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Charal John, 9, of Coalgate and Rayna Stick, 2, of Ada have a chat with Santa during his visit at Coalgate.



Santa scheduled stops throughout the Choctaw Nation and met many of its newest residents including three-month-old Savanna Shults.

Diabetes Treatment Center is making a difference

Sharon Passmore, Director of the Diabetes Treatment Center (DTC), represented Choctaw Nation at the Oklahoma City Area IHS/Tribal/Urban Health Summit in Tulsa on August 28-30. Ms. Passmore was chosen by the Oklahoma City Area office to share the success of the Choctaw Nation diabetes program.

In 1995, before the Diabetes Treatment Center was estab-

lished, all the diabetics had out-of-control diabetes. Out-of-control is defined as an HbA1c greater than 8.

This test provides the average blood sugar for the past 2-3 months. By 2000, over half of the diabetics were in control with an HbA1c less than 8.

Protein in the urine is an indicator for kidney disease, a complication of diabetes that many

diabetics suffer from. In 1995, half the diabetics in the Choctaw Nation health system had proteinuria.

By 2000, only 17% of patients treated at the Diabetes Treatment Center had proteinuria. This improvement will result in fewer patients with End State Renal disease or dialysis.

Performing an annual foot exam is important in preventing

amputation in diabetics. In 1995, 49% of diabetic patients receiving care at Talihina received this annual exam.

In 2000, 95% of patients treated at the Diabetes Treatment Center received the annual foot exam.

Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness. For that reason, each diabetic needs to have an annual dilated eye exam. In

1995, 70% of patients at Talihina received this exam. In contrast, 86% of Diabetes Treatment Center patients received the exam in 2000.

The Diabetes Treatment Center recently added a nurse case manager. One of her duties is to make sure that all the DTC patients receive the appropriate care as defined by the Indian Health Service standards of care

for diabetes. She also takes calls from the patients reporting blood sugar or blood pressure readings for the past week. This information is passed to DTC providers for intervention if needed between appointments.

For questions regarding the diabetes program, call Sharon Passmore at 800-349-7026, ext. 6066 or for an appointment, call Ross Johnson at ext. 6673.

Diabetic Recipe Contest

The Diabetes Treatment Center in Talihina is holding a Diabetic Recipe Contest. It is open to anyone who wishes to enter a recipe.

Prize categories include:

- Grand Prize – \$50 gift certificate to WalMart
- Bread Recipe – \$20 gift certificate to WalMart
- Meat Recipe – \$20 gift certificate to WalMart
- Dessert Recipe – \$20 gift certificate to WalMart
- Vegetable Recipe – \$20 gift certificate to WalMart
- Most appealing to kids – \$20 gift certificate to WalMart

The recipes will be judged on nutritional value, taste, appearance and availability and expense of ingredients.

The winner will be announced April 1, 2002 and a copy of the recipe run in the BISHINIK. A cookbook will be compiled containing all of the recipes. Recipes should be typed or printed for legibility and mailed no later than February 15, 2002 to:

**Diabetes Treatment Center
1 Choctaw Way
Talihina, OK 74571**

State birth or death certificates required

The Choctaw Nation Tribal Membership Department would like everyone to keep in mind that if you already have a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card and a state birth and/or death certificate is not on file, one will be requested.

A CDIB is a federal government card. The tribe cannot sign these cards. Federal regulations stipulate what is required for each person to obtain a CDIB for the first time or a duplicate. Each person's records are checked to see if we have all the documents now required. If we do not have them, we will send a letter stating what is needed before we can issue or reissue a CDIB card.

Please keep in mind, a CDIB is not a tribal card. If a CDIB is the only card you have, then you need to complete the application on Page 4. Also, all persons who have a CDIB or are applying for one should complete a membership application and mail it with their CDIB application. To help in updating our records for the upcoming new year, if you have both cards and your address has changed, please complete the form and mail to this office: **Choctaw Nation Tribal Membership, P.O. Drawer 1210, Durant, OK 74702**

**A Membership Application
is included on Page 4**

Membership Department staff members schedule Oklahoma City visit

The Choctaw Nation Tribal Membership Department will be at the OK Choctaw Alliance, 5320 S. Youngs Blvd. in Oklahoma City, on January 12, 2002 to assist Choctaws with their membership applications and photo IDs. They will begin at 10 a.m.

If you live outside the Choctaw boundaries, you may circle one of the districts listed on the application. This means you will have a Tribal Councilperson to assist you from the district you have chosen. You can only circle one. All correspondence will be done by mail.

Spring registration is open for Internet Language classes

Spring registration for all Internet Language classes began at 8 a.m. CST (Central Standard Time) on Monday, December 3. The registration for day classes will close at 4:30 CST on January 7. Evening class registration closes at 10 p.m. CST on January 8.

– Spring Schedule –

BEGINNING CHOCTAW GRAMMAR

Beginning December 31, 2001

Ending April 19, 2002

10 a.m. CST – Monday-Wednesday-Friday
(50-minute class)

INTERMEDIATE CHOCTAW GRAMMAR

Beginning December 31, 2001

Ending April 19, 2002

1 p.m. CST – Monday-Wednesday-Friday
(50-minute class)

BEGINNING CHOCTAW GRAMMAR

Beginning January 3, 2002

Ending April 18, 2002

9 p.m. CST Tuesday-Thursday
(50-minute class)

There will be no classes on New Year's Day, January 1, or Good Friday, March 29.

The textbook, "Choctaw Language and Culture: Chahta Anumpa" by Marcia and Henry Willis, can be purchased from the University of Oklahoma Press, 4100 28th Ave. N.W., Norman, OK 73069-8281; phone 800-627-7377 or 405-325-2000; fax 800-735-0476 or 405-364-5789, or from Choctaw Crafts and Books, 4202 S. Hwy. 69-75, P.O. Box 668, Durant, OK 74702; phone 888-932-9199 or 580-931-9144; fax 580-920-0865 or e-mail orders@choctawnation.com.

The Choctaw Nation Language Department is using the AVAcaster learning system. To view an AVAcaster class it is recommended that you should have:

- at least a Pentium II@233 MHz or a G3 Mac@233 MHz
- 64 MB of RAM
- Windows 98, 2000, NT, ME or MAC OS 8.0 or higher
- Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher or Netscape 4.7 or higher
- the full Shockwave 8.0 install
- latest version of Windows Media Player
- a 56k modem or faster connection
- a soundcard and speakers

A registration form may be found at www.choctawnation.com



Chief Gregory E. Pyle and wife Patti were presented a beautiful quilt for Christmas from the Crowder Senior Citizens.

Tribal Head Start centers to receive storm shelters

In Regular Session December 8th, the 12 members of the Choctaw Council voted to approve the purchase of storm shelters for tribal Head Start centers. The legislation allows for the purchase of 26 storm shelters to be installed at nine facilities. The

Durant and Idabel centers have plans on the drawing board for new centers with storm shelters built in.

The Choctaw Tribal Council approved a partnership with the Chickasaw Nations and the Oklahoma Historical Society request-

ing funding from the Transportation Equity Act.

These funds, if received, would develop the Choctaw-Chickasaw Heritage Corridor. This Corridor is planned to extend from southeastern Oklahoma to South-central

See COUNCIL on Page 4



Proposed water sale being handled in a cautious and professional way

Dear Editor,

Proposed sale of excess Oklahoma water to Texas often creates some controversy, but close examination of what has taken place the past several months should ease many of the fears voiced by opponents of the plan.

Little Dixie Community Action Agency has always been concerned with economic conditions in Southeast Oklahoma and the welfare of our residents. Because of these concerns I have watched the preliminary water sale efforts closely. And I must say I am pleased with what is taking place.

Through the voluntary leadership efforts of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, a State-Tribal Water Compact is nearing completion and once again the Choctaw Nation is rising to the top among those involved in improving economic conditions in Southeast Oklahoma. Choctaw Chief Greg Pyle and his staff are obviously working for the benefit of not only tribal members, but all residents of the compact area.

What I really find amazing is the extreme caution and extra safeguards being utilized throughout the process. The Choctaw Nation is going to considerable expense to bring in outside experts to study all possible affects of such a water sale and they routinely consider "worst-case scenarios" throughout the study.

I'm disappointed that a lot of misinformation is being circulated about the proposed water sale. The proposal is to sell only "excess" water that currently is being lost forever as soon as it runs into the Red River. It should be pointed out that the compact does not and cannot authorize the sale of water. Any out-of-state sale requires a separate contract. The primary actions to date have been to develop a State-Tribal Water Compact. I feel confident that when the time comes, the same cautions will be taken in developing the required contract.

Sale of the excess water could very well result in tremendous benefits for the entire area. Although true rights to the water apparently belong to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, both tribes are willing to cooperate and share in the benefits. We should be thankful for not only the generosity of the tribes, but for their leadership in protecting Southeast Oklahoma and its residents.

I sincerely hope area residents are grateful for the cautious and professional way the Choctaws are handling this matter and hope the tribe continues to work for the betterment of Southeast Oklahoma.

Bob Yandell, Executive Director
Little Dixie Community Action Agency

Encouragement provided

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to some very special people – Chief Gregory Pyle, Assistant Chief Mike Bailey, Joy Culbreath, Shannon McDaniel and my friend, Charles Clark. Each played a different role in helping me stay in school but Charles and Joy Culbreath gave me the extra push and encouragement I needed when I thought there was no hope. Thanks for being there.

Steve Butler
Idabel, Oklahoma

Scholarship assists OU student

Dear Chief Pyle,

I am writing to thank you and the great Choctaw Nation for the scholarship I received for the 2001-2002 school year. As a student at the University of Oklahoma, I quickly learned how expensive a college education can be and I am very grateful for your help. Your commitment to the education of young people is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the outstanding leadership you are providing for our Choctaw Nation.

Jared Young
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Student appreciates opportunity

Dear Chief Pyle, Mr. Larry Wade and the Choctaw Nation,

I just wanted to take a moment to express to you my deepest gratitude upon receiving the assistance for me to attend Northeastern State University. I cannot tell you what a help this has been to my family and I. It has been my dream to further my education with a college degree and you have given to me this great opportunity.

The trust that you have placed in me to excel in school is truly a blessing. I will not let you down. I will work with the highest of standards and greatest of expectations, knowing I am in a way a representation of this great tribe. I will also never forget the opportunity you have given to me and I will look forward to supporting in any way I can all endeavors that can benefit young Choctaws, as I know how very important it is to have this support.

Thank you again for your faith and trust in me and assisting with the opportunity to receive this wonderful gift.

Lindsey Hayes
Stillwater, Oklahoma

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Jones Academy to be commended

Dear Editor,

I was recently invited to visit Jones Academy and provide presentations to the students. I met with four groups of very well-behaved students to present information on the ill effects of tobacco abuse. I also had the opportunity to provide materials and information differentiating between sacred use and abuse.

Before the groups began the flute was played for students and this calmed and prepared the youth for the information I was to present. I feel very honored to be a part of enriching the lives of these young Native Americans. As a member of the Choctaw Nation I was reassured by this experience. It is evident that the tribe takes pride in sharing such cultural values with our children. This is a time when so much is lacking in our children's lives and I want to commend the staff of Jones Academy for working to provide their students with health education, life skills and cultural values.

Tammy Lindley-Randazzo
Community Program Coordinator
Pittsburg County Tobacco Use Prevention Program

Researching paternal family tree

Dear Editor,

I am researching my family tree on my father's side. My great-grandmother, Luann Fulton Nale/Nail, was born in Indian Territory March 1872. Her husband, Robert Nale/Nail, was also born in Indian Territory in 1873.

I am trying to find any information on their parents. Robert Nale/Nail's father was listed on the Choctaw roll as Dick Nale (Choctaw) and his mother as Ellen Gray (Chickasaw). Luann's father is listed as Newt Fulton (non citizen) and mother as Mary Fulton (non citizen). The time frame was probably around 1830s.

I am also related to descendants of Luann Fulton and a white man by the name of Welsh/Welch. Luann and he had two children, James Welsh/Welch, born around 1889 in Wales, and Annie Welsh/Welch, born around 1892 in Wales. They are both listed in the 1910 Census Roll.

There is a very good chance that Nale is a corruption of Nail. Notations to records show Robert Nale as Nail around 1900. In the 1900 Census Roll, they are listed as Robert Nail and Louan Nail. On an 1896 census of citizens of intermarriage (Tobucksy County) Luann is listed as Nale/Nail.

I would love to find my relatives and any information regarding Dick Nale/Nail, Ellen Gray, Newt Fulton, Mary Fulton and Annie and James Welsh. Thank you.

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Recovery center is great program

Dear Editor,

I would like to give a sincere thank you from the bottom of my heart to Chief Pyle, Gary Batton and the staff at the Choctaw Nation Recovery Center at Talihina.

This has given me a new beginning in life in my recovery. This is a great program. Thank you for this opportunity in my life.

Tresa Wilson
Durant, Oklahoma

Coalgate



Vernon, Marcela and Ray Moore get together for the Coalgate Thanksgiving dinner.



Buck Deloach and District 12 Councilman James Frazier.



Otis Moore and granddaughter Susan Isom pose for a picture.



Attorney Joseph L. Kitto and Dartmouth student Stevie Nichols in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Kitto's focus is on Indian law, dealing in federal legislative practices. The Holland & Knight LLP firm is one of the largest in the world, with Washington, D.C. being only one of its 31 offices in the United States and six foreign countries. As a rising senior at Dartmouth College, I used this experience to gain a better understanding of Indian law in order to prepare for furthering my education following my graduation from Dartmouth this coming June. As a Native American Studies major, I became interested in Indian law while interning with the Language Program of the Choctaw Nation at the Tribal Complex during the winter of 2000.

During my weeks with Holland & Knight, I shadowed Mr. Kitto in his efforts to get a bill passed in Congress granting money to the Hualapai Nation of Arizona for the development of a much needed road. I also worked with other lobbyists in their efforts on the "hill" for various issues in Indian country. Although Holland & Knight LLP in D.C. has a significant lobbying practice, I was able to work with Kitto on substantive legal issues and assignments involving legal writing and research in preparation for litigation. Overall, the experience was beneficial, but far too short. I hope to return as should other Choctaws interested in seeing the lobbying process and legal practices of tribes first hand.

Stevie Nichols
Lake Jackson, Texas

Information on family needed

Dear Editor,

I am seeking information on my paternal grandmother, Ellis Texas Pipkin, born December 8, 1908 in Ellis County, Texas, who was registered on the Dawes Roll along with siblings Robert, George and Henry Pipkin.

Ellis Texas Pipkin married J.V. Webb in 1928-30 in Limestone County, Texas. Their children are Johnny Lee, James Pearl, Dorothy Mae, Audis, Billy, Richard Ray, Martha Ann and Joe Glenn Webb.

Joe Glenn Webb is my father, date of birth September 2, 1944, Limestone County, Texas in a little community of Box Church, Texas near Groesbeck.

James Pearl Webb was born in 1930, so I estimate their marriage by his birth which would place it within two years, give or take a year.

If anyone has any knowledge of my family please contact me.

James Webb #529737
C.T. Terrell Unit
1300 FM 655
Rosharon, TX 77583



Irene Hampton and Maggie Anderson are having a great time.



Kenneth Mitchell and Jesse and Eva Fredrick are ready to enjoy their meal.



A delicious choice of potluck dishes are available for Coalgate's Thanksgiving dinner.

From the desk of Chief Gregory E. Pyle

Health care staff among most professional and caring in the world



Patti Pyle and granddaughter

This is my first Christmas as a grandparent, so everything about the holiday seems much more special. My little granddaughter, Skyler Pyle, was born last summer in our Choctaw Nation Hospital in Talihina.

The first-hand experience with my family in our hospital furthered my conviction that the staff at the Choctaw Nation Health Facilities are among the most professional and caring people in the world. Skyler and her mother, Jennifer, received the

best care imaginable. Dr. Olivia Grant, the OB-Gyn doctor who has served patients in our health system for the past 17 years, has definitely earned the loyal following of her patients.

We spoke with other young parents and grandparents who had the same appreciation of the doctors, nurses and health care specialists at the Choctaw Nation Hospital.

Both of my children were born at the former facility in Talihina. I was pleased with the care that

my wife and children received at that time, but the new hospital made this experience phenomenally better.

Although we did not spend the night in the new hospitality house, we knew it was available, just a short distance from the hospital. Many families do take the opportunity to stay, free of charge, in this beautiful new rooming home while visiting someone in the hospital. The Council realizes that many people drive great distances to

the hospital and can not afford a motel, so they approved the construction of the new hospitality house.

America has a tremendous thankfulness for family, especially since the events on September 11th. The history of our Choctaws has shown that families have always been close in our tribe. I am very appreciative that the members of the Choctaw Nation respect and honor each other. May God bless you and your family.



From the desk of Assistant Chief Mike Bailey

Proposed sale could be tremendous boost to Southeast Oklahoma

The sale of Oklahoma water to Texas is a proposal that is currently being discussed in Southeast Oklahoma. This water is already leaving Oklahoma, although no one is getting any revenue from the water. The water is currently being wasted by flowing into the Red River, where it becomes undrinkable salt water as it flows to the Gulf of Mexico.

Southeast Oklahoma has been blessed with an abundant, replenishable supply of good water. The Kiamichi River alone provides enough water to supply New York City. This is a huge amount.

The proposal Oklahoma is now wanting passed is a compact that allows for future sales of this water. The market is in Texas, and they are interested in purchasing a percentage of water that is already LEAVING OKLAHOMA!

The proposition has definite provisions and protections that give Oklahoma the priority of



water use, which could be enforced in case of an extreme drought. There are expert hydrologists studying the matter, and the most severe drought on record was in 1956 – even then, water continued to flow in Southeast Oklahoma.

This proposed sale could mean an opportunity to meet the needs of citizens of Southeast Oklahoma. The compact that is up for public scrutiny until the state legislature convenes in February plainly states that the revenues from any such sale would stay

in the 22-county area of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

The tribes can create economic development, provide education, help cities and towns, assist countless people in countless ways. Citizens of Southeast Oklahoma need a boost to the economy. This water sale could be that boost, and a tremendous boost at that!

You can read a copy of the discussion draft of the compact by logging on to <http://www.governor.state.ok.us>.

The compact must be passed by a vote of the legislature, a vote of the Choctaw Council, a vote of the Chickasaw Legislature, then signed by the Governor of the state, the Governor of the Chickasaws and the Chief of the Choctaws before any contract for an actual sale can be completed. The contract will entail the reputation of these legislative acts.

The future of Oklahoma is definitely being considered throughout all of the negotiations.

Water is a very valuable resource to Oklahoma – but it has no benefits to our citizens as it leaves Oklahoma and goes downstream in the Red River. Remember the promises of the tribal leaders who are involved in the negotiations for the sale – The deal will be good for Oklahoma and Choctaws, or there will be no deal.

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Chief Gregory E. Pyle and Assistant Chief Mike Bailey help Choctaw member Tux Bowen celebrate his birthday. Tux turned 90 years old on November 28.



Chaplain's Corner

By the Rev. Bertram Bobb

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones in a very special way during this Christmas season and in the coming New Year.

The celebration of Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ – God's gift of love to you and me. (John 3:16) God came to earth.

During this Christmas season more people are more frustrated and more people are unsure of life, more unsure than they have ever been before.

When we are emotionally upset, depressed and discouraged, where can we find peace? The peace the Christmas angels spoke about – peace on earth. (Luke 2:13-14)

Peace for the world will be found in the Christ of Christmas. The prophet Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 9:6: "His name shall be called the Prince of Peace, ..." and in the same sentence he wrote: "... and the government shall be upon His shoulder."

Our Holy Bible in Genesis 1:1 begins with: "In the beginning God ..." and in the Gospel of John 1:1 it begins: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Jesus Christ was the Word, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ..." (John 1:14)

Our Lord Jesus Christ was marked from the beginning of time to reign. On the first Christmas Jesus came as the Savior, born of a virgin, Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem. When He comes again, He will come as the Sovereign. Sovereign means that whatever He says or does is final, He answers to no one.

The Lord Jesus Christ came to die on the cross for our sins. He bought us back with His precious shed blood. (1 Peter 1:18-19) He went to heaven and today He sits at the right hand of God the Father (Hebrews 1:1-3) and He is coming back. (John 14:1-3, Acts 1:9-11)

Once He came in lowliness, then He will come in glory.

The matter of who shall rule has been the cause of all our conflicts down through the ages. Who shall rule in heaven? Who shall rule in earth? Who shall rule in the hearts of men?

Two of these questions have already been answered. God ruling in heaven. He does so now. Jesus said in Matthew 6:9-10, "After this manner pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

God's will is done in heaven. This is settled. God rules in heaven. And God shall rule on the earth. He has given to His Son the right to rule on the earth when He comes the second time. The Scriptures declare in Isaiah 2:3-4, "... for out of Zion shall go

forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

But peace is not due until the Prince of Peace comes.

What are we doing today? We prepare for wars. At that time we shall beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruninghooks. We will prepare for peace, because the Prince of Peace will be here and ruling with a rod of iron.

Jesus Christ is not only appointed to reign in earth but He is also appointed to reign in the hearts of men. Christ did not come to take away our joy, to work hardship upon us, or to make us slaves of fear and men whose hearts are full of misery. He came that He might reign in our hearts and reign there in peace.

Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you ..." and this is why He came. This is why He wants to rule in our hearts. Not just to rule so that He might be the sovereign and make us do His will, but to rule in our hearts to give us peace. To make us joyful, happy people.

Let us not make the mistake of trying to find peace somewhere else. We will never find peace until, by trusting in the Prince of Peace, we allow Him to reign in our hearts.

Peace was the promise of the angels at Christ's birth. As the Prince of Peace He came to bring men peace with God, and the daily experience of peace of heart. Only those who accept Christ as their personal Savior find peace with God and it is necessary to commit our life to Jesus Christ as the ruler of our lives in order to experience daily peace of heart.

When you come to Christ, the Holy Spirit will give you joy and peace in the midst of your trials and troubles.

Would you like to trust Jesus as your Savior? You can start now by being willing to give up your sins and by receiving Him in simple childlike faith. John wrote in the Gospel of John 1:12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even them that believe on His name."

Christmas season is a wonderful time to tell the Story of Jesus. A challenge to those who know Him and love Him.

Pray for our country, the leaders of the United States of America and for the Native Americans and our leaders. Pray for your Pastor and Evangelists-Preachers and Sunday School teachers. Remember our Servicemen and Servicewomen.

Antlers



Ester James Caesar gets a hug from Dora Ward. Lou Williams is sitting beside Ester and Dora.



Many District 7 residents attended the holiday dinner at Antlers.



Diane Taylor, Vanessa Martin, Candice Taylor and Payton Rogers.



Chief Pyle visits with Ryman Battiest during the Antlers Thanksgiving dinner.



Hazel Taylor and son Wilson Taylor Jr. enjoy the great meal.



Robert Julian and Councilman Jack Austin enjoy the fellowship at the Antlers dinner.



From the Tribal Membership staff ... We wish Chief Pyle, Assistant Chief Bailey, Tribal Councilmembers and all their families a very happy holiday season. To all Choctaws and their families, may your holidays be filled with health, happiness and love and may the new year bring peace to our great nation. God bless those serving our country. May all your loved ones stay safe.

Happy Holidays!!!



Choctaw Youth Dancers at Chucalissa in Memphis, Tennessee on October 27, 2001 are front row from left, Randeë Bohanon and Dayla Amos; second row, Samantha Colbert, Stephanie McKinney, Robin Colbert, Mary Jane Colbert, Heather Watson, Valerie Watson and Miss Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Reannon Frazier; third row, Keith Frazier, DJ Colbert, Lyndon McKinney Jr., Johnathon McKinney and Jared Jefferson, and fourth row, Micah Frazier, Steven McKinney and Terry Watson.

Dancers take pride in heritage

Dear Chief Pyle,

We the Choctaw Youth Dancers would like to take this time to express our gratitude for the support and encouragement that you, Assistant Chief Mike Bailey and the Tribal Council have given to us. We take great pride in our heritage and feel that keeping it alive is a mainstay to Choctaw Nation as a people. Who we will become as we live and grow in the changing world around us will be greatly affected by those who influence us.

We are very proud that our tribal leaders have supported us and helped us to travel to various places to share our heritage in dance and song. We, in return, feel it is our duty to our tribal leaders as well as the Choctaw Nation to act accordingly in order to represent our people in all aspects. This taught to us by our parents and grandparents who support us tremendously and whom we wish to also thank. Yakoke!!

Karl McKinney,
Smithville, Oklahoma

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Oklahoma and involve historic sites of Wheelock Academy, Fort Townson Historic Site, Fort Washita, and the Chickasaw Council House Museum.

These historic properties will be able to upgrade museum exhibits, historical markers and signage with a portion of the funds. Allocations received can

also be used for marketing the historic sites.

The Council also agreed to fund \$345,000 for the renovation of the Choctaw Tower Dormitory and to create an American Indian Recruiting and Counseling Service at Southeastern Oklahoma Sate University (SOSU). The Council Bill included funding of

\$13,000 to purchase a memorial clock in front of the Russell Building at SOSU in honor of all those who went on to become educators in Southeastern Oklahoma.

Also approved were amendments to the Indian Housing Plan and NAGPRA, and the budget for LIHEAP.

Miller places in Tulsa’s Fall Premium Sale

Colt Miller, 18, of Apache, Oklahoma recently placed fifth in the Tulsa State Fair’s Fall Premium Sale with his prize-winning hamp barrow. They were winners in the Class I division in Tulsa.

With the same hamp barrow, Colt has won the Championship in the Caddo County Fair and the State Fair in Oklahoma City.

Colt, a senior at Apache High School, is the son of Gregg and Johnetta Miller. Congratulations!



VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY		1 Holiday	2 Durant 10 am-12 noon	3	4 Idabel 10 am-2 pm	5
6	7	8 Stigler by appt only McAlester 10 am-2 pm	9	10	11 Broken Bow 9:30 am-2 pm	12
13	14 Talihina 10 am-2 pm	15 Coalgate 10 am-2 pm	16 Durant by appt only	17	18 Poteau 11 am-1:30 pm	19
20	21 Antlers 1-3:30 pm	22 McAlester by appt only	23 Bethel by appt only	24	25 Wright City 9:30 am-2 pm	26
27	28 Atoka 10 am-2 pm	29 Wilburton 10:30 am-2 pm	30	31		

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

Please check one of the following:

- ☐ New Applicant
☐ Change of Status
☐ Previously Submitted Application
☐ Need Duplicate

Application for:
Tribal Membership/Voters Registration
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Drawer 1210, Durant, OK 74702-1210
1-800-522-6170 or 580-924-8280

Name: (please print)	First	Middle	Last	Maiden
Address	Street	P.O. Box	City	
State	Zip Code	County	Phone Number	
Birthdate	Sex	Social Security Number		
I certify that the information given in this application is true. I am not a member of another tribe, nor am I registered to vote with another tribe.				
Signature		Date		

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FOR ALL MINORS, TOO. PARENT WILL NEED TO SIGN FOR ALL MINOR CHILDREN. ONCE YOU REACH THE AGE OF 18 YEARS YOU CAN VOTE.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD WILL BE ISSUED ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR CERTIFICATE OF DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD CARD OR LETTER. Please submit a copy of your Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood.

RESIDENTS: Residents of the Choctaw Nation (ten and one-half counties) will be registered in the precinct in the County in which they reside. Absentee voting will be allowed by written request to the Election Board Chairman prior to an election or referendum.

NON-RESIDENTS: Applicants residing outside the Choctaw Nation will be registered to vote by mail.

PLEASE CHECK THE PROPER DISTRICT AND PRECINCT:

District #1:

- ☐ Idabel
☐ Valliant

District #2:

- ☐ Broken Bow
☐ Bethel

District #3:

- ☐ Burkhart
☐ Smithville
☐ Talihina
☐ Heavener

District #4:

- ☐ Poteau
☐ Spiro
☐ Summerfield
☐ Heavener

District #5:

- ☐ Stigler
☐ Kinta
☐ Keota
☐ Spiro

District #6:

- ☐ Buffalo
☐ Red Oak
☐ Wilburton
☐ Quinton

District #7:

- ☐ Antlers
☐ Choctaw Council House
☐ Rattan
☐ Wright City

District #8:

- ☐ Hugo
☐ Boswell
☐ Ft. Towson

District #9:

- ☐ Bennington
☐ Durant
☐ Calera

District #10:

- ☐ Atoka
☐ Kiowa
☐ Stringtown
☐ Caddo
☐ Lane

District #11:

- ☐ Hartshorne
☐ McAlester
☐ Kiowa

District #12:

- ☐ Coalgate
☐ Canadian
☐ Atwood
☐ Tupelo
☐ Arpeler

Do you want your name and address released to the general public? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ ABSENTEE

Date approved or disapproved: _____

Reason for diasproval: _____

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

January 2002

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Holiday <small>New Year's Day</small>	2 Closed Inventory	3 Closed Inventory	4 Closed Inventory	5
6	7 Stigler 9-2	8 Coalgate 9-10:30 Atoka 12-2	9	10 Wilburton 9-12 Broken Bow 9-2	11 Hugo 9-12	12
13	14 Bethel 9-10:30 Smithville 12-2	15	16 Talihina 9-2	17	18 Wright City 9-12	19
20	21	22 Poteau (A-H) 9-2	23	24 Idabel 9-2	25	26
27	28 Poteau (I-P) 9-2	29	30	31 Poteau (Q-Z) 9-2		

Food Distribution Sites

ANTLERS – Choctaw Community Warehouse, 200 S.W. “O” St.

ATOKA – National Guard Armory.

BETHEL – Choctaw Nation Community Building.

BROKEN BOW – Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.

COALGATE – Choctaw Community Center.

DURANT – Choctaw Community Warehouse, 100 Waldron Dr.

HUGO – Housing Authority. IDABEL – Choctaw Village Shopping Center.

McALESTER – Choctaw Community Warehouse, 1212 S. Main.

POTEAU – Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.

SMITHVILLE – Big Lick Church.

STIGLER – Choctaw Community Building.

TALIHINA – Boys & Girls Club.

WILBURTON – Choctaw Community Building.

WRIGHT CITY – Choctaw Head Start Building.

The Food Distribution Program workers will take a 30 minute lunch break from 11:30 to 12 noon. Please bring boxes to pick up your commodities.

If you cannot pick up commodities when you are scheduled, please notify the Food Distribution Office at 1-800-522-

6170 so that you can be rescheduled to go to Antlers, Durant or McAlester.

All Commodity Warehouses (Antlers, Durant, McAlester) will be open October 8 through October 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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



Do you have questions about diabetes? Would you like more information on ways to prevent or manage diabetes?

Diabetes Prevention and Management teaching sessions are available at the Choctaw Nation Health Clinics in Broken Bow and Hugo. One-on-one or group sessions are available. In Broken Bow, the sessions are on Mondays; in Hugo, the sessions are on Fridays. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Broken Bow Clinic at 580-584-2740 or 580-584-6697; or the Hugo Clinic at 580-326-7561.

Crowder



Chief Greg Pyle and Oliver Baldwin are ready to enjoy the great food at Crowder.



Ronna Baldwin, Councilman James Frazier and Sue Coonfield, president of the Crowder Seniors.



Several gather for the Crowder Thanksgiving dinner.



Elizabeth Harkins and Louise Ott attend the dinner in District 12.



Lillie Daniel digs in.



W.E. Billings and Roger Kitsom.

Choctaw tribal member wins international award

Trend Records Recording Artist Dan Dee Beal received two awards at the Lone Star State Country Music Association's (LSSCMA) Best of Texas 2001 Awards Show. The show was held on October 14 in Beaumont, Texas.

The Golden Note Music Award recognizes Dan's many accomplishments in the music industry. Helen Foster of the LSSCMA noted that Dan was selected for the award due to his success as a singer/songwriter, recording artist, producer, and his untiring ability to promote independent country music.

Dan was also named the National Radio Promotions and Music Productions Man of the Year. He was especially proud of this award. It recognizes his work for producing Red River Country Showcase, a show hosted by Anthony Sawyer, promoting independent country music artists worldwide. The show can be heard internationally on stations in Denmark, Sweden, and Australia. Dan has worked in radio for many years. His previous shows include the popular Red River Songwriters Showcase which aired on KITX for a number of years.

Although Dan lives in the small community of Frogville in southeastern Oklahoma, his music is heard around the world. His latest Trend Records release, "Left the World a Grievan," was co-written with singer/songwriter Anthony Sawyer of Paris, Texas. The song has done very well internationally.

Dan's upcoming Trend Records release, "Choctaws Marching On," is scheduled to be included in a film release by Radiosity Productions of Chicago, Illinois. The film is produced and directed by Adam Holmes. Rusty Lane is currently recording two songs that were written by Dan. Rusty has recorded 12 number one hits and 32 top ten recordings. Dan has performed with legendary artists Conway Twitty, Bill Monroe and others. He is also a music publisher, State Director of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Greater North American Country Music Association International, and serves on the Advisory Committee of the Greater World Wide Country Music Organization of GA Inc. Dan was also the recipient of the Lone Star of Texas Music Award at the 2000 LSSCMA awards show and was named Honorary Okie from Muskogee by the mayor of Muskogee in 1988.

Dan is the central United States Representative for Trend Records of Atlanta, Georgia. Trend Records is the oldest Record Label in the state of Georgia. Trend has more former major label recording artists than any label in the United States. Dan's music is available online at www.mp3.com/dandee. You may contact Dan by calling (580)326-6573 or e-mail dandeecountry@netaddress.com. You may also visit him on the web at www.redrivercountry.com/dandeeeco.

Grandson of original enrollee elected Presbytery moderator

During the June 2001 meeting of Foothills Presbytery, convened at Providence Presbyterian Church in Powdersville, South Carolina, Elder Harry Layne was elected moderator by (presiding officer) for quarterly meetings of the Foothills Presbytery, representing 68 Presbyterian Churches (PCUSA) with more than 15,000 members in the western part of South Carolina.

Layne was born in Pittsburg, Oklahoma and is the grandson of Osborne B. and Iva Pearl Weathers Anderson. Osborne was born in Sardis, Oklahoma and was an original Choctaw enrollee. Osborne's daughter, Ruby Anderson Layne of Modesto, California is Elder Layne's mother. His father, Giles, originally from Kiowa, Oklahoma, passed away in Modesto in 1980.



Director of Agriculture recognized

The Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council recently honored Choctaw Nation's Director of Agriculture Randy Bailey for work contributed during the year 2000. Calling him "the man with a big heart," the Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council presented Bailey with a plaque during a banquet held in November in Miami, Florida. Bailey was commended for his unrivaled donations. He was instrumental in raising funds for the Council's scholarship fund. Congratulations!



Fran and Lakota Mohler are happy to join in the festivities in Bethel.



A large group met for the Bethel Thanksgiving dinner.



Bethel citizens visit with family and friends while enjoying the holiday meal.



Nita, Kenneth and Brandon Bohanon are on hand for the festivities.



Jennifer Hicks



Irene Hodge



Jalene Bohanon

CHOCTAW NATION GED CLASSES

Bryan County

Beginning date and time: December 17, 2001
Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
at the Choctaw Tribal Complex
(South Building, Downstairs), Durant, Oklahoma

McCurtain County

Beginning date and time: December 18, 2001
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at the Choctaw Nation Community Center
Idabel, Oklahoma

The class will meet 2 days each week for approximately 3 months. Books, supplies and testing fees are provided. In addition, a \$10.00 (per day) transportation stipend is paid to those who attend classes on a regular basis and attempt the GED test. If you have turned in an application with our Adult Education Program for GED classes and wish to attend the upcoming class, please contact our office. If you have not applied and wish to attend these or future classes, please contact Linda Tyler or Felicia Carnes at the Durant office or call (800) 522-6170 or (580) 924-8280, Ext. 2319. Also, you may register at the first class. A Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) is required.

People You Know

Happy birthday wishes for Tristen and Kristen Allen

Shelbi Aunquoe would like to wish her cousins, Tristen and Kristen Allen, a happy birthday. They will be six years old on December 29.

Love from Aunt Amber and Shelbi.



Alexis turns six years old



Alexis M. Martin celebrated her sixth birthday on November 16. She attends church, does well in school and everywhere she goes people like her. Alexis is learning to fiddle and play the organ and drums. She will be taking karate in the spring.

Alexis has participated in three Trail of Tears memorial walks.

Happy birthday, Alexis, and also to Alexis' sister, Shamia Martin, who turned one on November 15.

Elk City police officer

Cpl. Thomas L. Davis of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves has been serving as a police officer for two years at Elk City, Oklahoma.

He is proud to be Choctaw. His father is the late Jim Tom Davis of Bokchito, Oklahoma and his grandfather is the late Lorbin Davis of Hugo, Oklahoma.



Franklin family holds reunion

The Franklin family held its annual reunion on October 13, 2001. Several family members attended and we would like to see lots more next year. Plan to attend – the Franklin family reunion is the second Sunday of each October. Mark your calendars!

Jake celebrates first birthday



Jake James Hanson celebrated his first birthday on November 27. He is the son of John and Pamela (Renehan) Hanson of Appleton, Wisconsin. Grandparents are Patricia Ammann of CM/SE in San Antonio, Texas, Walter and Mona Renehan of Rowland Hills, California and Reuben and Janet Hanson of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Godparents are Jamie Hanson of Sudbury, Massachusetts and Heidi Reinbold of De Pere, Wisconsin.

Happy 12th birthday Courtney Henderson

Happy birthday to Courtney Henderson who turned 12 years old on November 7.

“Older, bigger, smarter ... but always a toot to us!” Love you, Gramps and Gaga.



Kyron is turning four

Proud parents Robert Linn and Heather Schutt would like to wish a happy birthday to Kyron Robert Schutt Linn who will turn four years old on December 24. Kyron attends school at the Choctaw Nation Head Start in Antlers, Oklahoma.

We love you, son, and happy birthday!

Happy birthday, Anna

We would like to wish Anna Smith of McAlester, Oklahoma a happy birthday. She was born December 20, 1921 to the late Adam and Winnie Gibson. Anna was raised up on a farm in the Haywood-Arpelar area.

Anna enjoys visiting with family and friends at the Choctaw Center in McAlester each Wednesday for the weekly dinner.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church in McAlester.

Happy birthday from all of your families from McAlester, Blue and Haywood, Oklahoma and Watsonville, California.



Daniel's parents are David and Norma Williams Howard. His grandparents are the late James and Edith Morris Williams.

Happy birthday

We would like to wish Daniel a happy birthday. Daniel turned 22 years old. He lives in Stigler, Oklahoma and is attending University of Science of Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha, Oklahoma on a baseball scholarship. He also plays the flute and paints watercolors. Daniel recently played in the World Series Stickball in the Championship on the reservation in Mississippi. He played with Beaver Dam against the Warriors.



Cainen Littrell is soon to be six

Cainen Lee Littrell will be having his sixth birthday on December 30th. Cainen attends Kindergarten at Caney School in Caney, Oklahoma.

Wishing him a great birthday are his father, Eric Littrell; mother and step-father, Stephanie and Kenneth Taylor; his grandparents, Randall and Brenda Wilson and Eddie and Donna Halbrook; great-grandparents, Jimmy Avants, Woodrow Wilson and Evelyn Wilson; sister, Marie, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Choctaw begins work on doctorate

Daniel E. Williams, a 2000 graduate of East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma received a Master's Degree in Administration. He passed tests as principal and in social studies, world and U.S. history, special education, alternative education and is certified as a coach. He is presently employed at Crown Point High School in Crown Point, New Mexico teaching students of Navajo, Luni, Ute and other tribes. Daniel, a Choctaw, was a social worker for Oklahoma for 20 years and is a certified alcohol and drug counselor. He will begin work on his doctorate this summer at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.



Happy 26th, Eric

Eric E. Littrell celebrated his 26th birthday on December 6.

Wishing Eric all the best and sending their love are his mother and father, Brenda and Randall Wilson, and his grandparents.

Eric's son, Cainen, also wants to wish him a happy birthday and sends hugs and kisses.

We all love you.



Herman turns three

Herman Meashintubby, Jr. turned three years old on November 10. He is the son of Herman Meashintubby and Crystal Perceful of Fort Smith, Arkansas. He is the grandson of Evangeline Meashintubby and Eldene Sim of Atoka, Oklahoma. Herman, Jr. would like to wish his cousin, Rhonda Meashintubby, a happy birthday on November 10.

The family wishes them a happy birthday.



Look who's nine!

Stephen William Cully turned nine years old on December 18. He is a third-grader at Homer Elementary School in Ada, Oklahoma.

Stephen's parents are Mike and Wilberta Cully. He has a big brother, Chris Cully. Grandparents are William and Zella Gaines of Ada and the late Betty Cully of Ada. He's also the great-grandson of the late Abbie Smith of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

He loves to play sports and enjoys outdoor activities.

All of his family in Ada wants to wish him a very happy ninth birthday!

Happy birthday to great-grandpa James

Sisters Winter and Inola and their cousin, Carissa, would like to wish great-grandpa Ray James of Poteau a happy birthday on November 27!

Winter and Inola Lowery will celebrate their birthdays in November also. Winter turned two on November 16 and Inola turned one on November 21. Their parents are Leena Lowery of Bokoshe and Jason Lowery of Cameron. Grandparents are Roy and Regina Johnson of Bokoshe and Marilyn Lowery of Cameron and Jimmy Lowery of Missouri. Great-grandparents are Ray and Geraldine James of Poteau and Roy Johnson of Poteau.

Carissa Ford turned one year old on September 19 and celebrated her birthday September 19 at Bill J. Barber Park in Poteau which was attended by friends and family. Her parents are Chris and Carmen Ford of Bokoshe. Grandparents are Roy and Regina Johnson of Bokoshe and Michael and Stacy Proffitt of Heavener. Great-grandparents are Roy and Geraldine James of Poteau and Ray Johnson of Poteau.



Nicholas Byington



Alyshia Byington



Houston Byington

Byington clan has birthdays

The family would like to wish their loved ones a belated happy birthday – Houston Byington, father of Alyshia and Ryan Byington and uncle to Nicholas Byington. Love, Byington, Brokeshoulder and Chavez family.

Happy 14th!

Israel V. Perez, Jr. celebrated his 14th birthday on December 7, 2001. Israel lives in Antlers, Oklahoma and enjoys fishing, hunting and roller blading.

Wishing him a happy birthday are his mom, Jenice Beaver; sisters, Teyada, Tiarra and Roxanne, and his two nieces, Desiré and Destiny Cortez. We love you!



Happy birthday from Chipper and family



Birthday wishes go out to Darrin Wayne Jones of Talihina, Oklahoma who turns 34 on December 20 and his sister, Delores Jones of Farris, Oklahoma, who turned 33 years old on December 13.



They are the children of Joyce Jones of Talihina and the late Wilburn Jones of Moyers, Oklahoma.



Wayment, Nunes united in marriage

Timothy Ryan Wayment and Kimberly Marie Nunes were united in marriage on July 28, 2001, in San Luis Obispo. The couple were married in the chapel at “Camp San Luis” in San Luis Obispo, California. Immediately following were a reception and dinner at the Officers Club.

The groom's grandfather, Douglas Brown, formerly of Poteau, Oklahoma, was stationed at Camp San Luis during World War II when he met and married his wife, Violet.

Kimberly is the daughter of Albert and Beverly Nunes of Morro Bay, California. She graduated from Morro Bay High School and Cuesta Junior College. She is currently attending Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo. Majoring in education, she plans to teach elementary school.

Timothy is the son of John and Diana Wayment of Atascadero, California, the grandson of the Rev. Douglas and Violet Brown of Atascadero, and the great-grandson of the late Rev. Eddie and Jewell Brown of Poteau. Timothy graduated from Atascadero High School and attended Cuesta Junior College in San Luis Obispo. He is currently employed by French Camp Vineyards in Shannong, California. The newlyweds have made Atascadero their home.





Santa stopped in McAlester and found a little helper – Reanna Allen.



Amber Hamby got to sit in Santa's lap in Durant during Councilman Ted Dosh's District 9 Children's Christmas party.

Happy birthday, Daddy!



Marland Ashalintubbi of Eagletown, Oklahoma will have his 73rd birthday on December 28. Marland and his wife, Sue, celebrated their 40th anniversary on October 10.

Their daughter, Minnie Lockard of Clarksville, Arkansas, had her birthday on October 28. Minnie's daughter, Raelynn, turned 19 years old on December 9.

Happy birthday to all!
We love you Daddy and Grandpa – Minnie, Pauline, Raelynn, Jamie and Lacy

Clevelands celebrate 70th anniversary

Claude and Mildred Cleveland of Bennington, Oklahoma are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. Buster and Mildred were married on December 23, 1931 in Oklahoma. Their family includes five children, 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Their family would like to wish them a delightful and wonderful anniversary! May we all be so lucky!



The couple met in 1937 and married in 1941 in Poteau, Oklahoma. They have two sons, Lawrence Wayne of Sapulpa and Donald Edward of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Grandchildren are Kimberly of Sapulpa, Tom of Broken Arrow, Jason of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Larry of Topeka, Kansas and Donnie and DeAnna of Laytonville, California. T.D. retired from American Airlines after 32 years of service. Nora Mae is a homemaker.

BISHINIK deadline is first of each month

The deadline for receiving articles submitted to the BISHINIK is the first of the month for that month's newspaper. Please mail articles to BISHINIK, P.O. Drawer 1210, Durant, OK 74702; fax to 580-924-4148 or e-mail to bishinik@choctawnation.com.

How much should your child eat each day?

Care for and nurture the child entrusted to you ...

WIC WOMEN, INFANT & CHILDREN

DAILY FOOD SERVINGS FOR A ONE-YEAR-OLD

Dairy foods – 4 servings
Protein foods – 2 servings
Vegetables – 3 servings
Fruit – 2 servings
Grain foods – 6 servings

A serving of food is one tablespoon for a one-year-old. A serving of milk is 1/2 cup. Whole milk should be given until age two. A grain food serving would be 1/2 slice bread, 1/4 cup cereal, rice or pasta, or 1-2 cracker squares.

DAILY FOOD SERVINGS FOR A TWO-YEAR-OLD

Dairy foods – 4 servings
Protein foods – 2 servings
Vegetables – 3 servings
Fruit – 2 servings
Grain foods – 6 servings

A serving of food for a two-year-old is 2 tablespoons. A serving of milk is 1/2 cup. A grain food serving is 1/2 slice bread, 1/3 cup cereal, rice or pasta, or 2 cracker squares.

DAILY FOOD SERVINGS FOR A THREE-YEAR-OLD

Dairy foods – 4 servings
Protein foods – 2 servings
Vegetables – 3 servings
Fruit – 2 servings
Grain foods – 6 servings

A serving of food for a three-year-old is 3 tablespoons. A serving of milk is 1/2 cup. A grain food serving is 3/4 slice bread, 1/3 cup cereal, rice or pasta, or 2 cracker squares.

DAILY FOOD SERVINGS FOR A FOUR-YEAR-OLD

Dairy foods – 4 servings
Protein foods – 2 servings
Vegetables – 3 servings
Fruit – 2 servings
Grain foods – 6 servings

A serving of food for a four-year-old is 4 tablespoons or 1/4 cup. A serving of milk is 1/2 cup. A grain food serving is 3/4 slice bread, 1/3 cup cereal, rice or pasta, or 2-3 cracker squares.



Laney Beth Sparks

We would like to announce the birth of Laney Beth Sparks. Laney was born on June 19, 2001. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Laney is the daughter of Shane and Kendra Sparks of Allen, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Gary and Pam Sparks of Buffalo Valley, Oklahoma and Ed and Judy Castillo Smith of Allen. Great-grandparents are Bonnie Sparks of Buffalo Valley, Walter and Eva Shores of Ashland and Kenneth and Betty Mitchell of Allen.

Laney was hospitalized when she was six days old with viral pneumonia. She remained in the hospital for eight weeks and was placed on a ventilator for six which caused breathing problems. She then had surgery to widen her airway. Laney returned home for about a month then was hospitalized for one week for more breathing problems. Finally she had an operation to prevent her from having acid reflux which causes breathing problems. She is currently home and doing well.

The family could not have made it through these tough times without the support of family, friends and the Choctaw Nation.

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and support they have given our family. – The Sparks

Terish Sarah Helen Anna

Joshua and Blake Anna of Broken Bow, Oklahoma would like to announce the birth of their new baby sister, Terish Sarah Helen Anna. She was born at 5:33 p.m. on July 24, 2001 at DeQueen Regional Medical Center in DeQueen, Arkansas. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches. Proud parents are Jason and Amy Anna of Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Proud grandparents are Les Williston of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and Lisa Roberts, Benny and Resa Alderete and Lawrence Obo, all of Broken Bow. Proud great-grandparents are David and Helen Impson of Wright City, Oklahoma.

At two months old, Terish entered the Sunburst Beauty Pageant, placing second runner-up and winning the "Prettiest Hair" segment of the pageant. She will now compete at the state finals to be held in May at Springdale, Arkansas. Terish would like to thank all the people who helped sponsor her – her parents, grandparents and uncles.

Joshua and Terish would also like to wish their brother, Jason, a happy second birthday on December 29.

Ethan Wyatt Gipson

Ethan Wyatt Gipson was born at 5:32 a.m. October 3, 2001 in Tulsa's St. Francis Hospital. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. Parents are Lance Allen Gipson and Carli Ann Averill of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He is the grandson of Ben and Judy Gipson of Skiatook, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Averill of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Ethan is the great-grandson of the late Robert and Luncinda Gipson of Broken Bow.

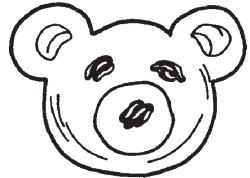
Lakota Ray Vanriette

Shania Ann Jim of Atoka, Oklahoma would like to announce the birth of her baby brother, Lakota Ray Vanriette. He was born at 10:38 p.m. on October 20, 2001 at Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Darrell Vanriette of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and Beverly Jim of Atoka, Oklahoma. His grandparents are Eldene Jim and Evangeline Meashintubby of Atoka and Robert and Louise Vanriette of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are the late Emmitt Jim, Susan Jim of Atoka, the late Norman and Reba Meashintubby, Dorothy Melton of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and the late Benjamin Melton.

Merry "Bear-y" Biscuits

1 can Hungry Jack Biscuits, 10 count
18 raisins
6 maraschino cherries
Honey



Separate biscuits. Cut 3 biscuits into 1/8's. Leave 6 whole. For each bear biscuit, round 3 of the small dough pieces for the ears and nose. Firmly press onto face. Press in raisin eyes and nose. Add 1/2 maraschino cherry to each ear. Bake on a cookie sheet for 8 to 10 minutes at 400 degrees until golden brown. Enjoy with honey!!!

– Parents: Supervise your child in the kitchen. Use plastic knives.

EDUCATION LESSON

* Have your child count out the raisins and cherries.

* With **plastic knife**, have your child cut the 3 biscuits.

* Discuss the kind and color of bears that you can find in the world.

* Discuss where bears live and what they eat. This would be a good geography lesson.

STORIES ABOUT BEARS

"Ask Mr. Bear" by Marjarie Flack

"Big Bad Bruce" by Bill Peet

"The Biggest Bear" by Lynd Ward

"Winnie The Pooh" by A.A. Mine

Skyler Mackenzie Pyle

Proud parents Eric and Jennifer Pyle would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Skyler Mackenzie Pyle.

Skyler was born July 18, 2001 at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Tahlequah. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Skyler's grandparents are Greg and Patti Pyle and Mike and Melissa Earnheart.



Mahala Danielle Battiest

Mahala Danielle Battiest was born August 17, 2001 at Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Mahala weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Rachel and Scott Battiest of Wright City, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Virginia and Melvin McCleskey and Ryman and Darla Battiest, all of Wright City, Oklahoma.



Ryan Jacob Thorne

Mike and Kristy Thorne of Tucson, Arizona would like to announce the birth of their son, Ryan Jacob. He was born on August 28, 2001 in Tucson, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measuring 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Crauthers of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. William Thorne, Jr. of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vermeulen of Tucson. Great-grandmothers are Virginia Rusk of Tucson and the late Ella Murphy of Idabel, Oklahoma with whom he shares the same birthday.



Stefano Christopher Stewart

Steven A. Stewart celebrated his 19th birthday on September 8, 2001 in Cuba, New Mexico and would like to announce the birth of his son, Stefano Christopher Stewart. Stefano was born September 8, 2001 in Gallup, New Mexico to proud parents Steven and Christina. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Steven is the son of Gloria Bond of Broken Bow, Oklahoma and the late Steven Stewart, Jr. He is the grandson of Barrentine and Nancy Tushka of Oakhill, Oklahoma and the late Steven, Sr. and Eunice Stewart. Steven and his new family reside in Broken Bow.



Jeremy Jim II

Jeremy Jim II was born at 11:48 a.m. October 10, 2001 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, weighing 5 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 18 inches long. Proud parents are Jeremy Jim and Judy Rogers of Fort Smith. Proud grandparents are Evangeline Meashintubby and Eldene Jim and Bobby and Nancy Rogers of Booneville, Arkansas. Great-grandparents are Susan Jim of Atoka, Oklahoma, the late Emmitt Jim, and the late Norman and Reba Meashintubby. His great-great-grandmother is Addie Lewis.

Everyone would like to wish Jeremy Jim a happy birthday on October 15.

Amanda Sue Billings

Amanda Sue Billings was born October 19, 2001 in Oklahoma City, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces. Grandma Wanda Billings and dad Douglas E. Billings are very proud. Mother Amy Gray is a descendant of original enrollee Maisie Tubbee Sewell.



Poteau



Former Councilperson Lois Burton, Lois Pugh and District 4 Councilman Delton Cox are among the many who celebrated Thanksgiving with good food and fellowship at Poteau.



Wanda Stewart of Spiro and Imogene Welch and Eleanor “Tookie” White, both of Reichert.



The Poteau potluck luncheon was truly a feast.



The Broken Bow seniors sang several gospel songs in Choctaw for those in attendance at the Thanksgiving luncheon.

Broken Bow



Broken Bow area Choctaws.



Sylvester Moore and Bea Lawrence enjoy the Poteau Thanksgiving lunch.

Tiffany Shomo, District 2 Jr. Miss, receives help performing the Lord’s Prayer in sign language during the Thanksgiving dinner at Broken Bow.



Wilburton



McKinley Taylor, Jr.



About to enjoy the delicious meal are Carolyn Underwood, Marvin Guinn, Kathleen Hubbard, Jimmy Work and Vernon Underwood.



District 6 Councilman Randle Durant greets everyone attending the Thanksgiving dinner at Wilburton.



Wilma Booth and Alice Alford of Red Oak.



Mary Coley and Loyce Bell are pictured with Chief Gregory E. Pyle at the Wilburton festivities.



Hilda Hilburn, Sandra Dill, Mozella Jefferson, Shirley Calvin, Ruth Morgan and Raymond Morgan participate in the fellowship at Wilburton.

Talihina



Chief Pyle greets people at the Talihina Thanksgiving dinner.



Clio Hatcher and Marie Ganote



Sheila Graeber, Barbara Kernutt, Ruth James, Bob Graeber, Edgar Kernutt and Dorothy Milton enjoy getting together at Talihina.



Dinner is served to everyone at Talihina.



Cynthia Nelson, Lena Holcomb, Ethel Talent, Linnie Brown and Anna Smallwood.



Maxine Combs Leatherwood of Terrel, pictured here with Chief Pyle, was among the huge crowd to attend the Dallas meeting.



Lewis Hampton of Dallas tries to attend all of the Choctaw Nation meetings in his area. He is pictured here with Chief Pyle.



Tami Mayfield, her dog, Tess, and sister, Pam Dunavin, are pictured being welcomed to the Dallas meeting by Chief Pyle.



David Hampton of Ft. Worth is pictured here with Assistant Chief Mike Bailey.



Sham Ludlow enjoyed a chance to visit with Chief Gregory E. Pyle in Dallas. They are pictured with Sham's daughters, Dale Sims and Patty Anthony. The ladies grew up in Honobia and now live in Farmers Branch.



Chief Pyle and Assistant Chief Bailey are pictured here with Anna Iker, Delois Vachnak and Debra Vechnak.

Durant



Five-day-old Taylor Yeager accompanies mom, Jamie Yeager, to the Durant dinner. Taylor's dad is Jonathan Yeager. Grandparents are John and Georgia Yeager and James and Wilma Gregg. He has two brothers, Ethan and Bailey.

Bryan County
Choctaws
enjoy dinner



Leoma Clayburn and Jean and Allen Latham



Mary Blake and J.S. Jeffers were on hand for the



Raymond and Sarah Dill

OBITUARIES

Robert Juneur Ross



Robert Juneur Ross, a native of Atoka, Oklahoma, passed away January 17, 2001 after a long illness in his home in Eureka, California. He was born September 16, 1919 in Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Robert and Rosalie Vail were married July 12, 1946 and are the parents of two children, Robert Jay Ross and Rosemary Dell Nichols. Robert was hard working, loving, kind and optimistic. A wonderful husband and father, he will be missed forever.

He was a talented cartoonist and wood carver. He enlisted in the U.S. Army August 22, 1939, serving with the 339th Infantry Regiment during World War II. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for combat service in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Robert was a member of Ukiah V.F.W. Post 1900 and Willits American Legion Post 174. He retired from Harwood Products Willits in 1984 after 38 years in the timber industry.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Lessie May Creamer Ross and Robert Franklin Ross; his brothers, Clyde "Buster" Butler and Eugene Vernon Ross, and his sister, Lucille Shepherd.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalie Vail Ross of Eureka; son, Robert Jay Ross and wife, Mary K., of Eureka; daughter, Rosemary Dell Nichols and husband, Wayne, of Chaplin, Connecticut; grandchildren, Jessica Elizabeth Ross of San Diego, Jeremiah Vail Ross of Eugene, Oregon, Travis Robert Nichols, Matthew Edward Nichols, and Emily Rosanna Nichols of Chaplin, California; brother, Bill Ross and wife, Betty, of Fortuna, California, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jewell Vernon Long



Jewell Vernon Long, 97, passed away November 2, 2001 in Florida. Jewell was born February 11, 1904 in Bokoshe, Indian Territory. He was an original enrollee, born to Choctaw mother Flaurah Ward Long and father William I. Long. Jewell was the second of five children.

He received his education in Poteau Public Schools and Draughon's Business College in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Jewell's first wife was Anna Laura Moore. They were parents of sons Don and William and daughter Latrelle. Anna, Don and William preceded him in death. Mr. Long's second wife, Jewel Bramlett Jones Long, also preceded him in death. Both had attended Poteau school together as teenagers.

During the depression years, Jewell left his allotment in Oklahoma and moved to Florida. He began his lifelong dream of becoming a minister. Later he was ordained a Baptist minister after studying in a New Orleans seminary. The rest of his life was spent preaching the gospel. He was very happy as a true Christian and was also very proud to be a Choctaw. He loved Oklahoma and visited whenever he could.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine; children, Latrelle and Chuck Holley of Mascotte, Florida; a sister, Verlon Long Cimino of Cumming, Georgia, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and many good friends. He will be sadly missed by all.

Thelma Charline Usher Welborn

Thelma Charline Usher Welborn passed away April 8, 2001. She was born to Iuadell Vail and Charles Usher on April 9, 1930. She was a native of Atoka, Oklahoma where she attended school and lived until she was grown.

Charline and Charles Welborn were married. They are the parents of five children.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her firstborn son, an infant, William Charles, and her parents.

Survivors include children, Charla Jean Mason, Rosanna Scarberry and her husband, Roger Dale Welborn and his wife, and Dennis Charles Welborn; brother, John Wayne Richardson; sister, Betty Lou Glover and her husband; sister-in-law, Shirley Richardson; aunts, Mary Frances Kuykendall and Rosalie Vail Ross, and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren, all of whom loved her very much.

Tony Gregory

Tony Pat Gregory, 58, passed away Friday, November 9, 2001 at the family home in Heavener, Oklahoma. He was born in his grandparents' home in Stapp, Oklahoma.

Tony will be remembered as a standout football player, first at Ramsey High School in Fort Smith, Arkansas and later as an All-Conference Halfback with the Heavener Wolves. After graduation from Heavener and two years at Eastern Oklahoma State University in Wilburton, Tony enlisted in the Marine Corps National Guard and experienced his boot camp at Twenty-Nine Palms, California.

Tony followed his dad's vocation and made his living as a mason, specializing in rock work and fireplaces. He was an avid hunter and naturalist and spent 20 years stomping the grounds around Cripple Creek, Colorado. Tony was a member of the Choctaw Nation, a member of the Elks Lodge in Cripple Creek, a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Heavener and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose in Newburyport, Massachusetts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pat and Oynotis Gregory, and younger brother, Steve, of Heavener.

Survivors include his son, Guy Gregory of Oklahoma City; three brothers, Dana, John and Jim Gregory, all of Heavener; two cousins whom he considered his fifth and sixth brothers, Jerry Gregory of Pocola, Oklahoma and Joe Gregory of Heavener; two aunts whom he considered his only sisters, Ann Kirksey of Heavener and Marilyn Pledger of Poteau, Oklahoma.

Carol Ann Baughan

Carol Ann Baughan of Warner Robins, Georgia, a former Peach Blossom Queen of the State of Georgia, passed away September 27, 2001. She was born October 22, 1961.

Survivors include Stevie Baughan; father, Ret. Air Force Major Horace Lewis Baughan; mother, Nita LeFlore Baughan of Panmale City, Florida; sisters, Betty Ann Wagner and Sallie Ann Richardson, both of Warner Robins; two uncles, Herman Kirt LeFlore of Fresno, California and Charles A. Spencer of Gold Hill, Oregon; three aunts, Willie Mack Floyd of Fresno, California, Susie Morgan of Houston, Texas and Virginia Lou Armstrong of Oklahoma City.

Carol Ann is the granddaughter of the late Matt Harris LeFlore and the late Destie Boren LeFlore Spencer.

Alma Elleene Burke Mason

Alma Elleene Burke Mason, 69, of McAlester, Oklahoma passed away November 24, 2001 at McAlester Regional Health Center. She was born on February 1, 1932 in Maud, Oklahoma to Lawrence Dale and Verna Adelia Shoemaker Burke.

Alma graduated from Crowder High School. She married Jack H. Mason on October 7, 1950 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. They made their home in Escondido, California for eight years while they owned and operated Mason Landscaping. They moved to Pittsburg County, Oklahoma in 1961.

Alma was a genealogical researcher for the past 30 years and a member of the Pittsburg County Genealogical Society. She was a school board member of the Jones Academy, secretary of the National Indian School Board Association and secretary for Choctaw Nation Election Board. She was a longtime member of the Blocker Baptist Church and held many offices there. Alma enjoyed hunting and fishing and she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Verna Shoemaker Burke, and a brother, Freddie Burke.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Mason of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Jack Dale and Kathy Mason of McAlester; grandchildren, Michelle Wood and A.J. Mason, both of McAlester, and Brian Mason of Stillwater, Oklahoma; great-grandchildren, Levi and Timber Jo Wood of McAlester; brothers and sisters-in-law, Leon and Flo Burke of Hartshorne, Oklahoma and Vernon and Oleta Burke of Krebs, Oklahoma; sister, Clariece Chapman of McAlester, and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Wilbor Owens Wilson

Dr. Wilbor Owens Wilson passed away September 26, 2001. Dr. Wilson was born in Fort Towson, Oklahoma, December 1, 1910 to original enrollees Edward H. and Emma Everidge Wilson. He was the youngest of six sons and three daughters.

His grandparents, as well as his parents, were strong believers in Choctaws getting a good education. His maternal grandfather, Joseph W. Everidge, was the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Choctaw Nation. Wilbor's father, Edward H. Wilson, was one of the four Wilson brothers who served on the Choctaw National Commission for Education in the early 1890's. Edward was the Superintendent of Wheelock Academy in McCurtain County from 1894 to 1898. He was the last elected Secretary of the Choctaw Nation before Oklahoma's Statehood, at which time the Tribal government was abolished.

Dr. Wilson was raised on the family livestock ranch by parents of Choctaw and Chickasaw descent. His interest in raising poultry developed in childhood, when he was responsible for tending to the chickens on the ranch. He participated in Choctaw County 4-H clubs and tended a flock of Golden Laced Wyandottes. He attended Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Poultry Husbandry. He later earned a Master's degree from Kansas State University and a Ph.D. from Iowa State University.

Dr. Wilson worked at a General Mills research farm from 1935-1937, and was an assistant professor at South Dakota State College in Brookings, from 1937-1944. While in Brookings, he met his lovely wife of 50 years, Thelma Adeline Torguson. They married in August 1938. The family moved to Ames, Iowa, where he served as a research associate at Iowa State from 1944-1946. In 1946, he accepted the offer of an assistant professor position in Poultry Husbandry at UC Davis.

As a professor at UC Davis, Dr. Wilson was enjoyed and appreciated as a colleague among the leading experts in their field. He was an outstanding mentor to graduate students from around the world. Dr. Wilson made many significant scientific contributions including his introduction of Japanese quail as laboratory research subjects, work on controlled environmental housing for poultry, and research concerning photo-periodism and biological rhythms affecting poultry and coturnix. He published more than 190 articles, including a cover article for Scientific American magazine. The extent of his knowledge, his sense of humor and the diversity of his interests made him a great teacher and companion.

Year long sabbaticals included working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Maryland in 1954. At the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness at Washington State University in Pullman, his 1960 research was on the hypothalamic neurosecretory system of the Coturnix Japonica. In 1970, he accomplished further research at the University of Hawaii Department of Animal Husbandry in Hilo. His research led him around the world; including Brazil, England, Thailand, Egypt and Japan. Traveling became one of his favorite pastimes. In his later years he made trips to Mississippi and Oklahoma visiting places of family history and conducting genealogical research.

Always interested in education and his Choctaw heritage, Dr. Wilson taught a course on the Five Civilized Tribes, specializing in the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes, for the UC Davis Native American Studies Department. Family genealogy became a major activity after retirement and he busied himself researching and sharing information about family history, ancestors and growing up in Oklahoma.

Dr. Wilson served as chairman of the Avian Sciences department from 1965 to 1969. He was elected president of the Poultry Science Association in 1969, an organization of which he was a member and a Fellow. He was a member and Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science as well as belonging to several other professional and academic societies. Membership in honorary societies included Alpha Zeta, Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi. Dr. Wilson belong to Alpha Gamma Rho's Pi chapter. In recent years he served as president of the Davis branch of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), enjoying outings to horse racing and other events as well as being of service to others in the community. He was an active member of the congregation in Our Faith Lutheran Church, a devout Christian and dear friend to people of other religions and beliefs. At his 90th birthday celebration, the Mayor of Davis, California proclaimed the day Wilbor O. Wilson Day in his honor.

He is survived by his daughters, Roberta Wilson-Shakya and husband Hera of Davis, and Rosemary Trouette of Visalia; his sons Ben Wilson and ex-wife Pam of Renton, Wash., and John Wilson and wife Shou Ting Wilson of Davis. He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma Torguson Wilson, in 1988.

Professor Wilson delighted in his grandchildren: John's children Karen Wilson and Marcie Kim, Rosemary's children Gary Allen, Douglas Owens, and Amy Michelle; Ben's children Zoë Elizabeth and Evan Adam; and Roberta's children Anastasia Joy and Anjali Wilson; as well as his great grandchildren: Amy's son Paul and daughter Emily and Karen's son Tyler. He looked forward to the birth of Karen's daughter Ellie Nicole, born October 19, 2001.

Dr. Wilson was a warm and supportive husband and father, an irreplaceable friend and a good neighbor. A quiet man of well-chosen words, he worked hard his entire life. He will be remembered for his kindness, his lifelong contributions to education and research and for how much he cared for and was loved by his family.

Dorothy N. "Dot" Wallace

Dorothy N. "Dot" Wallace, 95, of Longview, Texas passed away Thursday, July 19, 2001. She was born January 21, 1906 in Paoli, Oklahoma to James Lee and Anna Mae Horn Pebsworth.

She had been a resident of Longview for more than 60 years. A homemaker, she enjoyed gardening and traveling. Mrs. Wallace was a member of the Woodland Hills Baptist Church. She married Carl Wallace on August 20, 1932, in Shreveport. He preceded her in death December 13, 1981.

Survivors include two daughters, Caryl Pinson and her husband, Joe, of Longview and Anna Hennessy of San Diego, California; a brother, Cecil Pebsworth of California; two sisters, Wana Paulsen of Cottonwood, California and Oda Potts of McAlester, Oklahoma, and two granddaughters, Eve Pinson of Longview and Erin Hennessy of Phoenix, Arizona.

Gilbert Jones

Gilbert Jones passed away at his home on July 3, 2001. He was born May 14, 1947 to Louis and Mattie Jones in Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

A loyal member of Myrtlewood Baptist Church, he was often heard proclaiming his love for the Lord and his church. Gilbert served as Sunday school superintendent for four years as well as Choctaw/Chickasaw Association Brotherhood president for one year.

Gilbert served as a deputy sheriff under the late Paul Stuart. He was a truck driver for Jimmie Tucker Trucking for ten years before his illness forced him to retire from a job he truly enjoyed.

His father, mother and a sister, Mae Jackson, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Minnie of Broken Bow; two daughters and sons-in-law, Aurita and Cary Peters and Tracy and Robbie Tisho, all of Broken Bow; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Danny and Edith Jones, Gary Jones and Joseph Jones, all of Broken Bow; ten grandsons, Ryan, Bryan, Alexander, Cody, Joey, Kyle, Danny Jr., Derek, Dylan and Dusty; one granddaughter, Zoe; two sisters, one brother-in-law, Mary Lewis of Broken Bow and Josephine and Amos Noon of Denver, Colorado, and a brother and sister-in-law, Austin and Bessie Jones of Geary, Oklahoma.

Jason Ray Greenwood

Jason Ray Greenwood passed away November 29, 2001. He was born April 6, 1973 in French Camp, California.

Survivors include a daughter, Jessica White; parents, Justin and Carol Greenwood; brother, Dennis Greenwood and his wife, Regina; sisters, Mildred Ellen Wright and her husband, Michael; Fonda Marie Wall and her husband, Carl; grandparents, Walter and Barbara Thompson, M.T. Greenwood, and many uncles, aunts, and other loving family.

Luther D. Noah

Luther D. Noah, 75, passed away October 30, 2001 at St. John's Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born August 1, 1926 to Alfred and Hatter Noah of Albion, Oklahoma.

Luther served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II. After retiring home, he met and married Blanch Shankerberger. They made their home in Tulsa and raised three fine children, Becky of Seattle, Washington, Judy Roach and Luther, Jr., both of Tulsa; three grandchildren and a sister, Elizabeth Noah and William "Ken" Noah of Tulsa.

Harold McDuff Tennent

Harold McDuff Tennent, 86, of Springfield, Oregon passed away August 6, 2001. He was born October 9, 1914 to Robert and Kate (Hammond) Tennent. He married Irene Wilson on December 21, 1939 in McAlester, Oklahoma.

Harold first worked in local wheat fields, then for Southern Pacific Railroad Co. repairing track. He also worked in the mills, working for Eugene Stud and Veneer as a planerman for 25 years before retiring in 1980.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening, reading paperback Western novels and the Bible, watching University of Oregon Duck football and basketball, and church activities.

He was a member of Eugene Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Tennent of Springfield; three sons, Ray Tennent of Fresno, California, Richard Tennent of Salem, Oregon and Tom Tennent of Eugene; two daughters, Sue Scales and Kyle Reed, both of Springfield; two brothers, Jack Tennent of Springfield and John Tennent of Bend, Oregon; three sisters, Mary Sholl, Wynena Hayes and Virginia Cooper, all of Springfield; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Emmanuel Joseph McKenzie

Emmanuel Joseph McKenzie, 18, of Alderson, Oklahoma passed away on Sunday, October 21, 2001 at St. Francis Hospital. He was born June 2, 1983 in McAlester, Oklahoma, the son of Alonzo B. McKenzie, Jr. and Belinda C. McKenzie of Alderson.

He attended Hartshorne and McAlester Public Schools and graduated with the McAlester class of 2001. He later attended Eastern Oklahoma State College where he majored in business.

Survivors include his sister and brother-in-law, Charlotte A. and David Holly; brothers, Alonzo B. McKenzie III and Jacob A. McKenzie; niece, Nina L. Holly; half-sister, Patricia Hunter; step-mother, O'Kelley McKenzie; stepbrothers, Darrell Jackson and Rusty Jackson, and stepsisters, Dusty Calvin and Robin Burke.

New Year's Eve Gospel Singing

6 p.m. December 31, 2001

Bob Myers Church

E-St. North St., Antlers, Oklahoma

Henry James, Emcee

The public is welcome