 p.m.	Kingsmen
1:00 p.m.	Sheila Graver	9:45 p.m.	One Way
1:15 p.m.	The Yoder Family	10:00 p.m.	The Jenkin Sisters
1:30 p.m.	Daphne Johnson	10:15 p.m.	Desiree Noah
1:45 p.m.	Faith, Hope & Love	10:30 p.m.	Country Gospel
2:00 p.m.	Bubba Johnson	10:45 p.m.	The Singing
2:15 p.m.	Master's Touch		Buck Family
2:30 p.m.	Ricky Eggenburg	11:00 p.m.	The Ruckmans
2:45 p.m.	Heavenly Places	11:15 p.m.	Wright City Singers
3:00 p.m.	Tulsian Quartet	11:30 p.m.	Jim Selby
3:15 p.m.	Called Out	11:45 p.m.	Sammy Sadler
3:30 p.m.	Samantha & Esther	12 midnight	Stopp Family
3:45 p.m.	Ivan & Ivanna	12:15 a.m.	Charles Lee
4:00 p.m.	The Orphan Family	12:30 a.m.	Hobbs Triplets
4:15 p.m.	Merle &	12:45 a.m.	Deloris Eller
	The Gospel Four	1:00 a.m.	Shelia Steele
4:30 p.m.	Glory Bound	1:15 a.m.	Ronald Keeling
4:45 p.m.	Tina Castleberry	1:30 a.m.	Charles Boaz
5:00 p.m.	Chantri Harper	1:45 a.m.	Richie McDaniel
5:20 p.m.	Tribesmen	2:00 a.m.	Kelly R. Keeling
5:40 p.m.	Christlike	2:15 a.m.	Nails Scar
6:00 p.m.	Choctaw Hymns	2:30 a.m.	Warren Peterson
6:30 p.m.	Glen Bonham		

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## Jackson is CNAIRA All Around Cowgirl

Assistant Chief Mike Bailey presents a belt buckle to Marci Jackson of Durant, the Choctaw Nation All Indian Rodeo Association Region 8 All Around Cowgirl for 2004. Jackson, a member of the Cherokee Nation, competed in Ladies Breakaway and Barrel Racing. Assistant Chief Bailey is vice president of the CNAIRA. Pictured are Bailey, Jackson and son Joe Paul Jackson, and CNAIRA secretaries Janie Dillard and Shanis Goodson.

## Choctaw Nation receives Windows on the Past award

*"We open windows on the past and thereby see both people and the land more clearly."*  
– From "Heritage – It's About Time!" A National Strategy

In 2002 the Heritage Resource section of the Oklahoma Ranger District of the Ouachita National Forest sponsored a Government Visitor through the International Volunteer Program from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne in Great Briton. Through ties developed with the visitor, the Oklahoma Ranger District learned the university required the students to complete two weeks of field excavation. Because of the favorable experience in the International Volunteer Program, the district and forest offered to host archaeology students from the university for a two-week excavation of sites in southeastern Oklahoma.

Last year, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma was recruited to co-host with the forest's Ranger District the first Region 8 International Heritage Tour. Eleven archaeology student tourists affiliated with the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne participated in the excavation of two sites, one of which was a post-removal 1832 Choctaw homestead on land that had been exchanged to Weyerhaeuser. The Choctaw Nation provided an insight to the artifacts being recovered and a flavor of contemporary Choctaw and American Indian culture.

The Heritage tour was an overwhelming success. The students participated in excavation activities during the day and archaeological presentations in the evening. In addition to the Choctaw Nation, speakers were recruited from the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey, Oklahoma Historical Society, and Oklahoma Anthropological Society as well as Ouachita National Forest Archeologists. Each gave a

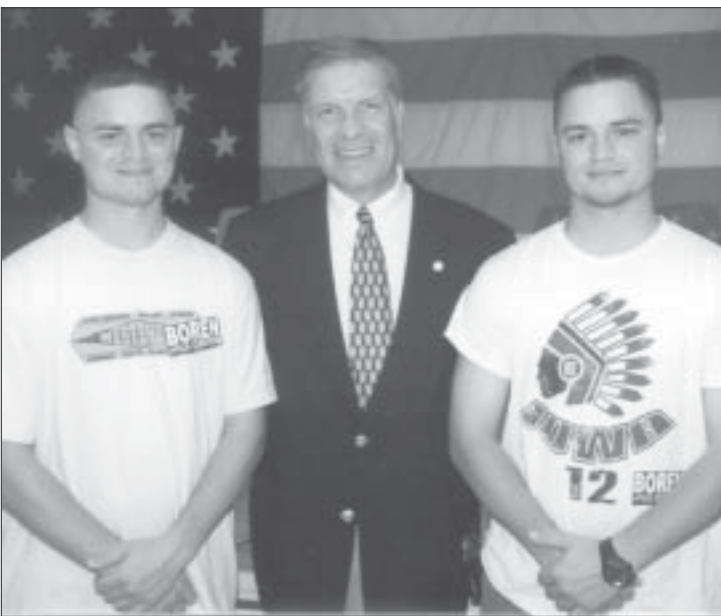


Kelly Russell presents the national Windows on the Past award to Terry Cole, Director of the Choctaw Nation's Cultural Resources Department for Cole's and the tribe's participation in the Region 8 International Heritage Tour.

presentation from their area of expertise and engaged the students in a spirited discussion on the history and prehistory of both Oklahoma and the United States.

The Heritage Tour gave the eleven international archaeology student tourists an opportunity to experience firsthand the history and prehistory of southeastern

Oklahoma, the United States and American Indian Culture. Furthermore, they gained an insight to federal heritage preservation efforts. The district archaeological technicians took a personal responsibility to educate the students concerning the inventory and preservation methods practiced on the ground.



## Chief Pyle greets Minor twins

Chief Gregory E. Pyle visits with twins, Sgts. Jeremiah and Joshua Minor. Sgt. Jeremiah Minor just returned from 193 days in Iraq serving in the U.S. Army. Sgt. Joshua Minor lives in Houston, Texas.



# Fire risk increases in summer months

Submitted by the  
Choctaw Nation  
of Oklahoma  
Safety Development  
Department

During the summer season there is an increased risk of fires from pastures to barns, workshops, and even houses. The Safety Development Department would like to remind you to call the fire department first, and use extreme caution around fires. If 911 is not available in your area, then we suggest you post emergency phone numbers next to your telephone. We have included some tips on using a fire extinguisher in the event it becomes necessary to fight a fire.

- ▶ Class A fires are combustibles like wood, paper, cloth, upholstery, plastics and similar materials. Use the appropriate extinguisher – either a water or dry chemical.
- ▶ Class B fires are flammable gases or liquids, such as gasoline, kerosene oil, kitchen grease and paint. Use only dry chemical or carbon dioxide extinguishers. Do not use water extinguishers on these fires.
- ▶ Class C fires occur when energized equipment or wires are on fire. Use a dry chemical or a carbon dioxide extinguisher. It would be good if possible to discontinue the power source to the equipment first then the fire becomes Class A or B, but if it still has power running through it then do not use water on it.

## Healthy Lifestyles

### Minimizing exposure to allergens

Allergies or hay fever is a common problem for adults as well as children. The most common symptoms include a stuffy or runny nose with clear drainage or congestion, repeated sneezing, itchy eyes and nose, sore throat, throat clearing and a cough that may be worse at night and in the morning. Children with allergies may also breath through their mouth a lot and have dark circles under their eyes (“allergic shiners”).

Although allergies are not inherited, the tendency to develop an allergy is inherited. If you are allergic to a substance, then your child has a one in three chance of developing an allergy and not always to the same allergen (things that cause allergies). If both parents have allergy problems, the child will have a 70% chance of developing allergies.

These symptoms usually occur during certain times of the year for people with **seasonal allergies**, being exposed to outdoor allergens, such as tree pollens, grasses and weeds.

Other people may have **perennial allergies**, with symptoms occurring year round from exposure to indoor allergens, such as dust mites, pets, secondhand smoke and molds.

Allergies may become debilitating and chronic, which have long-term effects on your health and happiness. There are some steps you can take to minimize your exposure to allergens, such as:

- Keeping windows closed in the car and home to avoid exposure to pollens, especially on days when the pollen forecasts predict medium or high pollen levels.
- Limiting outdoor activities when pollen counts are highest – early morning for spring time tree pollens, afternoon and early evening for summer grasses, and in the middle of the day for ragweed in the fall.
- Do not hang clothes outside to dry; instead, use a dryer or hang the clothes inside.
- Bathe at bedtime to wash off allergens.
- If your allergy symptoms aren’t getting under control with your current medications, a recheck with your physician might be a good idea.

*“Healthy Living = Longer Life”*

### Child and Adult Care Food Program

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Day Care Program announces its participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). All participants in attendance are served meals, at no extra charge to the parents and without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In accordance with federal law and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

This statement applies to the center(s) listed below: Choctaw Nation Day Care, Durant; Choctaw Nation Child Development Center, Talihina; Choctaw Nation Child Development Center, Bennington; Choctaw Nation Child Development Center, Coalgate; Choctaw Nation Child Development Center, Stigler.

# Let’s try new foods ... together

## WIC

WOMEN, INFANT & CHILDREN

Enjoy all kinds of foods? That’s good advice for kids – and for you. Why? When kids learn to enjoy many foods, they have more choices for smart eating throughout life. That’s good because different foods promote growth and health in different ways.

Food variety makes eating more interesting and fun, too. Remember: seeing, trying, comparing, and talking about different foods is a part of learning.

- **Offer a new food first, before your child has eaten.** Kids usually are more willing to try new foods when they are hungry.
- **Have your child choose a new food as you shop.** Trying new foods is more fun when the children pick them out.
- **Do a taste test.** Talk about a new food. Have your child describe the color, feel, shape, smell, sound, and taste – and not whether your child likes it or dislikes it. NO “Yucks!”

*Good feelings about trying new foods help lead to a lifetime of healthful eating. Try new fruits and vegetables as fun experiences with your child.*

- **Go for at least “one bite.”** But stay away from forcing your child to taste. Keep food trying positive.
- **Try new foods, too.** Encourage your whole family to try new foods! Kids copy what they see and hear. Keep quiet if you don’t like the food.
- **Prepare new foods in different ways.** Many kids prefer to pick up raw vegetables with fingers. That may seem better than the same new vegetable that is cooked.
- **Try and try again!** Many kids need to try a new food five to ten times before they like it. It’s normal for kids to be cautious at first.
- **Relax.** Your child doesn’t need to like every food. Everyone (you, too) has different food favorites.

Provided by: Nibbles for Health, USDA

## Health centers participating in study for children with diabetes

Three Native American health centers are joining OU Children’s Physicians Diabetes Center in testing treatment regimens for the growing number of Oklahoma children with type 2 diabetes.

The research project is being conducted at 12 sites nationally. In Oklahoma, the study is being conducted at the OU Children’s Diabetes Center at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, and at these Native American health centers: the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina, Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada, affiliated with the Chickasaw Nation, and Little Axe Health Clinic, affiliated with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Over the past ten years, type 2 diabetes has become increasingly common in young adults and children. Oklahoma has one of the highest incidence rates in the nation. Although the trial is open to every Oklahoma child with type 2 diabetes, Native American children are especially targeted for evaluation due to high rates of type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes in Native Americans was a rare occurrence before the 1930s, but today, the Oklahoma State Department of Health estimates that as much as 25% of Oklahoma’s Native Americans have the disease. The Indian Health Service reports a 68% increase from 1990 to 1998, in diabetes prevalence in adolescents between 15 and 19 years of age.

### Common symptoms of diabetes include:

- \* Frequent urination
- \* Excessive thirst
- \* Extreme hunger
- \* Increased fatigue
- \* Irritability
- \* Blurry vision

Children with diabetes either don’t produce insulin or their bodies don’t effectively use the hormone, which helps convert sugar into energy. In Oklahoma, one out of three diabetes cases diagnosed in children is type 2, which is also referred to as adult-onset diabetes. According to Kenneth Copeland, M.D., an OU Children’s Physicians pediatric diabetes specialist, the problem is a direct result of the growing number of children who are overweight and inactive.

“Type 2 diabetes has increased dramatically over the last decade,” Copeland explained. “The epidemic can be related to genetics as well as to the rise in the number of children who are overweight and who don’t get enough physical activity.”

Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness, kidney failure and lower extremity amputations. It also increases the risk of heart disease.

Copeland was awarded a \$1.4 million National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant to conduct the study. He is evaluating the effects of diabetes

medications with and without intensive lifestyle intervention in young people ten to 17 years of age.

The grant “Treatment Options for Type 2 Diabetes in Adolescents and Youth (TO-DAY)” is sponsored by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases and the NIH. The \$1.4 million grant is for the first of a five-year project, expected to result in a total award of \$4 million to \$6 million dollars.

Children participating will receive free study related medications, diabetes education, laboratory tests and doctor visits. Reimbursement for all study-related costs as well as rewards for achieving study related goals will be provided. Participation in the project will be for up to three years.

The OU Children’s Physicians Diabetes Center focuses solely on pediatric diabetes and is located at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. The center was awarded the American Diabetes Association Education Recognition Award for its diabetes self-management program. Through research, OU Children’s Physicians has developed recommendations for preventing diabetes and screening high-risk children. This research provides access to treatment innovations that may not be widely available for years.

For more information about the study, call 405-271-7755 or 800-613-8512.

## Kelly Garrett honored with going-away party



Grandmothers Kay Collier and Mini Power; Grandpa Sam Power; Great-grandma Golda Smith; Kelly Garrett; his mother, Tanja Garrett; father, Buster Garrett; Grandpa James Offutt; brother, Dakota Garrett; cousin, Canaan Cook, and sister, MacKie’Lee Garrett.

Kelly Garrett was recently honored with a going-away party held at the Choctaw Community Center in Crowder, Oklahoma.

Kelly is Choctaw and a 2004 graduate of Crowder School. He joined the U.S. Navy and left on July 27 for training at Great Lake, Illinois.

Family and friends brought a covered dish and had a money tree for Kelly. His grandmother, Kay Collier, also had a cake made with the Navy seal on it. Everyone enjoyed the party.

## Cervical cancer can be prevented

Call for an  
appointment:  
1-800-349-7026  
ext. 6368

“There is good news about cervical cancer,” said Dr. Floyd Goodman, obstetrician/gynecologist at Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina. “It is preventable and we have appointments for screening available.

“Regular Pap Cytology (Pap Smears) can pick up problems and allow time to clear the disease long before it becomes cancer,” Goodman said. “The test is simple and painless.”

A wart virus, the human papilloma virus is often the underlying cause of cervical cancer. It begins as a viral infection and can progress to an intermediate stage called cervical dysplasia. Dysplasia is not, in itself, dangerous. It is only when it is ignored, that it can become cancer.

In Choctaw Nation there are many women who are not getting routine exams in spite of readily available appointments. Women who are past child bearing and have no need to see a gynecologist for other reasons, like birth control, are at the highest risk of not getting the exams they need. They may not be seen for several years.

The timeline for an infection with the wart virus to progress to cervical cancer is fortunately several years long, allowing enough time for screening exams to detect and simple treatments to eradicate the disease. There have been some changes in recommendations as to frequency of evaluation for patients who are older and have had normal exams for three years. However, it is best to let a clinician go over the records to make an educated recommendation.

“If it has been more than 12 months since an exam, we highly recommend you call our office or your local clinic to make an appointment,” Goodman said. “The number to call is 1-800-349-7026, ext. 6368. The Women’s Clinic has doctor, midwife and physician assistant appointments available.”

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND PROJECTS WITH INDUSTRY PROGRAM <i>September Calendar</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A Vocational Rehabilitation and Projects With Industry representative will be available at the locations listed. A representative is available Monday thru Friday 8-4:30 except for holidays at the Hugo office.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Durant 10 am-12 noon	8 Stigler by appt. only McAlester 10 am-2 pm	9	10 Idabel 10 am-2 pm	11
12	13 Talihina 10 am-2 pm	14 Wilburton 10:30 am-2 pm	15 Atoka 9-11 am Coalgate 12 noon-2 pm	16	17 Broken Bow 10 am-2 pm	18
19	20 Antlers by appt. only	21 Durant by appt only	22 Crowder by appt only McAlester by appt only	23	24 Poteau 11 am-1:30 pm	25
26	27 Bethel by appt only	28	29 Wright City by appt. only	30		

Choctaw Nation WIC			
Serving the Choctaw Nation at 14 sites			
SITE	PHONE	HOURS	DAYS
Antlers	580-298-3161	8:30-4:00	Every Tuesday
Atoka	580-889-5825	8:00-4:30	Every Mon., Thurs. & 1st, 3rd, 4th Wed.
Bethel	580-241-5458	8:30-4:00	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Boswell	580-566-2243	8:30-4:00	1st & 2nd Friday
Broken Bow	580-584-2746	8:30-4:00	2nd & 4th Tues., every Wed. & Thurs.
Coalgate	580-927-3641	8:30-4:00	2nd Wednesday
Durant	580-924-8280 x 2255	8:00-4:30	Daily
Hugo	580-326-5404	8:00-4:30	Mon., Wed., Thurs., 3rd & 4th Fri.
Idabel	580-286-2510	8:00-4:30	Monday and Friday
McAlester	918-423-6335	8:00-4:30	Daily
Poteau	918-647-4585	8:00-4:30	Daily
Stigler	918-967-4211	8:30-4:00	Every Monday
Talihina	918-567-7000 x 6792	8:00-4:30	Tuesday , Wednesday and Friday
Wilburton	918-465-5641	8:30-4:00	Every Thursday



## Phase I Language Class scheduled in Wilburton

A Phase I Choctaw Language Class will begin August 3 at the Choctaw Nation Community Center, 515 Center Point Road in Wilburton, Oklahoma. The class, taught by McKinley Taylor Jr., will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Register for Internet Language Classes

Registration is open until the end of August for Internet Language Classes.

Visit the Choctaw Language Department's website – [www.choctawonline.com](http://www.choctawonline.com) and follow the appropriate links to register for the Fall 2004-Spring 2005 classes.

## Skullyville Singing to be August 20

The Skullyville Choctaw Singing will be from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, August 20, at the Spiro Choctaw Community Center west of Spiro, Oklahoma. Scheduled to sing are the Baker Family, Salonie Singers and Jubilee Singers. All Choctaw singers and musicians are welcome. Potluck will be served at 6 p.m. and door prizes will be awarded. For more information, please call 918-962-3832. There is no charge to attend.

## OK Choctaw Tribal Alliance schedule of events

The OK Choctaw Tribal Alliance Inc. would like to invite everyone to its monthly Taco Sale, held every second Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center, 5320 S. Youngs Blvd. in Oklahoma City.

On the second Monday of every month a Potluck Dinner is held at 6 p.m. followed by a General Meeting at 7 p.m. Membership is not required to attend the meeting or dinner.

The Choctaw Language Classes will resume at the center on the third week of September. To sign up for classes, obtain princess applications, or for more information you may contact the office from noon to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays, 405-688-4191, 405-681-0869, or e-mail [octa@birch.net](mailto:octa@birch.net)

## Johnico Family Centennial Reunion

The Johnico Family Centennial Reunion will be held 10:30 to 3 p.m., Saturday, September 4, at the Choctaw Nation Field Office, Dallas and Railroad St., Talihina, Oklahoma. Meat will be furnished for the potluck lunch. Please RSVP to Myrtle Lee Johnico King, 405-634-6786, or mail to 1023 S.W. 38th Apt. C, Oklahoma City, OK 73109.

## Family reunion for Jones descendants

A family reunion will be held for descendants of Cephus Jones, Reba Jones Meashintubby, Bettye Jones Thompson and Wilburn Jones Sr. from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, September 25, at Atoka Park on Great House Road, Atoka, Oklahoma. Everyone please come and bring a covered dish and dessert. For directions and more information contact Eldene Jim at 580-889-6809; Evangeline Meashintubby at 580-364-2103, or Katherine Leach at 972-926-7357.

# Choctaw Nation OEH releases guidelines

In an effort to better serve the Choctaw people, the Choctaw Nation Office of Environmental Health (OEH) has revised its guidelines and applications so that the federal dollars allotted for providing water and sewer facilities to individual qualifying homes can meet its fullest potential. Following is a brief summary of the OEH guidelines:

The Choctaw Nation Office of Environmental Health provides water and sewer facilities for qualified homes of federally recognized Indian Tribe members. This is a federally funded program through the Indian Health Service (IHS), therefore, federal guidelines are involved. Facilities include wells or community water and drainfields or community connections. Sites requiring lateral lines are left with mounded soil loosely placed on the lines. This material needs to settle naturally over time. Driving on the lines or attempts to level with machinery will likely cause damage and void any warranty from this office.

**Homes connecting to community water systems will require a service agreement between the homeowner and the**

## What to consider before deciding where to build or place a home

- ✓ Is water available here?
- ✓ How far is it to get water here?
- ✓ How far is it to get electricity here?
- ✓ How much will it cost to put a driveway here?
- ✓ What type of soil is here? What type of septic system will it require?
- ✓ Can I afford to maintain an alternate septic system?

**Rural Water District (RWD) or community. We will not authorize the RWD to install a meter until an application has been approved and said water department has been contacted by this office.**

Water wells producing 2 or more gallons per minute (gpm) will be completed. Dry wells or those producing less than 2 gpm are abandoned and plugged causing the home to be dropped from this program. We can only drill one well per site.

The water and sewer facilities are warranted for one year. All facilities require maintenance for best performance and longevity. Maintenance and repair after the warranty period, or for problems caused by negligence, is the responsibility of the home owner.

**Finished services require**

**time for processing applications, review, design, scheduling and construction. Funding delays may also occur. The anticipated time for finished work is 4 to 6 months from the time a complete application package is received.**

Any questions regarding these guidelines or this program should be directed to the OEH office in Hugo, 580-326-9673.

*Note:* The Choctaw Nation Environmental Health Office can assist a qualifying household with water and/or septic if such services are deemed feasible. This program only deals with water and septic. This office **does not** pump septic tanks. Any other types of services needed such as electric, propane, etc., may not be available through the Choctaw Nation.



## Cousins enjoy Okla Chahta Gathering in Bakersfield

Cousins Willie Mack LeFlore Floyd of Fresno, California, and Wiley Burns of Denham Spring, Louisiana, enjoyed their visit at the Okla Chahta Gathering held in May in Bakersfield, California. They are pictured, top, with Chief Gregory E. Pyle, and bottom, Willie Mack was picked the prettiest lady at the gathering and Wiley traveled the farthest to attend.

## Diabetes educators Choate and Roberts complete CDE exam

Annette Choate, R.N., Community Diabetes Educator from Broken Bow Clinic, and Lee Ann Roberts, R.N., Community Diabetes Coordinator Educator from McAlester Clinic, successfully completed the Certified Diabetes Educator exam in May.

Annette and Lee Ann have been employees of the Choctaw Nation since October 2001. They started the Community Education Program that year and since that time two additional community educators have been added as well as a community dietitian.

The community educators work in the fifth grade classes of schools in the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation. The Salad Sisters present a Diabetes Prevention Program to the students that is fun and educational. In addition, they work in connection with the Community Health Program and other programs in the Choctaw Nation to educate on prevention of type 2 diabetes. Diabetes Education classes are held in each area for those diagnosed with diabetes to help them understand the disease and prevent complications.

Community Educators have worked with the CDC and Department of Health and Human Services in the DDI Program to find those at risk for type 2 diabetes, early detection and prevention.

The Certified Diabetes Educator accomplishment is just one more step in providing the best in diabetes care to the people of the Choctaw Nation. Please schedule an appointment with the diabetes educator in your clinic.

# Workshops scheduled for businesswomen

The Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity Women's Center (OIO) and the Choctaw Nation are presenting free workshops for any woman who wishes to go into business or needs help with their existing business.

Participants attending the "Building Blocks for Growing a Successful Business," September 9 in Durant, will be exposed to business basics such as Planning for Success, Legal Structures, Licensing Requirements, Registering with Governmental Agencies, Tax Considerations, Insurance, Franchising, Basic Record Keeping, and Creative Management Techniques.

"Developing Your Business Plan" (Plan Your Work – Work Your Plan) is scheduled for two days, September 23 and 24, in Broken Bow. Participants will be exposed to business basics such as The Management Plan, Personnel Management, Market Analysis, Marketing Strategies, Financial Planning, Forecasting Profitability, Basic Record Keeping, plus much, much more.

The Small Business Administration and the private sector fund the OIO Women's Center. The center's goal is to assist all women in the state to go into business or if already in business to help them succeed. If you have ever thought you might like to go into business or if you are in business and feel you could use assistance call 405-329-3737 or if out of the area 800-375-3737 toll free to register for the workshop or to talk with a Business Development Specialist.

## "Building Blocks for Growing a Successful Business"

1-3 p.m. on September 9

Choctaw Nation Tribal Complex - Auditorium  
16th & Locust, Durant, Oklahoma

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## "Developing Your Business Plan"

(Plan Your Work – Work Your Plan)

9 a.m.-3 p.m. September 23 and September 24  
Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center  
210 Hollis Roberts Dr., Broken Bow, Oklahoma

## Adult day care centers provide homelike setting

Adult day care centers provide a caring homelike setting in which adults both young and old can relax, enjoy meals, arts and crafts and other activities such as exercise and outings. The centers serve individuals with physical limitations and those who just have trouble with the normal everyday activities of daily living. They may be on walkers or in wheelchairs or skipping meals, a little forgetful or just plain lonely.

The goal of adult day centers is to assist participants in maximizing the highest level of independence and prevent further disabilities while striving to ensure that they receive the highest quality of and most cost-effective health and human services. Participation in an adult day program can mean the difference in going into a nursing home or staying independent longer.

Older and disabled persons often suffer from feelings of isolation and depression. This problem can exacerbate illnesses and set off a cycle of self-abuse with the end result being costly hospitalization or commitment to a long-term care facility. Disabled

and older persons involved with a strong support system are less likely to become depressed and are better equipped to deal with life's problems.

People who need supervision but do not need 24-hour medical monitoring should not be placed in nursing homes simply because they have no caregiver or because their caregiver cannot afford a live-in sitter. Adult day care programs give caregivers the security and peace of mind necessary to succeed in the workforce. It also provides respite for non-working family members.

Patchwork Angels Adult Day Care in Durant participates in the Choctaw Nation Respite Voucher program. The majority of the center's participants are Choctaw and when possible they are bused to lunch at the Choctaw Nation Center on Wednesdays. The staff is also participating in a Choctaw language class.

For more information, please contact Brianna Sherman at Patchwork Angels, 580-931-0444, or Monica Blaine, Choctaw Nation Caregiver Department, 580-924-8280, ext. 2448.



## Original enrollee

Councilman Kenny Bryant presents a blanket to Irene Johnston, recognizing her as an original enrollee of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. One of only a handful of the remaining original enrollees, she will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 3. Also pictured is Irene's granddaughter, Carrie Plymale.



## District 1 royalty

Councilman Hap Ward congratulates Jenny Townsend on being crowned Jr. Miss Choctaw Nation for District 1. The 15-year-old Valliant high school student is the daughter of Jim and Marlene Townsend of Valliant. She is the granddaughter of Bill Townsend of Texas, Novelle Townsend of Valliant and the late Jack Downing and Victoria Aragon.



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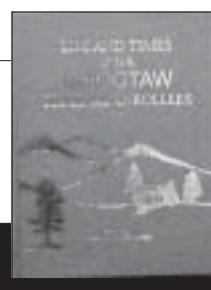
For any additional information needed, call Choctaw Nation Housing Authority, Home Finance Department, at 1-800-235-3087 for help with the application and/or we will address additional questions for you.

Also, if you live near one of the following areas and want to learn more about homeownership or refinancing, please call the office to register to attend a homebuyer class.

| DATE      | LOCATION | TIME      |
|-----------|----------|-----------|
| August 19 | Antlers  | 5:30 p.m. |
| August 26 | Durant   | 5:30 p.m. |

# AUGUST SPECIAL

## Choctaw Nation Book Store



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# People You Know



## 2004-05 District 12 Princesses

Winners of the Choctaw Nation’s District 12 Princess Pageant held May 24, pictured with 2003-04 Miss Choctaw Nation Nicole Billy, far left, are Little Miss Alyson Chapman, Jr. Miss Leandra Morgan and Sr. Miss CheyAnne Cagle.

## Happy 94th, Myrtle!

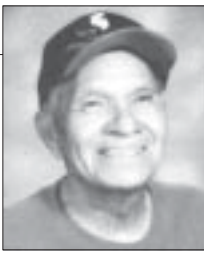
Myrtle Adelia Willey McBroom recently celebrated her 94th birthday. Myrtle was born June 16, 1910, in Newcastle, Oklahoma. Her father was Orren L. Willey and her mother was Josephine Suds Bench, an original enrollee.

Myrtle now lives in the little town of Fruita, Colorado, where her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, family and friends celebrated the occasion. Myrtle would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and visits. We love you, Mom, from all our kids.



## Celebrating 86 years

Happy birthday to Silas Lamar Kaneubbe who turned 86 on June 13. Born in Hugo, Oklahoma, and now residing in Costa Mesa, California, Silas has three daughters and one son who love him very much. Happy birthday, Dad!



## “Stinky” turns five!

Happy birthday to Danielle “Stinky” Masterson who will celebrate her birthday on July 17. Wishing her a very happy birthday are her parents, Johnnie and Christina Masterson, and her brother, Jonathan Masterson, of Corona, California. Grandparents are Shari Vowell of Junction City, Oregon, Pat Garcia of Van Buren, Arkansas, Louise Masterson of Corona and the late John Moore of Kingman, Arizona. Great-grandparents are Frank and Martha Vowell of Vian, Oklahoma. Uncles Tommy and James Marineau of Junction City and Larry Simpson of Corona, and Diane and Kelly of Yorba Linda, California, would also like to wish her a happy birthday!



## Happy 34th birthday

The family of Jennifer Turner would like to wish her a very happy birthday! She was born August 13, 1970, at the old Talihina Indian Hospital. Her parents are Ronnie and Leatha Hampton of Boswell, Oklahoma, and Pamela and Justin Beddo of Talihina, Oklahoma. Jenna is working at the Choctaw Nation Clinic in McAlester and is married to Rusty Turner. Happy birthday, Sis! We love you!



## Happy first birthday!

Big brothers Dustin and Joshua Hyland would like to wish a very happy first birthday to their baby sister, Jessica Marie Hyland, on June 16. Proud parents are Frank and Janice Hyland of Grant, Oklahoma.

We would also like to wish a happy anniversary to Mom and Dad on June 20. They have been married for 12 years!



## Happy birthday

We would like to wish our Dad, Gary Wayne Hicks, a happy 38th birthday on July 16. We love you, Dad, from Colton, Kaleb and Baron.



## Ashley is turning 15

We would like to wish Ashley (Taylor) Heady a happy 15th birthday. Ashley will be 15 years old on August 8. Ashley’s father is Dwayne Taylor of Hugo. You’re growing to be a beautiful young lady and we love you very much – Daddy and Becky.



## Browns celebrate Golden Anniversary

Bill and Rose Brown celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a ceremony at St. Joseph’s Church on the Rio Grande. A reception hosted by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren followed at the Elks Club in Rio Rancho.

Bill was born in Duncan, Oklahoma, and moved to Albuquerque in 1947. He met the former Rose Tower in January 1954 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, after returning to Albuquerque from serving in the Korean Conflict. Bill and Rose were married in her parents’ home on July 16, 1954.

Bill served in the Army for 23 years. Rose was a homemaker until 1965 when she went to work at Hallmark Cards in Kansas. The couple traveled all over the world and retired in Albuquerque in July 1973.

Their family includes three children, Dollinda and husband, Clyde Jorgensen, Brenda and husband, Mike Addy, and Bill and wife, Kathy Brown; eight grandchildren, Jennifer and husband, Kris Martin, Doug Jorgensen, K.C. Brown, C.J. Brown, Ashley Addy, Cheni Addy, Anthony Brown and Travis Brown, and two great-grandchildren, Jeremy Luke and Paige Jorgensen.

Bill and Rose plan an extended trip to Alaska.



## Happy 17th, Deletra

Wishes for a happy 17th birthday on August 13 are sent to Deletra Freeman from her mom, Sweetie, and brother, Kenneth. We love ya!



## Keva is turning 19

Happy 19th birthday on August 16 to Keva Ferguson. I love ya – Aunt Sweetie.



## Look who’s one

Francis and Lucretia Brown of Oklahoma City, proud grandparents of Craig S. Brown, would like to wish him a happy first birthday on July 23. His uncles are Steve Moore of Marlton, New Jersey, and Tim Bear of Seminole, Oklahoma. He has a special nanny, Elizabeth.



## Austin turns four

Caleb and Logan would like to wish their brother, Austin Sullivan, a happy fourth birthday on August 22. Austin loves cars and trucks and wants to be a train conductor or a pilot when he grows up. Austin is the son of Matt and Lori Sullivan of Durant, Oklahoma. His grandparents are the Rev. Floyd and Nancy Peters of Antlers, Oklahoma, and Dale and Lois Sullivan of Haworth, Oklahoma. The boys would like to wish their mother a happy birthday on August 10 and a happy birthday to Girlie Battiest on the 24th.



## Happy fifth birthday

Jace Garrison Hardy turned five years old on June 10. He is the son of Scott and April Goines and the brother of Ashton and Remington, all of Ashland, Oklahoma. Happy birthday, Jace!



## Exciting first birthday

Kaya Faith Selman turned one year old on May 13 and was quite excited about it. She enjoyed the cake her mom made and decorated with purple trim and rubber duckies swimming on and around it. In addition to her parents, Ross and Kerry Selman, she was joined in celebrating by her big sis, Cheyenne, Aunt Brenda, Aunt Kim, cousins Rachel and Caitlyn, Poppa and Nanny Beal, Poppa Ross and Nanny JoAnn, Great-Grandma Joyce, and friends Carol, Clay and Lexie Maxwell, Rosemary, Joshua and Jenna King and Lorri and Zeke Brannon.



## Jaron turns one

Jaron Andrew Swearingen turned one year old on June 24. He is the son of Nicolette Swearingen and the first grandson of Willean and Jack Swearingen. His great-grandparents are the late Lena and Isom Wallen and the late Clara Potts and Aria Swearingen. He would like to say “Hello” to his Great-Aunt Charlene Chapman who lives in El Paso, Texas, and his cousin, Tammy, in Brownsfield, Texas.



## Happy birthday

Kay Woolsey is the best mother in the world. We love you and want to wish you a very happy birthday – love, Toni and Jamie.



## Happy third birthday

The family of a very special little girl would like to wish her a happy birthday. Cheyenne Lake Holman of Wilburton, Oklahoma, will turn three years old on August 8. She is the daughter of Crystal Holman and Billy Jones Jr., and the granddaughter of Mary Holman and Jesse James of Wilburton and the late Alfred Holman. Cheyenne will begin school this fall at the Choctaw Nation Head Start in Wilburton. She also participated in her first dance recital in June. Her performance was outstanding. We all love you very much, Cheyenne!



## Happy birthday wishes

Jesse McKinney would like to wish his brother, Jacob McKinney, a happy belated birthday. Jacob turned nine on June 9. Jacob would like to wish Jesse a happy eighth birthday on August 12.

Proud parents are Timothy and Dana McKinney of Idabel, Oklahoma. Their brother is Jordan Wilson of the home. Grandparents are Ray and Helen Hester of Valliant, Oklahoma, the late Ray McKinney and Dan and Mary Wilson of Redland, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are the late John and Mulsey McKinney of Idabel, Ella Jones of Idabel, the late Olen Wilson of Redland and Eula Wilson of Redland.

Jacob and Jesse would like to wish their Aunt Angie a happy birthday on August 15, their Uncle Dave on November 9 and their Uncle Mark on January 3. They would like to wish a happy belated birthday to their NaNa Helen on July 19 and a happy birthday to Grandma Ella on October 1.



## Look who’s five

Chakotay celebrated his fifth birthday on June 8. Chakotay is the son of Tiffany, stepson of Dustin and grandson of Allen and Brenda Lyons.

## Shalyn turns seven

Wishing Shalyn a happy birthday on July 2. Happy seventh birthday – love, Mom, Dustin, Chakotay, Devin, and grandparents Allen and Brenda Lyons.

## Happy tenth birthday

Wishing Devin a happy tenth birthday on April 7 with love are Mom, Dustin, Shalyn, Chakotay, Allen and Brenda.

## Jean Ann turns seven

Happy birthday to Jean Ann Graham, who turns seven years old on August 15. Jean Ann is the daughter of Shreda Graham of Durant, Oklahoma, and James Graham of Bokchito, Oklahoma. She has a sister, Krista, and a brother, Justin. Jean Ann is the granddaughter of Hubert and Ladell Krebs of Boswell, Oklahoma, Bobby and Fran Williams of Caney, Oklahoma, and Patsy Graham of Bokchito, Oklahoma. She has one very special friend, Papa Robert John of Silo, Oklahoma. Happy birthday, Princess, from the whole family.



## Look who turned one!

Wade Dewayne Minyard is wished a happy first birthday on July 15 by his parents, Jim and Ann Minyard; his Nana and Papa Tran, Bubba Corey Brown, Sissy Hailey Brown, Uncle Jr., Aunt Cindy, Uncle Mitchell and Cousin Ethan.



## Happy sixth birthday

Randall would like to wish his brother, Jordan Isaac, a happy sixth birthday on June 4 which he celebrated with family and friends. Jordan likes to play volleyball and ride his bike. He will be attending Hays School in Ada, Oklahoma. Jordan is the son of Ricky and Rolena Bohanon of Ada. He is the grandson of the late Isaac and Lula Bohanon of Paris, Texas, and the late Josh and Minnie Wallace of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.



May God bless you and we love you – from your Auntie.

## Celebrating fourth

Happy birthday to Maggie Freeny who is celebrating her fourth birthday. Maggie is the daughter of John and Laura Freeny of Tulsa, Oklahoma.



## Happy birthday, cowboy!

Tyler Blayne Adams celebrated his fifth birthday on June 27. He is the son of Bryan and Christal (Ishcomer) Adams of Eldorado, Oklahoma. He has a sister, Bryanna Adams, and a brother, Connor Adams, both of Eldorado. Tyler’s grandparents are Nathan and Patty Ishcomer of Quanah, Texas, Eddie and Jean Turner of Hinton, Oklahoma; a great-grandmother, Jolene Waller of Eldorado and the late Daniel Josephine Ishcomer, Clifford and Pauline Myers and Roy Richeson. Happy birthday - we love you very much!



## Bryanna turns seven

Bryanna Danyelle Adams celebrated her seventh birthday on July 23. Her parents are Bryan and Christal (Ishcomer) Adams of Eldorado, Oklahoma. She has two brothers, Tyler and Connor Adams, both of Eldorado. Her grandparents are Nathan and Patty Ishcomer of Quanah, Texas, Eddie and Jean Turner of Hinton, Oklahoma; a great-grandmother, Jolene Waller of Eldorado and the late Daniel Josephine Ishcomer, Clifford and Pauline Myers and Roy Richeson. Happy birthday, Bryanna - we love you very much!



## Sweet 16

Happy 16th birthday to Courtney Dudley on August 1. Watch out, folks! She’s driving now!



## Audrey turns 22

Audrey (Lewis) Hudson will turn 22 this month. Wishing her a happy birthday are her husband, Chad, and her two children, Haelee and Gabriel.



## Happy 26th, Brandon

Brandon Lewis is turning 26 years old on August 11. Happy birthday, B.B. King.



## Have a great birthday!

The family and friends of James Carnes want him to have a good birthday on August 17. Enjoy it!



## Happy 34th, Deana

Gettin’ on up there in years, aren’t ya cuz? Make 34 count, Deana, from your cousin, Gregg.



## 36 attend 18th Lewis Armstrong Reunion

Only 36 family members from Oklahoma attended the 18th Lewis Armstrong Family Reunion held June 12-13 at Harmony School in Atoka, Oklahoma. It was good to visit, take pictures, laugh and talk about times in our past. The food was all delicious. We enjoyed banana, traditional Choctaw bread. The youngest to attend was just under one year old and the youngest mature adult was 91.

We enjoyed looking at pictures from the first reunion at Boggy Depot. Following reunions were held at Cedar Circle in Atoka and the most recent have been at Harmony School.

Attending this year from Atoka were Gary and Karen Armstrong, Barbara Armstrong, Danny Armstrong Jr., Marvin and Joy Cochran, Hildred Marlow, Gary, Lori and Zach Armstrong, Chandra and Ciara Sherrard, Darrell, Marleah and Brad Cochran, Chase Hutson, Leslie Smithart and Aline Lowe. From Collinsville were Sherman Armstrong and Delloise Brimicombe. Attending for the first time were Cleo Armstrong, James and Pat McCosar of Holdenville, along with Don and Lavena Mankiller of Stilwell, Woodie and Floy Crawford of Jones, Billy and Martha Armstrong, Sarah Calhoun, Bryan Johnson, Rachel Klein and Pam Tipps, all of Mustang, Augusta Armstrong and Gayle Sapp of Oklahoma City and Danny Armstrong of Seminole.





### Blaine on All-American Junior Golf Tour

The family of Cody Blaine of Durant, pictured with Councilman Ted Dosh and Chief Gregory E. Pyle, would like to thank Chief Pyle, Assistant Chief Mike Bailey and Councilman Dosh for all their support on helping Cody to achieve his goal in his golf career.

Cody is a proud member of the Choctaw Tribe and is very happy to represent his tribe in his golf career. He has won numerous golf tournaments since beginning playing golf in March 2003. He is an active member of the American Junior Golf Association, South Central PGA and is currently on the All-American Junior Golf Tour. Among Cody's many accomplishments are first place overall championship in school tournaments which include Sulphur, Ada, Ardmore and Durant. He also won overall champion in the Twin Cities Junior Golf Tournament held in Denison, Texas. He won several awards at the Choctaw/Chickasaw Golf Camp which include overall chipper, putter, long drive and most improved golfer. He competed in the Choctaw/Chickasaw Golf Tournament and won overall champion in his age division which qualified him to represent the Choctaw Nation at the Native American Junior Golf Championship to be held in Orlando, Florida. He will also compete in various golf tournaments this summer throughout the United States. Cody had the opportunity to play for PING representatives from the Dallas area.

Cody attends Durant Middle School where he will be in the eighth grade and he has had three years perfect attendance. All of his family are very proud of him. Cody is the son of Monica Blaine and he has one sister, Kayleigh. Proud grandparents are Silas and Lorene Blaine. He is the nephew of Teresa Jefferson and husband, Trooper Joe Jefferson, and Junior Blaine, and he has one cousin, Joseph Jefferson.



### Family proud of graduate

Four generations are pictured on the celebration of Sadie White's graduation from high school June 30 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Pictured are Burt White of Iowa, Norma Coleman of Lequire, Oklahoma, Sadie White of Iowa, and Beulah Ward of Lequire.

### 2004 graduate

Dustin Lee Kemp, Little Elm, Texas, graduated June 3 at the Dr. Pepper Starplex, Frisco, Texas. Dustin received numerous honors during his senior year including All District football, first team wide receiver and second team punter. All District basketball first team and All Tournament team honors from Prosper and Ponder, Texas, and Who's Who.

Dustin was also named Athlete of the Year, MVP Basketball and Outstanding Wide Receiver. He will be attending Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas, to continue his education in Physical Education/Athletic Trainer.

Very proud parents are Johnny and Sinsie Griffith of Little Elm. Grandparents are Teresa John and the late James John of Garvin, Oklahoma, Joe and Bobbie Sonntag of Little Elm and Sam and Myrl Kemp of San Antonio, Texas.

Congratulations, son – love, Mom.

### Perfect attendance

Pam West, 41, and her daughter, Krystle Countz, 17, have received their perfect attendance bars for Sunday School. The presentation was made by Sunday School teacher Charlie Christian at the McAlester First Freewill Baptist Church. They have attended three years and been members there two of those years. This marks West's 40th year of perfect attendance. Her chain now measures 20 inches long. Countz has 16 years of perfect attendance and her chain measures seven inches long.

West is the daughter of Buck and Frances Jones. Her grandparents are Lorene and the late Edgar McClendon and Mack and the late Vera Jones, all of Arpellar, Oklahoma. Pam is the wife of Eric West and they live in Stuart, Oklahoma.

Krystle is also the daughter of Jimmy Countz and Donna of Indianola, Oklahoma. Grandparents include the Joneses, McClendons, Sue Countz and Ora Lee Thomas of Shady Grove, Taylor and Barbara Countz, James and Billie Dean Countz, all of Indianola, and Roger and Leonda Shields of Stuart. She will be a senior at Stuart High this fall and is active in basketball, fast and slow pitch softball, and is on the honor roll. Krystle is a descendant of the late Beulah A. Mackey.

### Pharmacy technician

Carolyn McPhail of Lakewood, California, graduated from Cerritos College in Cerritos, California, in May with an A.A. in Pharmacy Technician. Carolyn was tops in her class and carried the highest grade point average.

The wife of Paul McPhail, Carolyn works at La Mirada Hospital in La Mirada, California. Paul is an electrician. They have one son, Jacob.



### Stanford graduate

Tyler Thomas Gray, son of Bill and Jill Gray of Cottonwood, California, graduated June 13 from Stanford University. He received a degree in Human Biology along with an award from Stanford's Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence in Honors Presentations. He plans to work for Americorps for one year, while he applies for medical school. His grandparents are Wes and Glenda Gray of Peralta, New Mexico, and Virginia Peterson and Robert Brictson of San Diego, California.



### Congratulations

Jennifer Lynn Robinson graduated June 3, 2004, from U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City. She plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College this fall, majoring in elementary education. Jennifer is the daughter of Felice Robinson and the late Milton "Sonny" Robinson. She is the granddaughter of Pearl J. Robinson. Her sister, Robin Eddy, and nephew, Keegan, are very proud of her, too. Congratulations, Jennifer!



### “Class of 2004”

Shalyn of Red Oak, Oklahoma, graduated May 12. She is heading to first grade when school begins. Shalyn is the daughter of Tiffany, stepdaughter of Dustin, and granddaughter of Allen and Brenda Lyons.

### Choctaw graduate

Congratulations to Cembrane Isaac Wallace who graduated May 18 from Ada High School. Cembrane plans to attend Pontotoc Technology Center. He is the son of Albert and Elaine Wallace of Ada, Oklahoma, and the grandson of the late Isaac and Lula Bohanon of Paris, Texas, and the late Josh and Minnie Wallace of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

We would like to wish him a happy birthday on July 11. May God bless you, we love you – Mom, Dad, Vincent and Kathie.

### 2004 grad

Congratulations to Randall Scott Bohanon who graduated May 18 from Ada High School. Randall is the son of Ricky and Rolena Bohanon of Ada, Oklahoma. He is the grandson of the late Isaac and Lula Bohanon of Paris, Texas, and the late Josh and Minnie Wallace of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

We would like to wish him all the best and may God bless you. We love you – Mom, Dad and Jordan.



### Fifth-grader receives awards

Cheyenne Fields earned a 4.0 gpa all through the year. Recently, she received ten award certificates at her award assembly which include a Presidential Education Award from George Bush and the Principal's Honor Award. Cheyenne attends fifth grade at Capitol Hill Elementary School in Oklahoma City. She also received one math medal and two reading medals at the annual Native American Student Art Show. Cheyenne placed third on her beaded choker.

Cheyenne is the daughter of Darlene Bohanon Fields. Her grandma is Danuta Bohanon and grandpa is Sammy Bohanon. She is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Sam Bohanan who was an original enrollee.

### Reserve Grand Champion

In an effort to educate today's youth concerning modern agriculture and its vast importance to America, the Latimer County (OK) Extension Service and the Latimer State Bank developed the National Agriculture Day Essay Writing Contest.

Lane Garret Isabell, a sixth-grader from Panola, Oklahoma, was the Reserve Grand Champion winner in the National Agriculture Day Essay Writing contest. Lane was honored to receive a wall certificate and a \$50 savings bond.

Congratulations, Lane, from your mother, Sheila Isabell, and your grandma, Geraldine Isabell, of Wilburton, Oklahoma.



### Panola's valedictorian

Brandy Renee Isabell was named valedictorian of Panola Junior High School. She is the daughter of Sheri Isabell and the granddaughter of Geraldine Isabell of Wilburton, Oklahoma. Brandy graduated with a 4.0 gpa. She has received school awards for excellence in English, spelling, reading, history and science. She received an All-Conference JV Academic Team Honorable Mention for outstanding performance in individual points scored. She also scored in the top 5% of students taking ACT's EXPLORE program in grade eight. She has also been on the Superintendent's Honor Roll.

Brandy was Honor Marshall for last year's junior high graduating class. She has been crowned Yearbook Duchess and Junior High Basketball Homecoming Queen. She is on the academic team, participates in softball, basketball and SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco). For a SWAT project, Brandy wrote and recorded a KESC Radio commercial for "Kick Butts Day," which was also placed on the Oklahoma SWAT website.

Brandy enjoys listening to music, hanging out with her friends, and writing poetry. She plans to work toward becoming a pharmacist following graduation from high school.



### Indian Student of the Year

Second-grader Cassidy Rose Daniels, 7, pictured with Indian Heritage teacher Mrs. Franco, received Walnut Canyon's Indian Student of the Year Award. Walnut Canyon is a part of Moorpark Unified School District, Ventura County, California. Cassidy has shown great interest in her Indian heritage and studies. The Indian students go to a special class each month to learn about their Indian heritage as well as the accomplishments of famous Indians from our U.S. history. Proudly attending the ceremony were Cassidy's parents, Shana and Glenn Daniels; brother, Austyn; grandpa, Hal Goldstein, and grandma, Clell Hines Goldstein. Indians of all nations were represented at the presentation and everyone was honored that Cassidy was such a big part of the ceremony.

### Carrico leaves for second tour in Iraq

Marine Sgt. Jesse Carrico is returning to Iraq for a second tour. Jesse is stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, with the 1/4 Weapons Co. 81's. He is one member of a family of men and women who have served in the U.S. Marine Corps. His grandfather, Silas Lamar Kaneubbe, served in World War II and his cousins, Deanna Lopez and Danny Adams, also served. Returning from the war, Jesse caught up with friends and family. Jesse will be in Iraq for a year. We love you, Jesse. The Lord be with you.



### Vargas promoted to full Lieutenant

Lt. J.G. Kenneth Vargas of Port Huaneme, California, has been in Iraq for four months. He is an engineer, Seabee in the Civil Engineering core for the U.S. Navy. Vargas was promoted to full Lieutenant in July during his deployment in Iraq that began in April 2004. He is stationed near Fallujah and serves his country with great pride and honor. He reports that times are difficult, especially during the handover of the government to the Iraqi people, but he is hopeful as he has seen good and miraculous things happen with many Iraqi people working with the U.S. troops to help in the reconstruction efforts.

He is the son of Linda and Cesar Vargas and the great-grandson of Leslie Whale, an original enrollee. He would like to thank all who have been so kind with prayers and care packages. He gets his copy of the BISHINIK out there and enjoys getting a little bit of home to reflect upon in that far away land.



### Perry graduates Marine Corps basic training

PFC Joel P. Perry of Spiro, Oklahoma, recently graduated from Marine Corps basic training in San Diego, California. He earned the rating of expert on the rifle range.

PFC Perry's wife, Mindy, and son, Bronx, as well as his parents, Paul and Dianna Perry, and nephew, Ricky Tackett, attended his graduation. PFC Perry is the grandson of original enrollee Campbell Phillip Perry.



### Arciniega activated for duty in Bosnia

SFC Louis Arciniega, member of California National Guard, was recently notified that he is being activated and sent to Bosnia for a period of 18 months. Louis is married to Jennifer McPhail. He works for the telephone company in Riverside, California. He currently is in the 40th Infantry Division and assigned to DISCOM (Division Support Command) as an ammunition specialist. The Arciniegas live in Murrieta, California.



#### Elizabeth Marie Lawrence

Elizabeth Marie Lawrence was born April 23, 2004, in Durango, Colorado, weighing 6 pounds 3 ounces and measuring 18.5 inches long.

Proud parents are Lendol and Becky Lawrence of Cortez, Colorado. Grandparents are Mike and Judy Lawrence of Duncan, Oklahoma, and Bob and Janice Crow of Gunnison, Colorado. Great-grandparents are the late Theodore and Edith Lawrence of Duncan. Her great-great-grandparents were original enrollees William and Mollie LeFlore Lawrence of the Cade, Oklahoma, area.



#### Konner Lee Walls

Konner Lee Walls was born April 20, 2004, at McCurtain Memorial Hospital, Idabel, Oklahoma. He weighed in at 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Shaun and Shelley Walls of Wright City, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Jimmy and Paula Griffith of Valliant, Oklahoma, Darla Walls of Idabel and Bobby and Teresa Walls of Millerton, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Cardin and Virginia Rutledge of Millerton, Sara Belvin of Boswell, Oklahoma, Lela Rutledge of Kansas City, John Baker of Snow, Oklahoma, and the late Bernice Colbert of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.



#### Morgan Amber Gothard

Jeremy and Roxanne Gothard of Durant, Oklahoma, announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Amber Gothard. She was born at 6:25 p.m. March 8, 2004, at MetroPlex Hospital in Killeen, Texas. Morgan weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Rocky and Georgia Shaw of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Gary and Linda Gothard of Kingston, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Roger Shaw and Laura Pipkin of Oakland, Caroline Krebs of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, Gil and Ann Gothard of Kingston and Glen and Jane Carman of Muskogee, Oklahoma. She has twin sisters, Gracie and Serenity, who are three.



### Five generations

Five generations of Choctaw/Chickasaw: Mary Lois Goer Clifford, Ada, Oklahoma; Helen Leader, Aubri Lynn Browning, Kay Browning and Justin Browning, all of Bowlegs, Oklahoma. Aubri Lynn turned two years old on July 21.



# Choctaws gather in Bellevue, Washington



Judy Reil and granddaughter, Natalie Farnes, who is eight months old, enjoy the meeting held for area Choctaws in Bellevue, Washington.



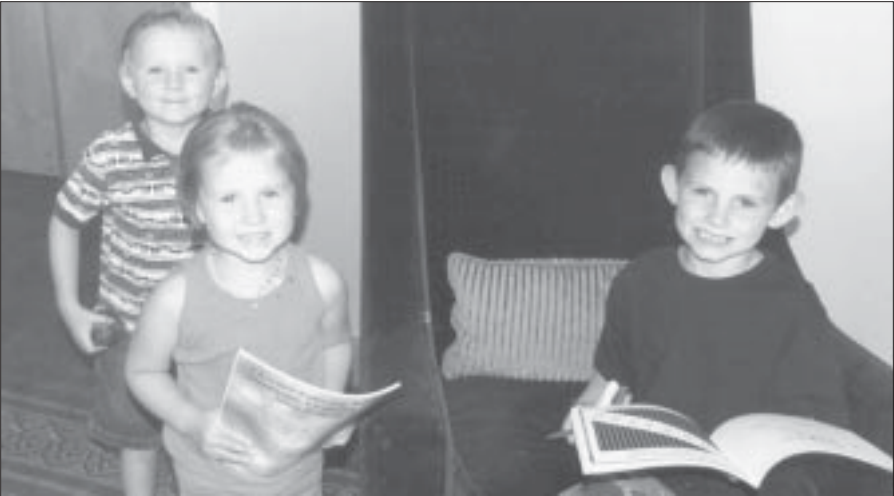
Alma Louise Laney visits with Chief Gregory E. Pyle. Several directors were also on hand to share information on tribal programs.



Charlyn Leitch, Marge Winebrenner, Monica Leitch, Tim Sentner and Belinda Stewart, all of Tacoma, Washington, are shown with Chief Pyle.



Mary McCorahay of Redmond, Washington, enjoyed meeting Chief Pyle.



Justin Ward, Sarah Ward and David Ward.



Brianna Forgy draws for door prize tickets, handing the numbers to Special Projects Executive Director Sue Folsom.



Three-month-old Dane Hart Wood is fed by grandfather Kirby Mannon.



Marlon Jamison of Rockford, Washington, gives Chief Pyle a beautiful graphic artwork.



Wayne and Virginia Bell of Tacoma, Washington, are pictured with Chief Pyle.

# Choctaw Nation group travels to Portland, Oregon



Chief Gregory E. Pyle, Dan McMurtrey, wife Jennifer, and children, Phoebe, Caleb and baby Abigail, are among those in Portland.



Wayland Butler visits with Gary Batton, Executive Director of Choctaw Nation Health Services.



Chief Pyle and Gary Batton are ready to discuss matters important to Choctaw tribal members such as Jeanette Johnson.



It's a full house in Portland.



PWI Director Randy Hammons, Debbie Prickett, Maureen Wing, and Sarah Zeigler with daughter, Cassie. Chief Pyle is holding Sarah's baby, Suzanna.



Nevin Halversen has a great time drawing door prize tickets at the Portland meeting.





Bob Bryant, a veteran from Oregon, thanks Chief Pyle for remembering veterans.



# 7TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY POW WOW TUSKAHOMA, OK SEPTEMBER 3, 2004

## OVER \$28,000 PRIZE MONEY

MC - Tim Tallchief / Osage  
Head Man - Justin Yearby / Choctaw  
Head Woman - Tracy Pewo / Kiowa-Pawnee  
Head Gourd - Will Toneman / Kiowa  
Ad - Mickey Weryackwe / Comanche  
Southern Head Singer - Al Santos  
Southern Drum - Otter Trail  
Northern Head Singer - Robert Lincoln  
Northern Drum - Thunderhorse  
Color Guard - Choctaw Nation

### ADULT CONTEST

All Categories Separate

**WOMENS**  
Cloth-Buckskin-Fancy Shawl-Jingle Dress

**MENS**  
Fancy-Grass-Traditional-Straight-Chicken

**ALL GOLDEN AGE  
COMBINED 55+**

1st-\$500 • 2nd-\$400  
3rd-\$300 • 4th-\$200

### SCHEDULE

1:30 Gourd Dance  
4:30 Break  
5:30 Gourd Dance  
7:00 Grand Entry  
\*\*\*\* Registration Closes

**All Contestants**  
Must be in Grand Entry and Participate in Inter-Tribal dances.  
Must be in regalia to receive prize money.  
Tiny Tots Contest Under 7 yrs

### YOUTH CONTEST

All Categories Separate

SR/14-18 yrs old • JR/8-13 yrs old  
18 yrs old must be in school

SR/JR Girls  
Cloth-Buckskin-Fancy Shawl-Jingle Dress

SR/JR Boys  
Fancy-Grass-Traditional-Straight


SR Girls/Boys  
1st-\$150 • 2nd-\$125 • 3rd-\$100

JR Girls/Boys  
1st-\$125 • 2nd-\$100 • 3rd-\$75

**Bad Weather Clayton HS Gym**

**FOR INFORMATION:** Willard Polk @ 580-924-8280 Ext. 2349,  
Sue Folsom-Special Projects @ 580-924-8280  
Public Welcome, free admission, bring your pow wow chairs, all drum, princesses are invited.  
Call Willard for booth information-booth fee \$20  
**NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WILL BE TOLERATED**

## T-Shirt Order Form



To order, send payment (No personal checks) with completed form to:  
Labor Day T-shirts and Caps  
Attn: Carma Elliott  
PO Drawer 1210 • Durant, OK 74702-1210

Limited supply of Children and XXX-L sizes

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

| ✓                        | Item                                                | Size  | Quantity | Total Price |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A - Labor Day Canvas Bag - \$5.00                   | N/A   | _____    | _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | B - Labor Day Canvas Bag - \$5.00                   | N/A   | _____    | _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | C - Labor Day Shirt - \$12.00                       | _____ | _____    | _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | D - Labor Day Shirt - \$12.00                       | _____ | _____    | _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | E - Labor Day Cap - \$10.00                         | N/A   | _____    | _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | F - Labor Day Cap - \$10.00                         | N/A   | _____    | _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | White Tank Top with Choctaw Seal - \$10 (not shown) | _____ | _____    | _____       |

T-shirt sizes available are:  
Children - (2-4), (6-8), (10-12), and (14-16)  
Adult - Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large and XXX-Large

(Price includes postage and handling)

**Order Total**

Stickball

Social Dancing

Specialty Acts

Annual Pow Wow

## HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, September 4**  
during the Labor Day Festival  
Registration at 8 a.m.  
Play starts at 9 a.m.  
\$5 registration fee

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Ringer Championship

– No late entries –  
64 men cutoff

For more information,  
contact Nika or Pam  
1-877-772-7223  
nika@choctawracing.com  
pam@choctawracing.com

## Tough, Tough Choctaw Contest

Saturday, September 4  
on the Council Chamber Lawn  
Registration: 4 p.m.  
Contest begins: 5 p.m.  
– \$5 entry fee –  
Contestants under the age of 18 must have parent's signature.

## Labor Day Festival Quilt Show

entries need to be dropped off at the Museum on Friday, September 3, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and picked up by noon on Monday, September 6

# LABOR DAY Festival

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts Exhibits open  
11:00 a.m. Park and playground supervised activities  
12:00-5:00 p.m. Quilt entries accepted, Museum  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Broken Bow Youth Choctaw Social Dance on the Capitol Lawn  
12:00-3:00 p.m. Health Expo (next to Council Building)  
1:00-5:00 p.m. Choctaw Nation/SOSU Basketball Clinic at Courts  
1:30-Midnight Annual Intertribal Pow Wow on Capitol Lawn  
5:00 McKinney's Choctaw Dancers on Capitol Lawn  
6:00-Close Carnival  
7:00 p.m. Fast Pitch Tournament begins at Red Warrior Park  
Pow Wow and Grand Entry

**CONCERT** (at the Amphitheater)  
7:00 p.m. Jessica Andrews  
9:00 p.m. Lori Morgan  
11:00 p.m. Neal McCoy

### SATURDAY

6:30-7:45 a.m. 5K Registration – Hwy. 271  
8:00 a.m. 5K Run, starts – Hwy. 271  
Horseshoe Tournament Registration  
Softball Tournament  
3-on-3 Choctaw War Hoops Basketball Tournament

9:00 a.m. Playground supervised  
Co-ed Volleyball at Red Warrior Park  
Horseshoe Pitch on Capitol Lawn  
Quilt Show opens in Museum  
Choctaw Indian Art Show at Museum  
Kids Beadwork Project on playground  
Princess Pageant at Amphitheater

10:00-Noon Health Expo (next to Council Building)  
10:00 a.m. Supervised activities at playground  
11:00 a.m.-dark McKinney's Choctaw Dancers, Capitol Lawn  
11:30 a.m. Buffalo Tours – buses park next to Council House  
2:00-4:00 p.m. McKinney's Choctaw Dancers  
2:30 p.m. Tough, Tough Choctaw Registration, Council Chambers lawn  
4:00 p.m. Tough, Tough Choctaw Contest, Council Chambers lawn

5:00 p.m. Tough, Tough Choctaw Contest, Council Chambers lawn

**CONCERT** (at the Amphitheater)  
5:00 p.m. Cleadus T. Judd  
7:00 p.m. Ronnie Milsap  
9:00 p.m. Sawyer Brown  
11:00 p.m. Jo Dee Messina

### SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Choctaw Nation Golf Tournament  
Nashoba Golf Course  
10 a.m.-8 p.m. Health Expo  
Dominoes & Checkers Registration at Information Booth  
10:00 a.m. Choctaw Indian Art Show at Museum  
11:00 a.m. Worship Services at Amphitheater  
McKinney's Choctaw Dancers on Capitol Lawn  
12 Noon Gospel Singing begins at Amphitheater  
Quilt Show in Museum  
1:00 p.m. Dominoes and Checkers Tournament begins  
2:00-4:00 p.m. Buffalo Tours – buses park next to Council House  
Terrapin Races/Best Dressed Terrapin Contest on playground  
4:00 p.m. Broken Bow Choctaw Social Dance, Capitol Lawn  
5:00 p.m. Broken Bow Choctaw Stickball Games, Capitol Lawn  
6:00 p.m. Choctaw Gospel Singing

### MONDAY

10:00 a.m. Events begin at the Amphitheater:  
Posting of Flag by Choctaw Nation Color Guard  
The Lord's Prayer by the Choctaw Princess  
Welcome and Announcements  
Storyteller Tim Tingle  
11:00 a.m. State of the Nation Address by Chief Pyle  
Door Prize Drawing  
12 Noon Free meal for everyone  
Pick up quilts from the Quilt Show

### Events throughout the Festival include:

- Free Carnival Rides, courtesy of Chief and Council
- Cultural Demonstrations
- The Rocky Show (times will be posted)
- Skin & Bones Comedy Circus (times will be posted)
- Russell Turner, the Magician (times will be posted)
- Racing Pigs (times will be posted)



# Choctaw Nation hosts basketball camps

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma held its third annual series of Choctaw Nation Basketball Camps from May 26 to July 9. The camps were held for boys and girls from age 8 to 18 in 12 locations – Idabel, Broken Bow, Rattan, Atoka, Durant, Savannah, McAlester, Hugo, Talihina, Poteau, Keota and at Jones Academy.

The camps were held on Wednesdays and Thursdays with a half day on Fridays, ending at noon with an awards assembly.

Each student participated in drills to enhance skills in shooting, dribbling, passing and defense and was awarded a T-shirt on completion of the camp.



– Jones Academy –



– Idabel –



– Broken Bow –



– Durant –



– Durant –



– Durant –



– Keota –

## 27th Annual Intertribal Indian Club of Tulsa Pow Wow of Champions

August 13, 14 & 15, 2004  
Expo Building – Tulsa Fairgrounds

For more information call 918-836-1523



## 10th Annual Council Tree Pow Wow & Cultural Festival

September 17, 18 & 19, 2004  
Confluence Park – Delta, Colorado

Come experience the 2004 Festival and be with all nations learning to live together. Enjoy a fun-filled American Indian cultural weekend in beautiful Delta, Colorado. For further information, contact Council Tree Pow Wow & Cultural Festival.

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phone: 800-874-1741; 970-874-1718  
fax: 970-874-8776



## 15th Annual American Indian Art Festival & Market

October 23-24, 2004  
Annette Strauss Artist Square  
in downtown Dallas Arts District

This one-of-a-kind Texas art festival showcases over 150 Native American Artists from across the nation. For further information, call the AIAC at 214-891-9640 or e-mail aiac@flash.net.



### Bethel area residents visit with Assistant Chief

During a recent trip to Bethel, Oklahoma, Assistant Chief Mike Bailey spent time visiting with area residents including Darlene Noahubi and her 13-month-old grandson, Zachary Parson.

You are invited to join in an educational journey down the path that led to the Trail of Tears.

## Trail of Tears Association 9th Annual Conference & Symposium

October 25-28, 2004  
Cherokee, North Carolina

– Inspirational & Informative Tours –

Guided by Brett Riggs, Ph.D., each tour will provide attendees with a comprehensive history and insight into the events surrounding the forced removal of the Cherokee from their homelands. Dr. Riggs is an employee of the Research Laboratories of Archaeology at the University of North Carolina. He has performed extensive research of Cherokee removal in the western North Carolina area.

– Lectures & Presentations –

For further information, please call toll free:  
1-800-441-4513  
or e-mail: TOTAJerra@aol.com

## Davis desires to give back to community

Thomas Earl Davis of Aberdeen, Washington, a proud 55-year-old Choctaw citizen, graduated in June from South Puget Sound Community College, Olympia, Washington. He completed a three-year Certified Paralegal Program, which includes an Associate of Technical Arts Degree.



TOM DAVIS

“My long-term goal is to give back to my Oklahoma community by creating a non-profit organization designed to improve the quality of life for tribal elders,” said Davis. “I have been blessed with family and friends who have been supportive of me throughout my life, and now is the time to give back as best as I can to those who believed and shared in my vision.”

Additionally, Davis proudly displays a photograph of the Original Codetalkers of World War I in his home and he is eternally grateful to those Choctaw veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice during World War II or June 6, 1944, D-Day, and all veterans in wars thereafter for him and his family. Davis believes family is important and is grateful for his grandparents, Roosevelt T. Bacon and Josie Lou Wood Bacon, who were Choctaw original enrollees.

An enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Davis was the first “job developer” for the Choctaw Nation from 1974-1976 after receiving his bachelor of science degree in criminal justice in 1974 from Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

A graduate of the Class of 1967 from Talihina High School, Talihina, Oklahoma, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps and Reserve Components for 15 years and was employed by the U.S. Department of Interior until 2001.

Davis is the son of Imogene Maxine Bacon Davis of Talihina. He has four brothers, Floyd Gene, Kenneth Dewayne, Dwight Wessel and David Windell, and a sister, Olivia Marie Raby. His son, Walter, of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, graduated from Haskell University and is actively engaged with law enforcement in Cherokee County.

Davis feels that without the Choctaw Nation this accomplishment would not have been possible.





## Smithville Center opens with ribbon-cutting ceremony

Chief Gregory E. Pyle, Assistant Chief Mike Bailey and Tribal Councilmembers joined area residents for a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening of one of the newest Choctaw Nation facilities.

On July 8, a 6,500-square-foot community center was dedicated at Smithville, Oklahoma. The new center features a state-of-the-art kitchen equipped with commercial appliances, a large meeting room, and office space for tribal social programs.

Having this center in District 3 will make it much easier for the residents of Northern McCurtain County to access program information and services and will provide a great meeting place.

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raising money for Diabetes Awareness and Multiple Sclerosis (MS). She has participated in Angel Tree, Thanksgiving food drives, a choir show for the elderly and making gifts for nursing home patients. She plans to attend college, pursuing a career in the medical field.

Cody Key is the son of Gregory and Margaret Key. His academic honors include Superintendent's Honor Roll, Oklahoma Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Honor Society, and Oklahoma Superintendent's Academic Scholar.

He was active in McAlester's varsity baseball program, playing on the team for three years and serving as captain one year. He was also a member of the Spanish Club. Cody assisted in conducting a baseball camp for youth, Toys for Tots and cutting and delivering Christmas trees for local volunteer organizations.

He plans to attend Oklahoma State University, majoring in pre-

medicine or something related to the field of biology.

Also on the agenda, the Inter-Tribal Council approved:

- a resolution in support of employing a full-time State Director of Indian Education,
- a resolution supporting the Self-Determination by Education Forum in its efforts to coordinate

the resources of the 39 tribes of Oklahoma as lead business partners in the statewide rollout of Oklahoma Scholars, and

- designation of a special workgroup to study, assess and make recommendations of the continuing role, character and operations of the Inter-Tribal Council, originally formed in 1950.



## Choctaw veteran's cap included in exhibit

On a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Cultural Resources Director Terry Cole gave his Choctaw Nation veteran's cap to be included in a collection of tribes' modern head gear on exhibit at the National Museum of Natural History.



## Idabel Child Development Center

The newly opened Idabel Child Development Center combines day care and Head Start programs in a state-of-the-art facility.



Chief Gregory E. Pyle and District 1 Councilman Hap Ward admire what's available for educating children in the new Child Development Center.



Child Care Assistance Director Michelle Holloway, Executive Director of Education Joy Culbreath, Chief Pyle, Councilman Ward and Assistant Chief Mike Bailey tour the new facility.



## Students learn about Wheelock

A group of ninth and tenth grade students from Ft. Towson School, along with teacher Gwen Perkins, listen intently as Wheelock volunteer and historian Louis Coleman explains the historic significance of the Wheelock Mission Church and Wheelock Academy in early-day education of its Choctaw students and other neighborhood children from the mid-1830s through 1955.

A former Native American girls' boarding school, Wheelock Academy is located east of Millerton, Oklahoma. It was in operation for 125 years, from 1832 to 1955.

The Wheelock Presbyterian Mission was established by the Rev. Alfred Wright in 1832 and is designated as the oldest church building in the State of Oklahoma.

## Family dedicates "White Buffalo" to parents

*Submitted by Zach Maxwell*

"White Buffalo" was brought to the Glenn homeplace on June 11 and was placed in the front yard to honor their mother, Wanetta Siddle Glenn (now deceased) and their late father, Henry Grady Glenn.

Wanetta was born January 21, 1911, and came to live on the 160-acre tract west of Hugo, Oklahoma, in 1929. She has given much of her life to keep the family and land together. This is why her children, Billy, Mary, Dot, Kay, Ken, Fayette, Larry Jack and Parker Glenn, wished to give the gift to their mother, who they say has the spirit of the Great White Buffalo.

The white buffalo will be named Wan, which is their mother's nickname.

"The 'W' stands for wisdom, for she always taught us that we have a good mind and to develop it with as much knowledge as we could gather," said Dot Glenn. "The 'A' is for achievement, for us to set a goal and work to achieve it. 'N' is for her love of nature and the beauty it brings to our land. Wanetta found beauty in all of nature and all of her many friends."



Fayette Glenn West, Parker Glenn, Wanetta Glenn, Larry Jack Glenn and Dot Glenn.

The aluminum buffalo stands nearly six feet tall, once mounted atop a platform the family installed. It weighs about 800 pounds and the Glens got help from Choctaw Nation Councilperson Perry Thompson with machinery to move the buffalo to its new home.

The buffalo was crafted in West Texas and delivered by Johnny Watkins of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Perry and wife Gail were on hand to witness the arrival of Hugo's newest monument.

Frankie Hinton, Hugo City

Councilman and a member of the Choctaw Nation, also stopped by to witness the event.

"I think it's a neat thing they're doing for their mom," Hinton said. "Being a buffalo town, I'd like to see something like it at the school or the football stadium."

Wanetta Glenn, 93, in poor health and nearly bedridden, insisted on coming outside to see the buffalo monument. She passed away July 9 at her home in Hugo and her wish was for all people to share in the beauty of the White Buffalo.

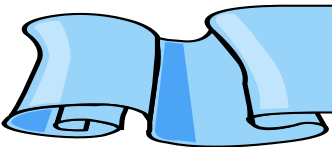
## Downing receives Kate Frank Award

Shawnee teacher Debbie Hougue Downing is the 2004 recipient of the Oklahoma Education Association's Kate Frank Award. Downing is a longtime member of the OEA's Human and Civil Rights Committee, which is charged with increasing minority educators' involvement and advancement in the profession. She has been politically active throughout her education career by assisting in political races for friends of education and through frequent lobbying at the State Capital. She has served as zone vice president, National Education Association Women's Leadership Cadre, NEA Minority Affairs Committee, and NEA Director, among others.

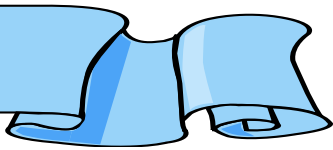
Downing's nomination for the Kate Frank Award arrived with a stellar group of recommendation letters, including House Speaker Larry Adair, OEA President Barbara Smith, former OEA Vice President Martha McDonald-Blesener and Shawnee Mayor Chris Harden, to name a few.

She organized Shawnee's first American Education Parade, as well as events such as NEA's Read Across America and American Education Week.





# OBITUARIES



## Florence Ethel Hulsey Henry

Florence Ethel Hulsey Henry, 74, of Tamaha, Oklahoma, passed away May 5, 2004, in Poteau, Oklahoma. She was born August 8, 1929, in Garland, Oklahoma. She and her husband and children moved to Tulsa in 1957. The family moved back to Tamaha in 1983 to be near other relatives and to be close to where she had grown up so many years before.

Her father, Henry Hunter Hulsey, an original enrollee, and her mother, Ida Atlas Rainwater Hulsey, preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Hester Marie Hulsey Chronic and Mildred Lucille Hulsey Henry, and brothers, Murle Maurice Hulsey, Walter James Hulsey, Gerald Wayne Hulsey, Clinton Lee Hulsey, and Leon Melvin "Cotton" Hulsey.

Survivors include her husband of the home, Leon "Rooney" Henry; one daughter, Deborah Jane Henry Herr of Poteau; one son, Larry Wayne Henry and wife, Patricia, of Tamaha; four grandchildren, Karen Lynn Lockwood and husband, Steve, of Sand Ridge, Kevin Dewayne Jones and wife, Lorna, of Poteau, Christopher David Jones and wife, Sara, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Cathryn Marissa "Katie" Herr of Poteau; and four great-grandchildren, Matthew Jones of Ft. Smith, Connor Burge, Halle, and Malin Lockwood of Sand Ridge, and a host of relatives and friends.

## Helen Faye Wilson

Helen Faye Wilson, 66, passed away June 3, 2004, in Garland, Texas. She was born November 30, 1937, in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, to the Rev. Lewis and Donna Jack Brandy.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, Helen lived her life taking care of her family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her as Mama, Honey and Aunt Helen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Rebecca Sant, and a brother, Curtis Brandy.

Survivors include her husband, Hugh Wilson; a daughter, Ladonna Wilson; a son, Robert J. Wilson; and a granddaughter, Ashley Nicole Wilson, all of Garland, Texas; two sisters, Mary Sockey of McAlester, Oklahoma, and Geraldine Tipps of Dallas, Texas, and a brother, Lewis Brandy Jr. of Antlers, Oklahoma.



## Gorman Edward Rose Sr.

Gorman Edward Rose Sr., 73, passed away May 16, 2004, at Kaiser Medical Center in Vallejo, California. He was born May 3, 1931, in Ryan, Oklahoma, to Hubert and Tommie Rose.

Gorman was a truck driver for 20 years and also was self-employed mowing weeds for the state as well as private individuals. He met Chief Gregory Pyle and his wife, Pat, in October 2000 when they came to visit in Sacramento, California. Gorman and his mom talked to Chief Pyle for quite a while and Gorman was very proud to have had that opportunity.

He was preceded in death by his children, Gorman Rose Jr., Linda and Laura Rose; his parents, and a brother, Russell Rose.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Rose of Fairfield, California; grandsons, Shawn Rose, Casey Rose and Randy White; great-granddaughter, Cassandra Rico; sister, Kathryn Wilson of Fillmore, California, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

## Mary Sue Owen

Mary Sue Owen, 70, of Unger, Oklahoma, passed away April 16, 2004, at the Antlers Nursing Home after a four-month illness. She was born March 25, 1934, to Thomas G. Crowder and Lola "Sleepy" Edge Crowder.

Mary lived most of her life in the Boswell area, her home at Unger. She was a retired cook and of the Jesus Name Pentecostal faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William Owen, and a brother, Clark Crowder.

Survivors include a son, Richard F. Owen of Bokchito; two daughters, Melody Beddo of Denison, Texas, and Pamela Beddo of Talihina; one sister, Gail West of Unger; three brothers, Tommy Crowder of Unger, Julius "Dude" Crowder of Boswell, and Ed Crowder of Shawnee, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren, Jennifer Turner, Ronnie Hampton Jr., Israel Beddo, Crystal James, Ramey Simpson, Bill Beach, and Kandice and John Thomas Owen; six great-grandchildren, Tyler and Kylee Hampton, Virginia and Ethan Beddo, Kaytlin Beach and Gracie Simpson.

Many thanks to precious sister-in-law Dorothy Crowder and numerous friends and relatives.

Mary Sue will be forever loved and missed and always in our hearts.

## Roger James Phillips

Roger James Phillips, 61, of Hugo, Oklahoma, passed away June 26, 2004, at the Veterans Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He was born April 20, 1943, in Boswell, Oklahoma, the son of Custer and Alma Jacob Phillips.

He lived in the area most of his life, traveling the United States working for Brown and Root as an iron worker. He also served in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Eric Phillips, and one brother, Anthony Phillips.

Survivors include a daughter, Marsha Houston of Dallas, Texas; two stepsons, Joseph Houston and Anthony Markham of Dallas; a brother, Eugene Phillips of Boswell; four sisters, Janet Phillips of Boswell, Marcline Lawson of Avenger, Texas, Leona Vaughn of Hugo and Christina James of Boswell, and five grandchildren.

## Mary Frances Clay

Mary Frances Clay of Antlers, Oklahoma, passed away March 20, 2004. She was born April 11, 1934, in Keota, Oklahoma, to the late Sampson and Louisa M. McClure Chubbie. After moving to the Antlers area in 1976, she worked at two local nursing homes as an LPN. She was a devoted mother and grandmother who traveled all over the country to watch her sons and grandsons play baseball and basketball. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Eugenia Gail Clay; son, Kerry Dale Clay, and brothers, Rayson Billey and David Chubbie.

Survivors include sons, David Clay and wife, Oma Nell, of Rattan, Oklahoma, Kevin Clay of Antlers, Darrell Clay and wife, Laura, of Moore, Oklahoma, Wendall Clay and wife, Norma "Perk", of Oklahoma City, Kenneth Clay and wife, Susan, of Hugo, Oklahoma, Russell Clay and wife, Ginger, of Atoka, Oklahoma, and Leslie B. Clay of Antlers; daughter, Sharon Robertson and husband, Monroe, of Antlers; sisters, Lucinda Morgan of Lubbock, Texas, and Lila Wiggan and husband, Gordon, of Muskogee, Oklahoma; 25 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; niece, Lisa Shaffer and husband, Darren, of Plano, Texas; nephew, John Morgan of Lubbock, and a host of loved ones and friends.

## Oda Viola Potts

Services were held for Oda Viola Potts of McAlester, Oklahoma, on May 27, 2004. Born January 1, 1910, the daughter of James Lee Pebsworth, an original enrollee, and Mary McKinney Pebsworth, she grew up and attended school in the Ada, Oklahoma, area.

She and her husband, Harvey Potts, owned and operated leather shops in New Mexico, Texas and California. She lived in Hugo, Oklahoma, for a number of years and they owned a shoe and boot shop there. She later moved to Wills Point, Texas, where she and her son, Rudy, owned and operated a shop until his death in 1994. Well-known for her work with riding clubs and junior rodeos, she enjoyed working with the young people. She was nominated to be inducted into the Cowgirl Western Heritage Hall of Fame, Ft. Worth, Texas. She was of the Baptist faith and a member of the Rebekah Lodge Order.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Potts, and son, Rudy, and his infant daughter.

Survivors include son, Gary Potts of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Judy, and husband, Sam Osborne, of McAlester, Oklahoma; brother, Cecil Pebsworth of Mountainview, California; sister and brother-in-law, Wana and Ralph Paulsen of Cottonwood, California; grandchildren and spouses, Barry and Pat Potts of Longview, Texas, Ricky and Darlene Potts of Terrell, Texas, Rudy and Bertha Potts of Wills Point, Texas, David and Charissa Horne of Mountainview, Lori and Allen Sensibaugh of McAlester, and three grandchildren of Gary Potts of Dallas; seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.



## Jerry Don Moore

Jerry Don Moore, 57, of Boswell, Oklahoma, passed away June 29, 2004, at Wilson N. Jones Hospital, Sherman, Texas. He was born September 22, 1946, in Talihina, Oklahoma, the son of James Moore and Geneva Hampton Halcomb. He lived in the Boswell area all his life. He married Beverly Huntsman on June 22, 1973, in Sherman, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and stepfather, Royce Halcomb.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Moore of the home; daughters and sons-in-laws, Misty and Gary Dill, Kristy and Robert Taylor and Debra Moore of Boswell; sister and brother-in-law, Delores and Ronnie Marshall of Durant; brothers and sisters-in-law, Royce and Kitty Halcomb of Boswell, Denny Halcomb of Ada, Oklahoma, and Mike and Debra Halcomb of Bokchito, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Indiyana Taylor, Landyn Taylor, Logan Dill and Benjamin Dill.

## Wanda V. Nelson Harris

Wanda V. Nelson Harris, 82, of the Winslow House Care Center, Marion, Iowa, passed away June 27, 2004, following a terminal illness. She was born January 28, 1922, in McAlester, Oklahoma, the daughter of George and Ione Wallace Nelson.

She married Ralph Wilson Harris on July 9, 1939. He preceded her in death on February 6, 1988. She was also preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Bob.

Wanda attended Oklahoma Presbyterian College in Durant, Oklahoma. She worked at Metropolitan Supply Co. for several years and then in 1965 began working at Wathan's Flying Service. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Brethren.

Wanda and Ralph enjoyed taking trips across the country. She was an able and devoted Sunday School teacher for many years. With the help of Chris Elam, activities director at Winslow House, she started a scripture study group where she shared her faith and Bible knowledge. She was always thankful for the staff at Winslow House, making many friends, distributing miniature Tootsie Rolls and spiritual encouragement. Another favorite pastime was feeding the sparrows. Many will miss Wanda, her sense of humor, compassion and the positive nature of a gracious mother, grandmother and friend.

Survivors include daughters, Pamela Coppes and husband, David, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Betty Whitmore and husband, Richard, of Marion and Pat Thomas and husband, Brian, of Palo, Iowa; ten grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter.

## Sybil Rosenthal Davis

Sybil Rosenthal Davis, 93, of Sulphur, Oklahoma, passed away June 30, 2004. She was born September 8, 1910, in Spencerville to Jacob Rosenthal and Birdie Earthman Rosenthal.

Mama Sybil or Ms. Sybil, as she was affectionately known, was educated at the Goodland Indian Orphanage in Hugo, Oklahoma Presbyterian College and Southeastern State Teachers' College in Durant. She was married to Walter Davis, a rancher, farmer and school bus driver, and they made their home in a small rural community known as High Hill, ten miles north of Ft. Towson, Oklahoma. Sybil taught for 21 years in High Hill at the one teacher school, and many of the local country kids would not have been educated had it not been for her dedication and love. She functioned as a teacher for all eight grades, coach, drama coach, janitor, psychologist, librarian, cook and nurse. She had the students perform two plays every year, a highlight of the community. Sybil also was a community leader. During World War II she would organize a pie supper to raise money for the USO. After the consolidation of the rural schools, Sybil moved to the Rattan Public School where she taught for an additional 19 years until her retirement. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Presbyterian Church and the Choctaw Tribe of Oklahoma. She was extremely proud of her Indian and Jewish heritage. In her spare time she enjoyed wildlife, gardening, walking, cooking and entertaining family and friends, and having a new car to drive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Coy Rosenthal and George "Pistol" Rosenthal, and sisters, Gladys Brannan and Velma Baldwin.

Survivors include her daughter, June Akard Morris and husband, Dane, of Sulphur; grandchildren, Julie Akard Jack and husband, Clayton, of Sulphur and Jay Herbert Akard and wife, Micki, of Muskogee; great-grandchildren, Joanna Claire Jack and Madeline Jaye Jack of Sulphur; sister, Mayola Harring of Richland Hills, Texas, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

## MacArthur "Butch" Henry

MacArthur "Butch" Henry, 62, of McAlester, Oklahoma, passed away June 14, 2004, at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina, Oklahoma. MacArthur was born March 3, 1942, in Talihina to Roosevelt and Lula Thompson Henry. He attended school at Jones Academy and graduated from Chilocco Indian School.

MacArthur married Henrietta Osceola in 1964 in Sherman, Texas. He worked as a plate maker for Princeton Packaging Co. of Dallas, Texas. He was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church in McAlester and enjoyed gospel singing.

Survivors include his wife of the home; sons, Joey Henry and wife, Brenda, and Michael Henry, all of Florida; daughters, Maria Wilson and husband, Dewayne, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Helena Henry of Florida; grandchildren, Russell Wilson, Christina Wilson, Erik Wilson, Ayze Henry, Nauthkee Henry, Ko'Oshee Henry; brother, Cordell Henry of Clinton, Oklahoma; sister, Joann Bruner of Lawton, Oklahoma; several nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

## Solomon Frazier

Solomon Frazier, 83, of Talihina, Oklahoma, passed away June 21, 2004. He was born March 9, 1921, in Nashoba, Oklahoma, to Aben and Ellen Cooper Frazier.

Solomon and Irene LeFlore were married in 1939 in Nashoba. He served in the Army during World War II. He lived most of his adult life in Dallas, Texas, returning home to Talihina in the early 1990s. He was a member of Big Lick Methodist Church in Divide, Oklahoma, and was well-known for his singing and piano playing and as a published composer. Solomon enjoyed being with his sons in the Frazier Quartet.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and a son, Lawrence.

Survivors include four sons, Willkie Ellis Frazier of Talihina, William Julian Frazier of Mayfield, Kentucky, Luke Frazier of Mesquite, Texas, and Doyce Olen Frazier of Dallas; one daughter, Shirley Zasimowich of Dallas; 21 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; numerous step-grandchildren; three brothers, Abe, Leroy and Randle; three sisters, Cora, Amy and Agnes; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was well loved and will be missed by many friends.

## Calvin Dean Prock Sr.

Calvin Dean Prock Sr., 72, passed away Friday, June 11, 2004, along with his son, Lester Ray Prock, in a truck and car accident in Oklahoma City. He made his home with Lester and his family in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Calvin was a linotype operator and had worked in Oklahoma City, Seminole and Ada. He attended Jones Male Academy, Harts-horne, Oklahoma, and graduated from Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Lester Jefferson and Robert Prock.

Survivors include daughter-in-law Linda Prock of Shawnee; three daughters, Leila Prock of Rochester, New York, Phyllis Prock of Hawthorne, New Jersey, and Dianna Macais of Madison, Wisconsin; two sons, Calvin Dean Prock II of Rochester and Charles Prock and wife, Sherry, of Oklahoma City; three sisters, Doris and husband, Benny Grayham, of Oklahoma City, Mattie Jones of Kiowa, Oklahoma, and Anna Nance of Fresno, California; brother, V.W. "Buster" Jefferson and wife, Jerry, of Oklahoma City; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



## Joan Canody

Joan Canody, 70, of Idaho City, Idaho, passed away on June 10, 2004, with Jim, her loving husband of 49 years, at her side. She was born Chola Joan Robison on October 31, 1933, in Smithville, Oklahoma, to Ray and Helen Robison. Joan was the granddaughter of original enrollee Calvin Watson. The Robison family moved to Idaho City in 1948. Joan attended schools in Oklahoma, Idaho City and St. Theresa's Academy in Boise, Idaho. In late 1953, Joan met the love of her life, James S. "Jim" Canody. They were married on May 17, 1955, in Idaho City at her parents' home. They made their home in Idaho City for the past 49 years, wintering in Arizona after their retirement. Joan and Jim had two children, Phillip and Shannon. In the early 1960s, after her children were in school, Joan began her career with the Boise County Assessor's office and retired in 1996 as the Boise County Assessor.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Survivors include husband, Jim, and son, Phillip Canody and wife, Rora, all of Idaho City; daughter, Shannon Canody-Fink and husband, Lee, of Anchorage, Alaska; four grandchildren, Sarah Fink, Jared Fink, Marlo Justice and Bill Phillips; five great-grandchildren; her sister and brother-in-law, Gene and Sandra Brown; nephews, Brandon Brown and wife, Tara, and Jeb Brown, and great-niece, Grace Brown; aunt, Alta Harris; a special cousin and her husband, Patsy and Cotton Myers; a very special aunt and uncle, Wallace and Lavon Watson; numerous cousins and many friends. She will be missed by all who knew her.

## Hope Evans LaShier

Hope Evans LaShier, 92, of Lawrence, Kansas, formerly of Amarillo, Texas, passed away September 21, 2003. She was born January 2, 1911, in Millerton, Oklahoma, the daughter of Lon and Susan Leona McClain Evans. She married William S. LaShier in 1930 in Clovis, New Mexico. Mrs. Lashier was a dental assistant for 25 years for doctors C.D. Ewing and Kingston Smith. She was a 50-year member of Amarillo Chapter No. 787 Order of the Eastern Star and had been a member of Clovis Chapter in 1930. She had been a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church since 1933. Mrs. LaShier was also a longtime member of Panhandle Professional Writers and was organizer of the "Scribblers" and "Craig Crooners." She was a member and secretary of her PEO Chapter in Amarillo. Hope moved to Lawrence from Amarillo in July 2003.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 2, 1993.

Survivors include a son, William S. LaShier Jr. of Lawrence, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



## Christina Ruth Harp Akers

Dr. Christina Ruth Harp Akers, 58, passed away January 6, 2004, at Via Christi Hospital, Ponca City, Oklahoma. She was born January 21, 1945, in Pawnee Indian Hospital, Pawnee, Oklahoma, to Chris and Florence Sumpter Harp. She grew up in Fairfax and Ponca City.

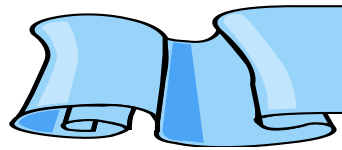
Christina graduated from Ponca City High School in 1963. She then attended Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, receiving her A.A. in Social Science in 1965. She then attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University, receiving her B.S. Ed. in Library Science in 1967 and received her M.L.S. in Library Science from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, in 1971. She then attended Oklahoma State University, receiving her Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration in 1990.

Dr. Akers was employed at Northern Oklahoma College from September 1967 to November 1998 as Assistant Librarian and Instructor of Library Science. She became Librarian in 1983 and Director of Library Services in 1991. She was consultant/evaluator for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Commission and Institutions of Higher Education, visiting more than 35 colleges as consultant/evaluator from 1972 to 1997. She was Designated Reader from 1985 to 1990. Her honors and awards include taking leadership and developing grant applications for library materials as Title II-A, part of the Higher Education Act of 1973. In 1977, she drafted and submitted for publication, "Acquisition Policy for Library and Learning Resources Center for Northern Oklahoma College." The policy was chosen as one of 14 to be reprinted in its entirety from over 500 submissions in Futus: Library Acquisition Policies and Procedures. In 1990, she served as Docent at the governor's mansion. She was elected Tonkawa City Council Member from 1987 to 1991. She was appointed to the governor's Oklahoma Library Technology Advisory Committee in 1993. She was a founder of the Native American Heritage Club, member of the Women's Club, an avid reader and enjoyed traveling, shopping, and most of all, family.

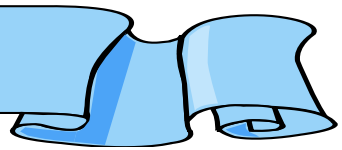
She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Herman Longstar; four nephews and one sister-in-law.

Survivors include one son, Chris M. Akers; his wife, Christy, and their daughter, Lita. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.





# OBITUARIES



## Joann Ishcomer Triplett

Joann Ishcomer Triplett, 33, of Clinton, Oklahoma, passed away March 21, 2004, in the Integris Clinton Regional Hospital. She was born August 18, 1970, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Nathan and Patty Ishcomer.

Joann graduated from Eldorado High School in 1989 and attended Altus Junior College. She worked as a home health care nurse until failing health forced her to retire. She moved to Clinton from Eldorado in 1999 and had lived in Grace Living Center for a couple of years before regaining enough independence to live in her own home. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Clinton and enjoyed crocheting, sewing and baking in her spare time.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Daniel and Josephine Ishcomer and Clifford and Pauline Myers, and an aunt, Barbara Ishcomer Taylor.

Survivors include two daughters, Amanda and Tara Triplett of Eldorado; parents, Nathan and Patty Ishcomer of Quanah, Texas; four sisters, Shelly Cotton of Oklahoma City, Diana Holstein of Dallas, Texas, Christal Adams of Eldorado and Ashley Ishcomer of Quanah; and three brothers, Bradley Ishcomer of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Brandon and Cleveland Ishcomer of Quanah.

## Frances Muskrat

Frances Muskrat, 72, passed away June 26, 2004, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was born February 9, 1932, in Bennington, Oklahoma. She was a graduate of Southeastern University in Durant, Oklahoma, and was employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a home economics teacher, education specialist and a staffing specialist. She retired in 1990. Frances was also in the Marine Corps for two years. Her hobbies included sewing and square dancing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rufus Choate and Mollie Brokesoulder Choate.

Survivors include her husband, Jake Muskrat; daughter, Karia Dawn Muskrat; son, Alan Muskrat; brothers, Andrew Choate of Finley, Oklahoma, Rufus Choate Jr. of Durant, Oklahoma, Franklin Choate of Bennington, Oklahoma, John Choate of Durant and Melvin Choate of El Cerrito, California; sisters, Ruth Choate Morgan of Purvis, Mississippi, and May Choate Varner of Blue, Oklahoma.

## Juanita L. Tingle Molk

Juanita L. Tingle Molk, 88, passed away June 1, 2004. She was born March 12, 1916, in Cade, Indian Territory, to Archie Daniel and Minnie Goode Tingle. Mrs. Molk was a lifetime member and Past Noble Grand of Fairbanks Rebekah Lodge #151. She was also a member of Fairbanks Baptist Church for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Molk; her parents; and brothers, A.D., William and Jack Tingle.

Survivors include sons, Thomas J. Molk and wife, Ann, and Randy Molk; grandchildren, Molly Henson, Betty Molk and Rick Rose; great-grandson, Brayden Henson; brothers, Boyd and Kenneth Tingle; sister, Mary Atkinson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Virgil Delano Stafford

Virgil Delano Stafford, 66, of Eagletown, Oklahoma, passed away May 6, 2004, in Texarkana, Texas. He was born October 26, 1937.

Virgil was affiliated with Panki Bok Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Panki Bok Community in Eagletown. He was a retired oil field foreman. He loved to camp, fish and hunt. He also enjoyed all church functions, going to singings and spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Louisa Stafford; brothers, Charlie Stafford and J.D. Stafford, and sister, Geraldine Stafford.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Virgil Jr. and Anna Stafford of Huntington Beach, California; daughters and son-in-law, Kim Stafford of Irvin, California, and Nicky and John Scharbach of Huntington Beach; brothers, Richard Stafford of Canton, Texas, and Vernon Stafford of Durant, Oklahoma; sister, Fern Stafford of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren, Justin Miller, Zachary Miller, Eric Stafford, Steven Stafford, Tessa Scharbach, Taylor Scharbach, and David Scharbach; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; special friend, Christine Simpson, and a host of friends.

## Billie Louise Brown

Billie Louise Brown, 81, of Tyler, Texas, passed away on June 11, 2004, at Mother Francis Hospital, Tyler. She was born July 4, 1922, in Boswell, Oklahoma, to Leonard Dalco Wright and Lena Bell Crowder Wright, who were both original enrollees.

Billie lived most of her younger life in Amarillo, Texas. During the latter stages of World War II she was a welder, helping to build U.S. Navy destroyers in Orange, Texas.

She married Timothy O. Brown, a retired Navy veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. During his career, she uncomplainingly accompanied her husband to his many duty stations aboard ships homeported on both coasts of the United States.

Survivors include her husband; and four cousins, June Sanford of El Paso, Texas, Juanita McMinn of Santa Clara, California, Betty Heredia of San Diego, California, and Paul Harland of Miramonte, California.

## Wanetta Glenn

Wanetta Glenn, 93, of Hugo, Oklahoma, passed away July 9, 2004, at Hugo. She was born January 21, 1911, in Givens, Texas, to Stephen Elmer and Mary Alice Chambers Siddle.

Wanetta married Henry Glenn on April 19, 1930, in Hugo. She had lived in Hugo since 1920 after moving there from Roxton, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Billy Glenn; two sisters, Nan Lou Slagle and Kathryn Walker; and one grandson, Victor McIntyre.

Survivors include two sons, Larry and Parker Glenn, both of Hugo; four daughters, Mary Glenn of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Dorothy Glenn of Omaha, Nebraska, Kay McIntyre of Gallup, New Mexico, and Fayette Glenn of Hugo; ten grandchildren, Shelley Russell, Vandy Lujan, Aurelia McIntyre, Henry, Kelly and Kenny West, Gina Self, Amber Glenn, Alicia Mitchell and Avery Amos; 14 great-grandchildren, Ryan and Brandon Self, Nicolas Dees, Sara and Greg Lujan, Ambree and Anica Ramirez, Kaleb and Taylor West, Candall and Stephanie West, Coy, Carson and Coy Mitchell, and two great-great-grandchildren, Jackson and Brianna Self.



## Vicky Lynn Barnes Lester

Vicky Lynn Barnes Lester, 48, of Niceville, Florida, passed away May 26, 2004. Vicky was born September 27, 1955, at the Talihina Indian Hospital to Vernon and Wanda Porterfield Barnes.

Vicky was a longtime employee of Buffalo Rock (Pepsi), both in Huntsville, Alabama, and Pensacola, Florida.

She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend to many.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Lester, of the home; sons, Brandon Lester of the home and Bryan Lester and wife, Jessica, of Freeport, Florida; mother, Wanda Porterfield Barnes and Vernon Barnes of Destin, Florida; sister, Teketha Barnes Ray of Pensacola, Florida, and a brother, Michael Barnes of Destin, Florida; grandmother, Ruby Pauline Porterfield of Talihina, Oklahoma; uncle and aunt, Tony and Nauri Barnes of Summerfield, Oklahoma; aunt and uncle, Jimmie and Harold Gibson of Wister, Oklahoma; aunts and uncles in California and Arizona; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Clayton Due Gibson

Clayton Due Gibson, 64, passed away April 13, 2004, in Denison, Texas. He was born August 13, 1939, in Hendrix, Oklahoma, to William and Thelma Franklin Gibson.

Mr. Gibson married Susan Tamara Philagios on March 12, 1984, in Denison. Some of his favorite hobbies included fishing, gardening, playing dominoes and working on cars. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jimmy Wayne Gibson; brothers, Sonny and Amos Gibson, and sisters, Serena Gibson and Marie Harkins.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Gibson, of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, Clayton Jr. and Lori Gibson of Kingwood, Texas, and Gary and Tina Gibson of Bokchito, Oklahoma; daughters and sons-in-law, Terry Ann and Mark Woodall of Denison, Tammy Gibson of Mena, Arkansas, Ginny and Michael Delo and Wendy and Dale Needham, all of Ben Lomond, Arkansas, Tamara and Shane Able of Pottsboro, Texas, Teresa and Maynard Roberts of Denison, Texas, and Crystal Gibson of Sherman, Texas; sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda Newsom of Denison, Texas, Wynona and Eddie Lawrence of Mead, Oklahoma, and Nerma and Teddy Embry of Denison, Texas; an uncle, Benny Gibson of Bennington, Oklahoma; 22 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.



## James Elijah "Jim" Meggs

James Elijah "Jim" Meggs, 84, passed away May 1, 2004, after a long and satisfying life. He was born January 7, 1920, in Ft. Towson, Oklahoma, to Elijah E. Meggs and Lois Marina Jane Robinson Meggs.

James grew up in Ft. Towson until graduating from Ft. Towson High School in 1936. He went on to attend Murray Jr. College in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. In 1939 he was accepted to Oklahoma A&M (now OSU). James played baseball for the Aggies and coach Hank Iba, lettering in 1941. His studies were interrupted in 1942 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy to defend the United States in World War II. After his tour of duty he returned to Oklahoma A&M to finish his Bachelor's of Science as well as his Master's in Agriculture.

James and Marjorie Patchin were married August 1, 1942, in Washington, D.C., and to this union Pat, Jane, James Jr. and Hank were born. James enjoyed a successful career in the agriculture industry in Oklahoma. He designed the first liquid feed plant in Oklahoma and also designed a plant which makes solid supplements. He was a partner at TE Agri while he was in Amarillo, Texas, for nine years before moving to Edmond in June 1981. He was president of the Oklahoma Seedmen's Association, Oklahoma Feed Manufacturers Association and treasurer of the OFTA for six years. In 1995, Westway Trading Co. bought TE Agri Co. and James was a consultant in sales for Westway Feed Products until he retired in November 2002 at the age of 82.

James was a wonderful and caring man who loved his family very much. He was proud of his Choctaw heritage and loved to research his genealogy. He has been a president with the Edmond Genealogy Society as well as a lifetime member. He was also a member of the Edmond Historical Society. James was an avid OSU sports fan who loved to attend football games. He was a member of the "O" Club and the alumni association of Oklahoma State University. He loved to fish with his great-grandchildren at the lake when they would come to visit.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Marjorie; his two sisters, Doris Mabry of Batesville, Alaska, and Edna Earle Meggs of Houston, Texas; daughters, Pat and her husband, Barry Nelson, of Macon, Georgia, and Jane New of Coronado, California; sons, James Meggs Jr. and wife, Becky, of Tempe, Arizona, and Hank Meggs of Las Vegas, Nevada; grandsons, Lance Nelson and wife, Jessica, Spencer Nelson and wife, Rebecca, David New, and Jeffrey New; granddaughters, Stephanie Buck and husband, Ryan, and Heather Stafford and husband, Patrick; and six great-grandchildren, twins Foley and Tarquin Armknecht, Patrick Stafford, Logan Buck, Carter Nelson and Luke Nelson.

## Inez Dennis

Inez Dennis, 91, of Soper, Oklahoma, passed away July 14, 2004, at her home. Willie Inez Dennis was born October 11, 1912 in Soper, the daughter of Will and Myrtle Ervin Page and had lived all of her life in the Soper area.

Inez married Gatha Herman Dennis in 1932. He preceded her in death in 1976.

She worked many years at the Golden Age Home in Hugo, Oklahoma, and was a member of First Baptist Church in Soper.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Louise Stephenson; three brothers, Dana Page, Lawrence Page and James Page; a granddaughter, Rena Dennis; two grandsons, Tim Broadrick and Jerod Dennis, and one great-granddaughter, Morgan Dennis.

Survivors include three sons, Roe Dale Dennis and wife, Sherry, Joe Bill Dennis and wife, Pat, and Jerry Dennis, all of Soper; 18 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 22 great-great-grandchildren. Also, a special friend, Emma Jordan of Boswell, Oklahoma, along with many cousins, nephews, nieces, and many other relatives and friends.

## John P. "Pete" DeShong

John P. "Pete" DeShong, 88, of Eufaula, Oklahoma, passed away June 20, 2004, in Fresno, California. He was born May 9, 1916, in Boswell, Oklahoma, to Pete and May Wright DeShong. His mother, Mae, and grandmother, Betty Crowder Wright, were Choctaw original enrollees.

Mr. DeShong was a retired truck driver. He was a member of the Eufaula United Methodist Church and the Eufaula Masonic Lodge #1 where he served as Past Master. He was a McClown at the Muskogee Bedouin Shrine and was very proud to drive the children to the Shriner's Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was also a member of the McAlister Scottish Rite and the Muskogee York Rite.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Flora Lee; four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include two daughters, Sylvia Ramsay and Shela Mangasarian, both of Fresno, California; five grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

## Monroe "Jay" Thomas Isom Sr.

Monroe "Jay" Thomas Isom Sr., 77, passed away April 3, 2004, at his home in Daisy, Oklahoma. Jay was born January 13, 1927, in Daisy to Charlie Henry Isom and Anganora Billy Isom. He spent the last 30 years of his life living on his mother's original allotment of land. He was the grandson of Judge Isaac Billy, who was a probate judge in Jackfork County, Indian Territory. Judge Billy assisted with the Indian allotments during the Choctaw relocation from Mississippi to Oklahoma.

Jay was proud of his Choctaw heritage and spent two hitches in the Army defending his country during World War II. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant.

Jay worked in the logging industry and construction to support his wife and five children, but his passion was music. His band, the Daisy Valley Boys, has entertained nursing home residents and at VFW halls, reunions, rodeos and parades all around Southeastern Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Phyllis Isom; a grandson, Billy Colter Isom; four brothers, Frank Page, Clarence Bob Page, Adolphus "Duggan" Isom and Joe Isom, and a sister, Opal Burleson.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Norene Mae Isom of the home at Daisy; four children, Ramona Lucas of Holdenville, Monroe Thomas Isom Jr. and wife, Tracey, of Daisy, Fred Isom and wife, Floretta, and Kevin Isom and wife, Ruth, all of Kingfisher, Oklahoma; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, C.H. Isom and wife, Nadine, of Daisy; three sisters, Audry Burleson, Virgie Stout, and Alice Hutson, all of Daisy; and several nieces, nephews and many friends.



## Martin J. Ward

Martin J. Ward, 95, of Marshall, Missouri, passed away June 13, 2004, at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall. He was born December 2, 1908, in Spiro, Oklahoma, the son of Jefferson D. Ward and Helen I. Hahn Ward.

He married Mildred L. Lembrock on August 21, 1938, in Gilliam. He received a bachelor of science degree from Northeastern Oklahoma State University and juris doctor degree from College of Law of the University of Oklahoma, where he was a member of Phi Delta Phi honorary legal fraternity. He also attended University of Arkansas and Tulsa University.

Admitted to practice in 1935, Mr. Ward was a senior member of Oklahoma State Bar and a member of the Missouri Bar since 1947. He was in private practice in Tulsa and was a district attorney for the price administration office. During World War II, he was an instructor in the U.S. Signal Corps. He was associated in practice in Marshall with CHO Leimbrock until his retirement and afterward with Edward P. Cleary. In 1947, he was appointed a federal administration law judge, hearing black lung cases in Virginia and West Virginia. He was also admitted to practice in the federal courts, U.S. Tax Court, Interstate Commerce Commission and Federal Communications Commission. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, holding various offices within the local church and serving on church conference boards. He was also a former member of the Marshall Optimist Club and Marshall Chamber of Commerce.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Maud H. Skinner and Freida I. Moore, and one brother, Jeff D. Ward.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Ward, of the home; two nieces, Sallie Morton of Marshall and Joyce Kief of Bloomington, Illinois; nephew, Willard Morton of Willowbrook, Illinois; three great-nieces, Leesa Morton, Rebecca Morton and Jessica Morton, all of Marshall; two great-nephews, Stephen Morton of Houston, Texas, and David Morton of Waco, Texas, and other nieces and nephews.

## Jesse David Manes

Jesse David Manes passed away May 10, 2004, in the Park Avenue Care Facility in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He was born January 11, 1924, in Red Oak, Oklahoma, the son of original enrollee Emaline Wall and Ras David Manes.

Mr. Manes was a World War II veteran, serving in the Pacific. He was proud of his Choctaw heritage and lived his life accordingly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lewis R. Manes in 1987 and William E. Manes in 2002.

Survivors include a daughter, Dee Manes of the Los Angeles, California, area; sister, Edna Faye Manes O'Neal of Eureka, California; nephew, William David O'Neal; nieces, Mary O'Neal and Patricia Luster, all of Muskogee, and numerous other relatives and friends.

## Emmie Susie Seeley

Emmie Susie Seeley, 65, of Talihina, Oklahoma, passed away April 30, 2004, at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center. She was born December 26, 1938, in Honobia, Oklahoma, to Preston and Carrie Ward Ludlow.

She worked for several years at the Talihina Manor Nursing Home and was a member of the Greenhill Baptist Church. She married Dallas Seeley on March 24, 1988, in Mena, Arkansas, and was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She will be missed by many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Ruby, and sister, Susie Jacobs.

Survivors include her husband, Dallas, of the home; five sons and daughters-in-law, Elwood Jr. and Sally Ludlow of Tyler, Texas, Ernest and Cathy Ludlow of Ada, Oklahoma, Donald and Faye Ludlow of Talihina, Oklahoma, Richard and Debbie Ludlow of Daisy, Oklahoma, and Arvil Keith and Elizabeth Ludlow of Talihina; two daughters and one son-in-law, Laverne and Vernon Higinite of Bixby, Oklahoma, and Cheryl Ludlow of Checotah, Oklahoma; one stepdaughter, Betty Ludlow of McCloud, Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Anna and Mack Carlile of Talihina, Virrie Jean and Raymond Johnson of Mesquite, Texas, Pearl and Bill Hope of Honobia, and Lodean Starr of Talihina; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Preston Jr. and Joann Ludlow of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Clarence and Vivian Ludlow of Lancaster, Texas, James and Debbie Ludlow of Represa, California, and Elvis and Christine Ludlow of Catoosa, Oklahoma; three aunts; two uncles; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.





## Bertram Bobb

The camp's website can be visited at [www.bertrambobbiblecamp.com](http://www.bertrambobbiblecamp.com)



Counselors give freely of their time.



# Bible Camp



The Rev. Bertram Bobb founded the Bible Camp in 1967 in Cedar Hill, Texas, and continued the youth ministry in 1972 in Ringold, Oklahoma.



BBBC Director Travis Bankester and Bertram Bobb.



“Uncle” Bill Salisbury of Virginia teaches Bible classes in the camp’s chapel. This is the seventh year he and wife Karen have volunteered at the camp.



Basketball is one of many activities available for the youth.



Scott Davis rings the bell calling the boys and girls to class. Scott and wife Lori are in charge of recreation at the camp.

## Rise and shine for Bible Camp

The morning begins at 7 a.m. for the boys and girls at Bertram Bobb Bible Camp (BBBC), and they rise to meet a day full of new discoveries. Many are return campers, there again to enjoy a week of Christian camping.

“It is the most effective way to reach young people,” said the Rev. Bertram Bobb, founder of the camp. A Spring Retreat is scheduled every March and five weeks are set aside in the summer for different age groups. Forty to 50 youth attend the camp. Sixty percent of the campers are Choctaw, and many wouldn’t be able to attend a camp at all if it weren’t for BBBC.

A full day at camp can include Bible classes, team activities, swimming, canoeing, singing and giving testimonies around a campfire, skits, arts and crafts.

Nestled on 60 wooded acres on Pine Creek Lake near Ringold, Oklahoma, the camp has two trained directors, Travis and Nancy Bankester. The Bankesters first traveled to the camp from their home in southwest Louisiana to bring a group of volunteers from their church. They now live at Ringold, joining Bobb in 1997 as fulltime directors. They are joined every year by volunteers “Uncle” Bill and “Aunt” Karen Salisbury of North Carolina who add their unique youth ministry and Scott and Lori Davis, the camp’s recreation and activity directors. Different church groups volunteer as counselors, cooks, and instructors in arts and crafts and Bible classes.

“Many of the volunteers come thinking they are going to minister to the kids, but leave saying the kids ministered to them,” said Travis.



Everyone gathers to enjoy lunch.



Our Choctaw Hymns were being sung even before the Choctaw Removal Act in the 1830s. One of my favorite hymns is entitled “Christ bled for me” – to the Choctaws Hymn No. 47. This hymn answers the question, “Why did Jesus die?”

Jesus lived the highest moral life. He had compassion on the people. He taught as no other man had ever taught. Many of the people loved Him. But the religious and political leaders were jealous of Him, and they determined to put Him to death. They held a mock trial and then took Him before Pilate. One group accused Jesus of blasphemy against God, and another group accused Jesus of treason against the Roman emperor. Pilate knew the charges were false.

But Pilate wanted to stay on the good side of the people. (Read Mark chapter 15.) He offered the people a choice. On this particular feast day, one criminal was always set free, and the people could choose which one would be freed. One criminal was a murderer, an evil man. His name was Barabbas.

Pilate said to the crowd, “You choose, will it be Jesus or Barabbas? Whom do you want freed?” (Mark 15:9). The people shouted back, “Give us Barabbas! We want Barabbas! Crucify Jesus! Crucify Him!” (Mark 15:11, 13-14). And they kept shouting.

That choice is still before us today: Barabbas or Jesus. Barabbas represents all the power, all the pleasure, all the money, all that the world has to offer. Jesus represents our conscience, our hearts, our love, our salvation, our forgiveness, our humility, our faith in God. Whom will you choose: Barabbas or Jesus? Every person has to make that choice. Do you want



## Chaplain’s Corner

By the Rev. Bertram Bobb, Choctaw Tribal Chaplain

Barabbas or Jesus?

Pilate took a bowl of water and washed his hands. He said, “I am washing my hands of Jesus.” (Matthew 27:24).

Then the soldiers came; they took Jesus – Who was already weakened because of the scourging and the loss of blood – and they beat Him again. They put a crown of thorns on His brow; they put a reed in His right hand; and they paid mock homage to Him. Everything was done to Jesus to shame Him. They stripped Him of His clothes. They spit on Him. They struck Him. They made Him carry a cross on His back, but the cross was so heavy and He was so weakened and they compelled a man to carry that cross for Him.

His blood flowed as they pounded nails into His hands and a spike through His feet; they put Him on that cross. That was one of the cruelest ways that a person could die. Sometimes a person would hang there for days dying a slow death.

Jesus wasn’t dying as an ordinary man. He was dying as the Son of God, carrying the sins of the whole world... He bore your sins and my sins on that cross.

Jesus had already prayed that if it were God’s will, the cup of suffering would pass from Him. (Matthew 26:39). But Jesus met the pain that he could have escaped. With open eyes He greeted death.

The soldiers cast lots for His garments, as the Scriptures had predicted. (Matthew 27:35). The soldiers and the people did not realize it, but it was Jesus Who was guarding them against the onslaughts of evil and the devil. He was dying for them.

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them. They know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34).

The crowd challenged Jesus,

“... If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.” (Matthew 27:40). It was not human weakness that kept Him on the cross. Jesus had said in John 10:18-19, “... I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”

Jesus could have saved Himself. He surrendered willingly and obediently with a sense of divine purpose.

What was His purpose? The purpose of His death had been told time after time in the Old Testament. Man had sinned and broken God’s laws. And the penalty for breaking God’s moral Law is death – physical and spiritual death – judgment and hell. Every one of us has to pay that penalty unless someone who is qualified pays it for us. And Jesus Christ is the only One Who is qualified. He did not commit sin. He did not do anything evil.

Another Choctaw Hymn became a favorite Prayer Hymn of Praise when a member of a company of Choctaw Code Talkers of World War I returned home and added the chorus, “He Loves Me, He Loves Me” to the Choctaw Prayer Hymn No. 48. Our Choctaw Hymns include invitations to accept Jesus Christ as Savior, Worship and Praise for His love.

From the cross we realize that there is one word that comes over and over again: love, love, love. He loves you, and He is willing to forgive you of all your sins. The Bible says in Romans 5:8: “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

That’s why Jesus Christ died on the cross – He was bearing in that moment the sins of the world. God laid on Him all your sins and all my sins.

Another Choctaw Hymn (No.

**2004 Annual  
Labor Day  
Church Service**  
with  
**Choctaw Hymn Singing  
& Adult Bible Classes**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday, September 5  
in the Amphitheater**

The preaching service will include Evangelists Osborne Roberts and Robert Sanders. Bro. Sanders will bring a message on the Second Coming of Christ in the Choctaw language.

Choctaw singers are invited to sing both Sunday morning and Sunday evening to begin the Annual All-Night Singing.

21) is entitled, “How can you hate the Savior? Sin affects our will. Jesus said in John 8:34: “... Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.” We say that we want to be free from certain things that we are doing and know to be wrong, but we cannot free ourselves. We are hooked. Christ can free us, if we will let Him.

If you will come to Him, He will open His arms and receive you because He loves you. What do you have to do? You have to repent of sin. That means you say to God, “I’m sorry that I have sinned. I am willing to change my way of life. I can’t do it myself. I have tried and I have failed. God, I am a sinner, I receive you right now into my heart.” The Spirit of God will help you to change. Will you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior today?

May God bless you. Pray for our Native American people. Pray for America. Pray for our leaders, both in government and spiritual. Pray for our men and women in our armed service.