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## Fifth-graders targeted for diabetes education

Native Americans show a greater incidence of certain diseases and conditions than the general population. These conditions, such as diabetes, tuberculosis, and substance abuse are catastrophic to some families. The Choctaw Nation wants tribal members to beat these statistics and is aggressively seeking ways to decrease the incidence and complications of diabetes by implementing exercise programs, nutrition education and promoting awareness of the chronic disease.

One program enlisted by the Choctaw Nation targets fifth-grade students in schools throughout the tribe's 10 1/2 county service area in southeastern Oklahoma.

A team from the Choctaw Nation Diabetes Wellness Center visits the targeted schools, screening and educating the fifth-graders about good health and diabetes prevention.

The students go through four stages of the educational program. They answer a wellness questionnaire about how much exercise they get, how many

servings of fruit and vegetables they eat, how much water they drink and how often they eat candy, chips and fast-food restaurant foods.

Then they have in-class education with a team of four holding and posing questions and answers about the cause of diabetes and what your body needs to prevent it.

Exercise comes next, and is a fun time with each class forming a ring around a big parachute along with an exercise leader. They flap it in unison and flip balls and animal dolls in the air.

The children then get to interact with the Salad Sisters, with lively music and partners colorfully dressed as a banana, broccoli, orange and tomato.

The Salad Sisters are also known as Nancy Clark, Bernice Williams, Annette Choate and Lee Ann Roberts with dietician Erin Adams. Matt Adams coordinates the exercise and Steve Young, RN, gives the children finger-stick blood glucose screening with a signed consent from parents.

The test results indicate if fur-



ther testing is needed at a lab.

The children are taught the importance of exercising, drinking plenty of water and having five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

The Choctaw Nation also presents programs in tribal Head Start centers and is involved in a

new Diabetes Detection Initiative, a nationwide program to screen people 18 and over for diabetes. The program will reach all sectors of the population, but Choctaws have joined the initiative because of their emphasis on diabetes prevention.

The screenings will detect

problems with diabetes people may not be aware of. Statistics show that one third of the people who have diabetes don't know they have it. Type I diabetes is where the body fails to produce any insulin. Type II is where the insulin the body does produce is unable to adequately trigger the

conversion of food into energy. The majority of adults with diabetes have Type II. The occurrence of Type II in children is rising at an alarming rate.

— Story compiled from information obtained from Choctaw Nation Health Services and Bob West of the *McCurrian Gazette*.

### Cutting edge CT scanner



A recently installed Siemens Emotion 6 multi-slice CT scanner has brought the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center to the forefront of technology, allowing multiple exams to be performed in a single visit with most exams taking less than one minute to be performed. Future software installation will allow for virtual colonoscopy and many other non-invasive procedures. This advancement keeps with the Choctaw Nation's mission of providing high quality, cost effective and coordinated health services with a focus on primary patient care.



A new Recovery Center, similar to the architect's rendering above, is to be built on the campus of the old Choctaw Nation hospital. The facility will accommodate 30 patients.

### Recovery Center receives grant

The Choctaw Nation Recovery Center, through a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, has instituted a new system that is designed to reduce crime associated with abuse of alcohol and controlled substances that are involving Native American people.

A new computerized system is being implemented currently at Durant Tribal Complex and the Antlers, Clayton, and Wilburton Police Departments. This will allow Native Americans who have been arrested to be given the opportunity to be referred to the Choctaw Nation Recovery Center for assessment and treatment.

Doing this provides a way for the Recovery

Center to take some of the burden off of the local court systems for these Native American offenders.

This computer system is necessary because discussions between tribal and local law enforcement agencies revealed that there were serious gaps in the reporting of substance abuse crimes involving Native American Indians between the two agencies.

The purpose of this new system is not to arrest all Native American offenders of substance abuse, but rather identify and provide treatment to Native Americans in an effort to avoid future offenses.

## SAMHSA site team visits CARES

Program awarded cooperative service agreement



Front from left: Renee Baughman, Shannon Crossbear, Marty Hydaker, Pam Jumper Thurman; middle: Stephanie Francis, Kathryn Pitchford, Barbara Plested, Jill Erickson; and back: Jack Austin Jr., Al Hiat, Allen Nelson. Participating but not pictured: Gary Batton, Executive Director Choctaw Nation Health Services, and Joe Stratton, Director Behavioral Health Services.

The Choctaw Nation CARES Project in Talihina, Oklahoma, was recently visited by SAMHSA, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The site visit team consisted of Project Officer Jill Erickson, Site Visit Coordinator Al Hiat, Federation of Families Representative Shannon Crossbear, Community Consultant Marty Hydaker, and National Indian Child Welfare Association Community Specialist Allen Nelson.

The site team met with CARES staff and project evaluators, December 8-11, to review the program's last fiscal year of progress. The program was awarded a cooperative service agreement funded through SAMHSA.

Based at Chj Hullo Li in Talihina, CARES offers services to Native American children between the ages of 1 day to 18 years of age, who reside in the Choctaw Nation 10 1/2 county service area and are experiencing a temporary emotional disharmony.



Nat Marshall presents a check to Brad Spears, Administrator of Jones Academy. Mrs. Marshall holds the plaque presented to the Marshalls by the Choctaw Nation in appreciation for all that they do in support of education and Jones Academy.

### Donation benefits Jones Academy

Nat and Evelyn Marshall of Buffalo Valley, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Virginia LeFlore Marshall Scholarship Fund, gave \$10,000 to Jones Academy for the benefit of current and past Jones Academy students. Seventeen former Jones Academy students who are now attending college will receive \$250 each.

The Jones Academy Christmas Fund, which provides Christmas gifts for all current students, received \$2,500 and the Jones Academy Scholarship Foundation benefitted from the remainder of the generous gift.

The Marshalls are longtime supporters of education and of Jones Academy.

## Voc Rehab staff goes beyond call of duty

Dear Chief Pyle,

I now live in Hugo, Oklahoma, where I have lived for over two years. I would like the opportunity to show my gratitude for what God has done for me through the love and support of the Choctaw Nation. Since I have been in Hugo, I have been working with the Vocational Rehabilitation program because of my disability. I can't begin to express my feelings of appreciation for the staff members at this location. These unique and caring individuals went beyond the call of duty to help me with some of the toughest times in my life. When everyone else had written me off as a lost cause they picked me up and changed my life forever. Starting with John Vick, community base social worker, who took me into his own home and nursed me back to health. We are now great brothers in Christ and attend the same church. Glenn Russ, job placement specialist, went out ahead of me to establish my drive back into the local workforce. Angela Dancer, senior counselor, who with a loving heart even made sure I had somewhere to go for the holidays. These people are more than just employees with the Choctaw Nation, they are family to me. One of the greatest Christmas gifts I could receive is for these people to be recognized for their outstanding performances. Along with the Choctaw Nation Indian Clinic, the Housing Authority, to all the employees at the Vocational Rehabilitation Center, I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. You guys were in the right place at the right time and I will never forget you all. I am currently unemployed due to health reasons but by the grace of God, I plan on being in full effect and going any time now. This is a wonderful community with wonderful people and I look forward to a lot of good years ahead.

Ken Westbrook

## Researching family history

Dear Editor,

I am researching my family history and would appreciate any information your readers might have on the following individuals:

Harriet Gardner married Benjamin Franklin Tomlinson.  
Georgia Elora White married Seward Lee Loudermilk.

I especially would like to know who their parents were and where they are buried. Thank you.

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## Servicemen in England WWII

Dear Choctaw Nation,

When I was a little girl, in the village of Bredon, Worcestershire, England, we offered hospitality to American servicemen who were stationed nearby. Our two guests, who became our friends, were a gentleman from the Choctaw Nation and another gentleman from the Cherokee Nation. I was too small to realize that they were telling which Nation they belonged to, so I called them "Cherokee" and "Choctaw". These were such kind, mannerly, considerate men, and I have often wondered how they fared in the War. It would be so wonderful if anyone could recall a member of the Choctaw Nation who was based at Ashchurch Army Camp, Worcestershire, England, and if they could tell me if my friendly American soldier, always so polite and who never "talked down" to a small girl, got through the War okay. We lived in Oak Lane, Bredon. I am quite willing to give more information if needed.

Sylvia Charlewood  
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## Package makes soldier's day

Dear Choctaw Nation,

I would like to thank you for the care package that you sent. The items came in real handy over here. It always makes a soldier's day to receive goodies.

SSG Chesley Baird



## Reunion

### PARISH

A family reunion is being planned for all Parish descendants during the Labor Day Festival at Tushka Homma. For more information, please call Eva Jean Felihkatubbee, 909-279-4274.

### FRANKLIN-LOUIS

The Franklin and Louis reunion is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 1, 2004, in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. We would like for everyone to please attend. If you know anyone who is a Franklin or Louis or related, please tell them about this. The reunion will be held at the Investment Center in Broken Bow. Please bring pictures, letters or anything to tell us about our family.

For more information, please contact DeVonda Silvas by e-mail, Pocahontas0968@aol.com, or call 972-329-2419.

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Chris and Susan Roberts, Christopher Jr. and Dr. Berryhill.

## Implant allows young boy to hear

Dear Choctaw Nation,

Chris and Susan Roberts, parents of Christopher Roberts, Jr., would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Berryhill for performing the successful cochlear implant in Christopher, Jr., on September 16, 2003. He was deaf, but now with the cochlear implant is able to hear.

We would like to thank Chief Greg Pyle and the referring physicians at the Choctaw Nation hospital in Talihina for allowing Dr. Berryhill to work at the Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City where the surgery was performed.

The Roberts family would like to give a special thanks to Charlene Grunstad, who has worked at the tribal complex for more than 20 years for her assistance on the many trips to Oklahoma City for the care of Christopher. Also, a special thank you to the Atoka United Pentecostal Church for all of their prayers. We also appreciate the support from Christopher's grandparents, Hawkeye and Faye Roberts, Chuquieta Short, John Cummins and all of the great- and great-great-grandparents and other family members who have been so loving and caring for Christopher. Since his surgery, he was crowned King of Achille's Kindergarten class.

Much thanks goes to his teacher, Mrs. Winnett, and the staff at Achille School.

Chris and Susan Roberts  
Colbert, Oklahoma

## Student helped with higher education

Dear Choctaw Nation Higher Education Department,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the Choctaw Nation in providing me assistance in furthering my education. My family and I thank you for helping those seeking higher education.

Ashley Hunn  
Red Bluff, California



## Researching Oklahoma's women settlers

Dear Editor,

I am an amateur researcher compiling information on women who helped settle Oklahoma before statehood (1907). My goal is to focus on the women who came to Oklahoma either to claim land in one of the land runs, or obtain Indian allotment land during this same time frame or women who started a business in the early days of Oklahoma.

Most of the stories written about the land runs have been about the men and their families, but I want to capture the life of these brave and courageous women who also came and settled in Oklahoma. Some women might have originally come to Oklahoma with a husband, but for whatever reason - illness, death, or divorce - the woman was left to prove up the land either by herself or with the help of children or relatives and their stories are also what made Oklahoma the great state it is today.

There have been many memorable stories written about women who claimed land in other states, so it is my hope to find the stories of these resilient Oklahoma women and tell their story. Any story, no matter how long or short will be appreciated, including letters, newspaper articles, obits, diaries or family history recalling their journey and life in Oklahoma. These women are our ancestors who left us a legacy of their experiences.

If known, please include the county in which they settled, or if known the land description of the property they homesteaded.

Mrs. Thelma Noland  
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## Reader shares Harris ancestry

Dear Editor,

I saw the notice in the BISHINIK announcing the 25th wedding anniversary of Tommy and Delphi Whiteman. What really caught my attention was his statement that Henry C. Harris was his great-great-grandfather. Henry C. Harris was my great-grandfather. His son, James Edward "Jack" Harris, was born in 1866 and married Amanda McDonald. They were my grandparents. My father was Claude Fletcher Harris who died in 1976.

A cousin, Ruby Harris, published a book, "Henry C. Harris - Choctaw Statesman." There are many letters and articles about the heritage of the Harris ancestors in her book.

Ruby took care of the Harris house for many years. She also has the genealogy on the last page of the book. The last entry on the genealogy page states, "Mattie Josephine Harris was born in 1880; she married Jordon Whiteman."

If Tommy or anyone is interested in learning more about the book I have, they can write to the address below. Thank you.

Lucile (Harris) Banzhaf  
500 South St.  
McCook, NE 69001

## Student assisted with higher education

Dear Editor,

Special thanks to District 7 Councilman Jack Austin for the assistance with medical expenses for my brother, William Roberts, of Dallas, Texas. The generosity was greatly appreciated.

Elias Roberts  
Wright City, Oklahoma

## Honored to receive scholarship

Dear Choctaw Nation,

Thank you for the scholarship you bestowed upon me. It was a very welcome and wonderful surprise to find out that I was awarded such a scholarship. I feel so honored to receive such an award, especially because I am proud of my Choctaw heritage. Thank you again.

Cacy Herman  
Port Jefferson Station, New York

## A wonderful Christmas

Dear Chief Pyle and the Choctaw Nation,

Thank you very much for what the tribe did for us at Christmas. Our daughter and grandson are living with us due to my daughter's illness and need for lots of medication. Councilman Perry Thompson and Donna Bacon contacted Chief Pyle and the very next day, food and toys and clothes for our grandson arrived at our house. We had a wonderful Christmas and appreciate so much what the Chief and the Choctaw Nation did.

Linda Noah and family  
Hugo, Oklahoma

## Family grateful for assistance

Dear Choctaw Nation,

We, the family of Agnes Kellet, would like to say thank you to Dr. Regan and ER Staff for taking care of our mother-grandmother in her time of need for medical attention; Councilman Delton Cox, Charlene Grunstad and staff for helping with a place to stay while in Tulsa; Choctaw Housing Authority for the plant that was sent; and also a special thank you to Chief Greg Pyle and Assistant Chief Mike Bailey for having programs for families who need help in situations of emergencies.

We appreciate all the help that was provided to and for us through the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma while our mother/grandmother was in the hospital in Tulsa.

The family of Agnes Kellett

## Tribe's support is appreciated

Dear Chief Pyle,

I would like to thank you and the Choctaw Nation for your support of our Nation and more importantly our soldiers during this past year. Your thoughtfulness and the Choctaw Nation's generosity are greatly appreciated.

Larry J. Marcy  
CPT, TC

## Student attends theological seminary

Dear Choctaw Nation Higher Education Department,

Thank you for the scholarship to continue my education in Seminary. Currently, I am a Music and Youth Minister in Yukon and would not be able to attend school without the aid of the Tribe. I am going to school at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary through the extension in Shawnee. The funds have allowed me to learn more about the Bible and how to lead others to discover their purpose in life.

Roger Sharp  
Yukon, Oklahoma



## Seeking cousin's whereabouts

Dear Editor,

I would like to find my cousin, Carol, whom I've lost contact with, to please attend a get-together of all the cousins at my home on April 17. Please come, Carol.

Dude Brooksher  
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Pico Rivera, CA 90660

## Appreciates help with education

Dear Choctaw Nation Higher Education Department,

Thanks so much for the funds to help with my education. It is greatly appreciated.

Kari Jo Eeds

*Kari, a resident of Elk City, Oklahoma, is currently a student at Vernon College. A member of the college's Chaparrals Rodeo Team, Kari participates in the Goat Tying and Breakaway Roping events. She is the 2002-03 State Champion Goat Tyer, 2001-02 Reserve State Champion Goat Tyer, and placed fourth in the 2001 National High School Rodeo. She is studying to be an X-ray technician.*



## Tribe offers invaluable services

Dear Choctaw Nation,

I would like to thank the Choctaw Nation for all of the assistance that they provide for the average college student. I am a student at SOSU, and I attribute much of my academic success and financial well-being to the Choctaw Nation. I receive both the BIA grant and housing assistance. I know I represent all of the other Choctaw students of SOSU when I offer my thanks for these invaluable services that we receive from you all.

Wayne Janoe

## Lost contact with sisters

Dear Editor,

I have two sisters who lived in Durant, Oklahoma, the last time I talked with them. Their names are Anita and Elaina Lanoue. The next time I called their line had been disconnected. I have moved a couple of times and may be entering the military soon. I would like to hear from them once more.

If there is anyone who knows of these two or their whereabouts, please contact me. Please help bring the family back together again. Thank you.

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## 2004 Labor Day Festival

### Arts & Craft Vendors

Applications for the 2004 Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival will begin being accepted on March 1, 2004. All applications must be submitted through the mail, all vendor spaces will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. For an application or more information, contact Tanya Ashcraft or Lisa James at 800-522-6170, ext. 2132 or 2125.

### Food Vendors

The deadline for food vendors for the 2004 Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival is March 19, 2004. All vendors must submit application, proof of liability insurance, and reservation fee. For an application or more information, contact Tanya Ashcraft or Lisa James at 800-522-6170, ext. 2132 or 2125.

From the desk of Chief Gregory E. Pyle

# Working for better health of tribal members

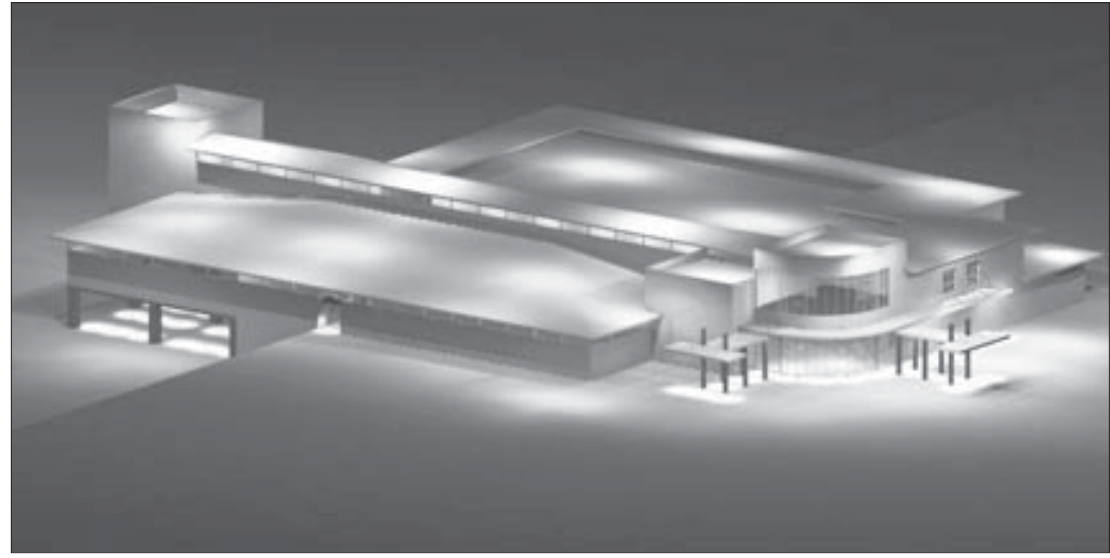


Developments in the health services of the Choctaw Nation show a continual rise in the number of health care providers and an increase in accessibility of care. A listing of the medical professionals at the Choctaw Nation Health Services is 73 people long, specializing in a huge array of fields, including Neurology, OB/GYN, Dentistry, Pediatrics, Endocrinology and Orthopedics.

The Choctaw Nation Hospital now has the latest technology in a CT scanner, allowing most exams to take less than one minute to be performed. The Diabetes Wellness Center is treating 3,084 patients, providing outpatient care and assisting with diabetes self management. In addition to seeing an endocrinologist, diabetics are also provided with education on nutrition and exercise.

Two new Choctaw clinics are in the process of being constructed, one in Stigler and another in Idabel. The clinic in Stigler will staff a doctor and physician's assistant with a rotating staff of specialists so that patients will have a tremendous diversity of care. A lab and pharmacy will be available.

The Idabel clinic has been called a "Super Clinic" because of its size and number of employees. There will be a staff of about 90 people in the 52,000 square foot facility, and the services will be extensive. In addition to family practice, services offered at Idabel will include optometry, physical therapy, dental, lab, X-ray, and pharmacy. Services of-



Architect's renderings of the Idabel Clinic, above, and the Stigler Clinic, below, depict the two beautiful new health clinics under construction. The two clinics offer much more convenience for tribal members who now travel to Poteau or Talihina for their health care.



ferred on a rotation schedule include prenatal care, audiology and family planning.

Many of the Choctaws in McCurtain County and surrounding

areas are diabetic and will welcome having diabetes care closer to their home. The tribe has funded an ongoing campaign of diabetes awareness and preven-

tion the past few years, and we will continue to take an aggressive stance to battle the disease.

Remember, *Healthy Living = Longer Life.*

**CHOCTAW NATION HEALTH SERVICES**

Talihina hospital.....800-349-7026

Broken Bow Clinic.....580-584-2740

Durant Clinic.....580-920-2100

Hugo Clinic.....580-326-7561

McAlester Clinic.....918-423-8440

Poteau Clinic.....918-649-1192

Hospitality House, Talihina.....918-567-2300

Diabetes Wellness Center.....800-349-7026

From the desk of Assistant Chief Mike Bailey

## Determining choice on voting ballot is serious business

The Choctaw Nation has made a consistent effort over the past few years to involve our tribal people in state and national elections as well as elections on the local and tribal levels. Whether the election is for United States Senate or House, or the state legislature, or President, Choctaw people vote in numbers that can certainly impact the decision. There are about 150,000 Choctaw tribal members, with more than 80,000 of those living in Oklahoma.

In addition to mailing literature and letters on the importance of being registered to vote, the Chief, Councilmembers and I have broached the subject at public meetings. Whether addressing a crowd of Choctaws in Oklahoma or at an out-of-state meeting, we remind them that their voice in elections can make the difference.

The Choctaw Nation has also set up voter registration drives in the past to assist tribal members with the process, and are diligent in reminding young people turning 18 to register and vote.

Recent history shows that Choctaw tribal members have been extremely active in elections. These members have writ-



ten, called and e-mailed on many occasions to ask for information on issues that affect Native Americans and to request advice on which candidate would be the best representative for the tribe's sake.

The views and votes of Choctaw people can turn the movement of an election. Please make sure your voter registration information is up to date so that you have the opportunity to make your vote count.



Council Speaker Kenny Bryant, District 2 Councilperson Mike Amos, Patricia Gaines and Richard Adams, Assistant Director of the Language Department.

## Patricia Gaines awarded teacher certificate

The Choctaw Tribal Council awarded a Language Teacher Certificate to Patricia Gaines during the January Regular Session. Patricia is from the Broken Bow area.

Other business that the Tribal Council approved

included a seismic permit in favor of Trace Energy Services and a tribal match for three law enforcement vehicles.

The next Regular Session will be Saturday, February 14.



## Chaplain's Corner

By the Rev. Bertram Bobb, Choctaw Tribal Chaplain

It is always a blessing to share God's plan and purpose for us from His Word for our spiritual growth. God has given to us many promises to claim by faith. I appreciate your encouraging letters and personal words on the Chaplain's Corner. May God continue to bless you.

In Paul's letter to the Church at Corinth he writes about three different kinds of men. In chapters one and two of First Corinthians we read about the Spiritual man. In the latter part of the second chapter we learn some things about the unsaved man whom he calls the Natural man.

Chapter three tells us about the Carnal man – the person who is born again but who lets his life be controlled by the desires of the flesh and by the reasoning of men rather than by the Spirit of God.

In the first four verses of chapter three we learn that Paul could not teach the deep things of God to these people because of their carnality. He had to feed them spiritual milk (Hebrews 5:12-14) instead of spiritual meat. Paul said the marks of carnality are: envy, strife, divisions – factions, jealousies, and quarreling.

Having accused them of carnality because of their divisions, Paul presented another question. He asked, in verse 5: "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man."

It seems as though Paul was saying, "God has used us as ministers, but who are we? We are mere servants to whom the Lord has given a ministry."

Then he added in verse 6: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Paul planted the seed and Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. Paul and Apollos were merely instruments in God's hands.

Paul had planted the seed of spiritual truth in the hearts of these Corinthians. Apollos had watered that truth, but God caused the spiritual growth in the heart of each willing Christian.

Weeds and thorns represent sin. (Matthew 13:24-30) When weeds get into a field, the plants cannot grow properly. When sin gets into the life of a Christian, spiritual growth is hindered. God wants to use us, but He cannot

do so until we allow Him to cultivate our lives and take away the sin. When the weeds, thorns, and thistles of sin in our lives are removed, God can give growth to our spiritual lives. (Read I John 1:9)

In verse 8, the Apostle Paul said: "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one ..." This means that they have a unity of purpose. There should be no rivalry among Christians. They should have one purpose in heart and mind. God has called some to be evangelists, some to be missionaries, some to be pastors, some to be teachers. God calls different ones to different fields, and they should not be rivals. Each person has a particular calling to do, each one has his own place.

Some plant the seed of God's Word, and others water it. Perhaps you have watered the seed that another has sown, or perhaps you have sown the seed, while others watered it and reaped the fruit. Whether or not God will allow us to reap the fruit is not important. The important thing is that God gave the increase. Even though there are different types of ministries, we have one purpose and one goal.

Paul first wrote of sowing the seed. He then introduced the subject of rewards for our labor in verse 8b: "... and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor."

Paul later stated this truth a little more clearly in II Corinthians 5:10: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

We are going to receive rewards for the things we have done while we were in the flesh. This truth is the key to a wider understanding of His Grace. In verse 9, Paul writes: "For we are laborers together with God ..."

We are working together with Him. It is very important that we understand this truth. When we do, life will take on a new meaning. What a privilege to be laborers together with God! He has given us His work and the power and strength with which to do it. He gives us His Word, His love, His grace, and even Himself – all that we need to do His work. He is everything, we are merely instruments. Being a CO-laborer



with God is more than a privilege; it is a responsibility. As CO-laborers, we are going to have to give an account of our work to God.

Paul wrote in verse 10: "... I have laid the foundation ..." Paul was not the foundation; Jesus Christ was. Paul wrote in verse 11: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ."

Paul laid the foundation. He presented Christ to them and evangelized them. Evangelism is the laying of the foundation for men. Salvation is the foundation of the Christian life.

Salvation is based upon the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross, because it was complete; nothing can be added to it. We cannot add or subtract from this foundation of salvation. But when the foundation – Jesus Christ – is laid, we can build on that foundation. That is our labor for God.

There are some who try to live a Christian life without first laying the proper foundation. Perhaps you are one of them. Perhaps you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior – you have not been born again. Perhaps you are trying to live a Christian life in your own strength. You cannot do it, for you must have Jesus Christ in your heart, in your life – He is the foundation of the Christian life.

If you have never trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, will you make that decision, by faith, today?

We thank God and pray for the leadership of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the United States of America. Continue to pray for Native Americans.

## Health Services

### Employee of the Quarter

Chief Gregory E. Pyle congratulates Roni Henry, Choctaw Nation Health Services' Employee of the Quarter. Roni works in Contract Health at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina.



## Inter-Tribal Council elects officers

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes met January 9 in Durant with no resolutions on the agenda. Officers appointed to serve in 2004 were: Chickasaw Governor Bill Anoatubby, President; newly elected Chief of the Muscogee/Creek Nation A.D. Ellis as Vice President, and Terry Haney as Treasurer.

## Hospital's toll-free number can be used to call clinics

Patients may call the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center's toll-free number, 1-800-349-7026, and be connected to a satellite clinic by pressing #5 on the main menu.

## Mobile Wellness Unit reassigned

The Choctaw Nation Mobile Wellness unit has been reassigned and is now under direction of Choctaw Nation Emergency Management. The unit will be used as a mobile incident command center (ICC) in the event of an emergency.

## Free Taxpayer Clinics scheduled

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., will be holding free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Low-Income Taxpayer Clinics in the Choctaw Nation. The clinics will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. The program provides free income tax return preparation, free e-filing, free legal assistance and representation to low-income persons with tax problems. Dates and locations include:

- March 5**  
**Choctaw Family Investment Center, Broken Bow**
- March 12**  
**Choctaw Community Center, Idabel**
- March 19**  
**Choctaw Nation Housing Authority, Hugo**
- April 1**  
**Choctaw Nation Tribal Complex, Durant**
- April 2**  
**Choctaw Nation Tribal Complex, Durant**

Please call Mark Widell at 1-800-658-1497 if you have any questions or need additional information.

## Benefit Wild Onion Dinner

A Wild Onion Dinner benefitting the Long Native American Indian Student Endowment Fund at Oklahoma City University will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 28, 2004, at the OK Choctaw Tribal Center, 5320 S. Youngs Blvd., Oklahoma City. For more information, please call Stella Long at 405-949-2147.

# Proposed rule for Conservation Security Program announced

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the release of a proposed rule to implement the new Conservation Security Program (CSP) designed to reward the best conservation stewards of the most environmentally sensitive areas in targeted watersheds.

Authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill, the fundamental intent of CSP is to complement existing conservation programs by supporting ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural working lands and enhancing the condition of America's natural resources.

To ensure that CSP's limited resources are focused first on the most pressing environmental concerns, the rule proposes to prioritize based on selected priority watersheds. The eligible watersheds would be announced and identified through a CSP signup notification, which is targeted for this summer.

Under the proposal, agricultural land in cropland, orchards, vineyards, pasture and range will be eligible for CSP, regardless of size, location or crops produced.

## Forum to be held on Conservation Security Program

USDA is holding listening sessions nationwide to gain feedback on the proposed rule to implement the Conservation Security Program (CSP), according to Ann Colyer, Tribal Resource Conservationist at the NRCS Field Office in the Choctaw Nation Tribal Complex, Durant. The listening sessions will give the public ample opportunity to voice their opinion about the new program. The public input is very important as USDA develops the final regulations for program implementation.

Darrel Dominick, State Conservationist for the Oklahoma NRCS, has scheduled a State CSP Forum for Tuesday, February 10, at the Metro Tech, 1900 Springlake Dr., Oklahoma City, from

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Carousel Room in the Business Conference Center.

Comments on the CSP proposed rule are due by March 2, 2004.

The proposed rule, as well as additional information on CSP and other conservation programs, is available on the NRCS website at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002/products.html>, or stop by your local NRCS Field Office at the USDA Service Center in your county. Information on the 2002 Farm Bill can be found at [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

Exceptions are forest land or land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, Wetlands Reserve Program or Grassland Reserve Program.

Applicants must address water quality and soil quality concerns as program eligibility criteria and enrollment will be targeted to those demonstrating the highest levels of stewardship. CSP payment limitations will be based on three "tiers" that repre-

sent increasing levels of resource treatment. Payments rise with increased levels of treatment.

This proposed rule has a 60-day comment period. As part of the comment process, listening sessions will be held in a number of locations across the country to gain additional input. Comments on the CSP proposed rule may be sent to [david.mckay@usda.gov](mailto:david.mckay@usda.gov) or by mail to Conservation Security Program Comments, ATTN: David McKay, NRCS Conservation Operations Division, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013.

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### United San Antonio Pow Wow

February 14-15, 2004

Convention Center

Crossroads of San Antonio

4522 Fredericksburg Rd., San Antonio, Texas

Saturday: Gourd Dancing at 11 a.m.; Grand Entries at 1 and 7 p.m.

Sunday: Gourd Dancing at 11 a.m.; Grand Entry at 1 p.m.

Free admission

Visit <http://unitedsanantoniopowwow.org>

### Symposium on the American Indian Pow Wow

Saturday, April 17, 2004

Northeastern State University Ballroom


University Center

600 N. Grand Avenue, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

For more information, contact NSU Center for Tribal Studies

918-456-5511, ext. 4350

<http://arapaho.nsuok.edu/~cfts/> [www.nsuok.edu](http://www.nsuok.edu)



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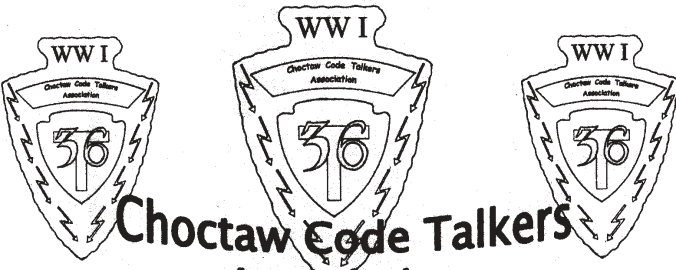
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We lend money in all 50 states and if you qualify you could apply for up to \$333,700 with 1 to 3% down with a conventional fixed rate for 30 years – and if eligible, Choctaw Nation Home Finance will finance 2% of your down payment and all of your closing as a second mortgage.

For any additional information needed, call Nancy Kirby, Homebuyer Counselor, at 1-800-235-3087, ext. 301, 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
February 26	Durant	5:30 p.m.
March 17	Poteau	3:00 p.m.



**Choctaw Code Talkers Association 2003 Cookbooks**

The Choctaw Code Talkers Association 2003 Cookbooks were displayed and sold at the Choctaw Labor Day Festival in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on Saturday, August 30, 2003. If you were unable to attend the festival and want to purchase a cookbook, please complete the following information and send a \$10.50 check or money order (includes shipping and handling) to the address listed below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Anella L. Garcia  
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(816) 420-0424  
[agarcia63@hotmail.com](mailto:agarcia63@hotmail.com)

**Thank you for your order and recipes!**

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

— March —

<b>March 1:</b>	<b>Poteau (A-L) 9-2; Coalgate 9-10:30; Atoka 12-2</b>
<b>March 2:</b>	<b>Stigler 9-2; Broken Bow 9-2</b>
<b>March 4:</b>	<b>Poteau (M-Z) 9-2</b>
<b>March 8:</b>	<b>Talihina 9-12</b>
<b>March 10:</b>	<b>Wright City 9-10:30; Hugo 12-2</b>
<b>March 12:</b>	<b>Bethel 9-10:30; Smithville 12-2</b>
<b>March 16:</b>	<b>Idabel 9-12</b>
<b>March 29-31:</b>	<b>Closed for inventory</b>

**Food Distribution Sites**

ANTLERS – Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 306 S.W. "O" St.  
 ATOKA – National Guard Armory.  
 BETHEL – Choctaw Nation Community Building.  
 BROKEN BOW – Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.  
 COALGATE – Choctaw Community Center.  
 DURANT – Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 100 Waldron Dr.  
 HUGO – Housing Authority.  
 IDABEL – Choctaw Village Shopping Center.  
 McALESTER – Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 1212 S. Main.  
 POTEAU – Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.  
 SMITHVILLE – Big Lick Church.  
 STIGLER – Choctaw Community Building.  
 TALIHINA – Boys & Girls Club.  
 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 580-924-7773 or 800-522-6170 so that you can be rescheduled to go to Antlers, Durant or McAlester.

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

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

## Projects with Industry program awards certificates of achievement

Stan Shomo of Idabel, Oklahoma, and Jerry Bennett of Madill, Oklahoma, were recently given Certificates of Achievement for completion of a Job Readiness Training Seminar. Training included but was not limited to identifying job career choices, how to locate a job, how to complete a job application, techniques for job interviewing, resume, and job-keeping characteristics.

The Projects with Industry Program can assist many businesses that are looking for capable, dependable, and pre-screened employees. If a business agrees to hire an individual through this program, the pro-

gram will be able to reimburse for on-the-job training at 100% 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 a Native American with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

Disabled Native Americans who have a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood 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 which may include but not limited to, diabetes, mellitus, alcohol abuse/dependency, orthopedic, mental health, high blood pressure and many more too numerous to mention. Applicants must reside in the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation.

For further information on services available through the Projects with Industry Program, you may contact Randy Hammons PWI Director, or Angela Dancer, PWI Coordinator/Sr. Counselor, at 877-285-6893 or 580-326-7758.

The Choctaw Craft Coop is sponsoring a  
**CHOCTAW SHIRT MAKING CLASS**  
 February 27 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 at the Crowder Choctaw Center  
 The class will be taught by Juanita Jefferson, Tribal Judge  
 Fee is \$10  
 Bring sewing machine and material for shirt and diamonds  
**918-334-5344**



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**Rapid Results  
 Drug & Alcohol Testing**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**DEPARTMENT:** Rapid Results  
**LOCATION:** Wilburton  
**JOB TITLE:** Drug Technician  
**SALARY:** \$6.50 hourly  
**POSITION:** Full-time  
**SUPERVISED BY:** Director/Supervisor

Applications may be picked up at the  
 Choctaw Nation Community Center in Wilburton.  
 Fax to Vonnie Houser - 580-745-9005  
 or mail to  
 Rapid Results  
 1705 N. Washington, Suite D  
 Durant, OK 74701

All applications must be received before February 23, 2004.  
 Interviews will be at the Choctaw Nation Community Center in  
 Wilburton on February 27, 2004, at 9 a.m. until done.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:**

- Must maintain proper and adequate communications to include telephone operations, and message delivery, while maintaining a professional attitude.
- He/she will answer the phone in a polite manner.
- Must assist in filing and mail-outs.
- Prepare letters and forms as required.
- He/she must administer drug and/or alcohol screens and will be properly trained by Director to do so.
- He/she may be asked to work hours beginning prior to or later than the normal working day, or both. This may include traveling within and beyond our ten and one half counties encompassed by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and may include layovers away from home.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. High School Diploma
2. Telephone etiquette
3. Must be outgoing and friendly
4. Must be courteous with public and co-workers
5. Must maintain a professional attitude while representing Choctaw Nation and Rapid Results
6. Computer skills
7. Must be dependable

**Smart moves for  
 a healthy weight**

**WIC**

**WOMEN, INFANT & CHILDREN**

Everyone agrees that physical activity is essential for good health. While any amount of activity is better than none, experts suggest a total of 30 to 60 minutes per day. The ideal combination is a variety of activities to build aerobic capacity, strength and flexibility.

**1. Move more:** Every step counts toward better health.

When it comes to physical activity, every step you take has health benefits. The goal is to spend more time moving – and less time sitting. Get off the couch – and aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity; at least ten minutes at a time; at least five days a week.

**2. Move often:** Be active throughout the day.

Finding a free hour for physical activity can feel next to impossible, especially with travel and clean up. Finding ten to twenty minutes is often more realistic. Short bursts of activity can provide the same health benefits – and help reduce daily stress at the same time.

**3. Move inside:** Walk the stairs, the halls, the malls.

Weather, work and hectic schedules can be obstacles to getting enough activity. The solution is to build more steps into your daily routine. Take the stairs at a power pace, walk around the of-

fice when you are on the phone, or take an extra lap around the mall.

**Move outside:** Walk, bike, blade, mow, rake, shovel.

Spend as much time outside as possible – in the yard, in the park or in the wilderness. Gardening is a great way to get physical – and grow delicious produce at the same time. Always, remember to use sunscreen, wear comfortable shoes and to carry a water bottle.

**5. Move for fun:** Dance, skip, swing, or go fly a kite.

If you hate to exercise, just change the “E” to Enjoyment. Dance with someone you love, walk your dog, or, be young at heart and play with the kids. Put on your favorite music and rock around the house – it can make vacuuming a whole lot more fun!

**6. Move together:** Join a class or walk with friends.

Making a commitment to someone else can make it easier to fit your fitness in. Sign up together for water aerobics, line dancing or yoga. Organize a formal or informal walking group in your neighborhood – and check out the local mall walkers.

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Over 1,200 words make up this topical definer, which lists thousands of useful words. It is perfect for someone who is learning or just wanting to brush up on their vocabulary. It offers definitions, pronunciations, and in some cases different dialects. This book is organized according to topics, which makes it an excellent companion for the novice learner. These definers are now available at the Choctaw Nation Book Store, so be sure to get your copy today. The definers are \$10 each.

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To place an order please send check or money order to:  
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 P.O. Box 668  
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**SPRING RETREAT**

**March 19-21, 2004**

**Pine Creek Lake  
 Ringold, Oklahoma**



**Ages: 7th - 12th grades  
 Registration: Friday 7:00-8:00 p.m.**  
 (no meal served but canteen open during registration)  
**Cost for weekend: \$10.00  
 Retreat ends: Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**


Join us for a fun-filled weekend at Bertram Bobb Bible Camp located in Ringold, Oklahoma. This event is held each March with students from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. They will be on hand for recreation, games, music, cabin counselors and chapel activities. Be sure to tell your friends and join us for a great weekend! For more info, call the office at 580-981-2647.

Please fill out the form below and bring it with you to register for the retreat.


*March 2004 Registration*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you attended a BBBC event before? YES NO \_\_\_\_\_  
 If YES, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 I understand that I will be on private property during the retreat activities and will abide by the guidelines set by the director of Bertram Bobb Bible Camp. Any electronic devices, games, CD players, radios, phones, etc. that I bring will be kept in the BBBC office during the retreat hours. I also understand that alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products as well as weapons of any kind are NOT allowed on the camp property.  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 For Appointments call 918-329-6302**




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SITE	PHONE	HOURS	DAYS
Antlers	580-298-3161	8:30-4:00	Tuesdays
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	Mon., Tues., Thurs., 4th Wed.
Poteau	918-647-4585	8:00-4:30	Mon., Tues., Wed., 4th Thurs., Fri.
Stigler	918-967-4211	8:30-4:00	1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday
Talihina	918-567-7000 x 6792	8:00-4:30	Tuesday and Friday
Wilburton	918-465-5641	8:30-4:00	1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursday

**Choctaw Foster Parenting**  
 What is Choctaw Foster Parenting?

Choctaw Foster Parenting is providing a home to an Indian child. This includes teaching a child about himself and his people. It is working with the Choctaw Child Welfare Program and the child's family to help the family grow and change so that they can be a strong nurturing home for their child when he/she returns home.



For more information on becoming a foster parent, please contact us.

It is for these children and families that we need you to become a foster parent. We need your help to grow, teach, and love these children.

**Children & Family Services  
 PO Drawer 1210  
 Durant, OK 74702  
 (800)522-6170**

## People You Know



### Wayne turns 19

Wayne Dennison Wacoche turned 19 on December 27. He is the son of Isaac Sr. and Brenda Wacoche of Tahina, Oklahoma. He is an OU Sooners fan and a Sequoyah Indians fan. Wayne's hobbies are playing basketball and looking up stuff on the Internet.



Happy birthday Wayne from your sister, Monette, and brothers, Shane, David and Isaac, Jr., and Mom and Dad.

### Happy Sweet 16

Joanna Mae Hoyopatubbi was born February 9, 1988. She is the youngest of 36 grandchildren of Stanley "Bill" Hoyopatubbi, as well as the youngest of eight children born to Jerald "Jerry" Hoyopatubbi and Diana Lynn Luther-Hoyopatubbi.



Happy Sweet 16 from Mom, Dad, Jeremy, Joshua, and the rest of the family.

### Look who's two!

Stormee Cheyenne Smith celebrated her second birthday on February 4. She is the daughter of Dean and Tina Smith of Wayne, Oklahoma. Stormee's sister, Christina; little nephew, Brayden, and big brother, Joe, all wish Stormee a very happy birthday. We love you!



### Whitney turns three

Larry Wayne Anderson of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, wants to wish his daughter, Whitney Denise Anderson, a happy third birthday on January 18.



Happy birthday!

### Happy 16th birthday

Flint Zilliox of Wright City, Oklahoma, celebrated his 16th birthday on November 30 with a family dinner at home. His parents are the late Walter "Duke" and Terri Dawn (Miller) Zilliox. Grandmother Mary (Miller) Watson of Wright City has had the privilege of seeing him grow up.



The Goings of Ada and Millers of Wright City all wish him a very happy birthday.

### Matthew celebrates 16th birthday

Happy 16th birthday to my very first son, Matthew Lee Yargee, on November 6 - from your Mom who loves you so much, always.



### Happy fourth

Jack Dennis Woodman of Modesto, California, turned four years old on January 10. He has a big brother, Brad Lee Woodman of Castle Rock, Colorado, who turned 20 years old on August 30.



Jack and Brad are the sons of Mark David Woodman who turned 37 years old on January 23.

Jack's mother is Colleen Joyce. Grandparents are Chuck and Aline Roberts of Ringold, Oklahoma, and Judy Lee and Richard Baskett of Modesto.

### Happy sixth birthday

Robert and Mandy Weaver of Richardson, Texas, would like to wish their grandson, Brandyn Attocknie, a happy sixth birthday on February 21. We love you!



### Happy New Year

Wishing their Nanny Pat and Papa Dayne of Grandview, Missouri, a belated happy new year are Shelbi and Chance Aunquo and Kristen and Tristen Allen. Shelbi, 4, and Chance, 7 months, are the children of Gregg and Amber Aunquo of Bennington, Oklahoma. Tristen, 8, and Kristen, 8, are the twin daughters of Heather Martin of Grandview and George Allen of Bennington. Also, Shelbi and Chance would like to wish Tristen and Kristen a late happy birthday on December 29.

### Alissa turns three

Kayelin Jo would like to wish her big sister, Alissa, a happy third birthday on February 7. Proud parents are Jody and Melissa Kindred of Daisy, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Rita Carter of Buffalo Valley, Don Carter of Peidmont, Ruth Kindred of Daisy and the late Arvile Kindred. Happy birthday, Alissa! We love you.



### Happy birthday

Pat Going is the first born of Mary E. Miller of Wright City. Trial and error were her lot, but Pat has succeeded in life. She has been married to Harold Going for 29 years, raising two sons and two daughters. Pat is furthering her career by being a full-time college student.



She celebrated her birthday on November 12 at home in Ada. Seated on her lap is grandson, Tyson II, of Ada, the son of Tyson and Synona Going. Tyson turned one year old on January 15. His other grandparents are Bill and Wynona Glass of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and great-grandma is Mary Watson of Wright City.

### Baby Bear turns two

Megan Nicole Wall would like to wish her big sister, Hannah Marie Wall, a happy second birthday. Hanna celebrated her birthday on January 19 with ice cream, cake and with all of her family.



Hannah and Megan would also like to wish their Pa-Pa Wayne a happy birthday. He celebrated his birthday on January 27. We love you Pa-Pa!

### Lena celebrates 88th

Lena Minnie Bohanon Hicks of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, celebrated her 88th birthday on December 6, 2003, with a few of her relatives. She is pictured with her grandson, William Tonihka.



Lena's parents were original enrollees Milwee Bohanon and Minnie Amos Bohanon.

Happy birthday, Lena!

### Happy birthday

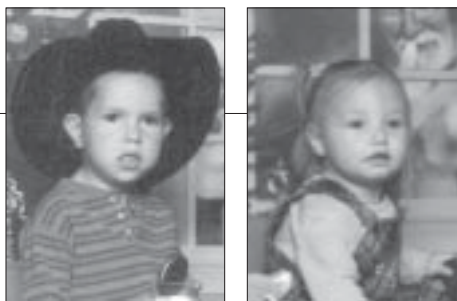
Friends and family joined Chance Ryon Wafford in celebrating his fourth birthday on November 22 with a Spiderman theme at the bowling alley.



A Strawberry Shortcake party was held at home for Emma Rae Wafford on January 15. Friends and family helped her celebrate her second birthday.

### Happy birthday

Brother and sister are wishing each other happy birthday. Ryan turned five on September 21 and his baby sister, Harley, turned one on November 18. Happy birthday from Shellie, Randy and Willa and grandparents Garr and Jeff Loftin of Atoka.



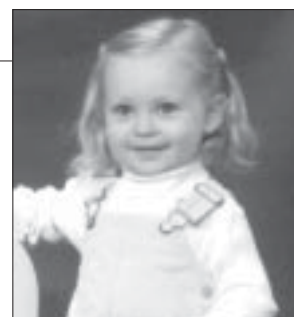
### Happy birthday

Happy birthday wishes are sent Diane (Betsey) Hobbs from her cousin.



### Tana celebrates second

Tana Lee Offill celebrated her second birthday on November 26. She is the daughter of Mark Alan and Dee Ann (Goodson) Offill. Her grandparents are Al and Myrna (Perry) Offill, Dee J Goodson, and Wanda Sue (Beal) Davis. Her great-grandparents are the late Emmitt and Faye Offill, Ora (Burton) Perry and the late Clell Perry, the late Charlie and Eva (Hammond) Goodson, and Lillie (Long) Beal and the late Jones Beal.



### Happy birthday to Bud Ray

Charlett Ray would like to wish a very happy birthday to her son, Richard W. "Bud" Ray. Bud turned 45 on November 25.

### Birthday Singing

7 p.m. March 27

Bethel Hill UM Church, located between Bethel & Battiest Signs will be posted.

Evening meal will be served at 5:30 p.m.  
Emcee - Roy Willis, Muskogee, Okla.

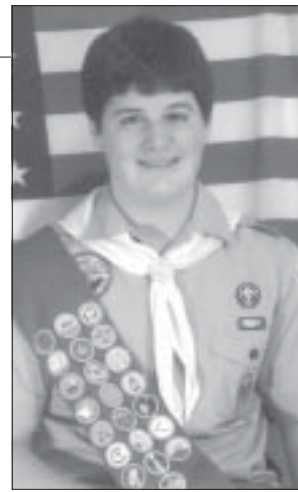
Groups:

- Harmonettes, Ada • Chief Cornerstone Ministries, OKC
- Johnny Caldwell & Family, Valliant • Two Rivers, Dallas and many local groups

Please come and enjoy the celebration of our Mom's birthday.

### Eagle Scout

James Hastings completed his Eagle Board of Review on October 8, 2003, and celebrated with an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on December 27, 2003, at Grace Lutheran Church in Morris, Illinois.



James is a sophomore at Morris Community High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hastings and a member of BSA Troop 471 and Venture Crew 471 in Morris. James is the grandson of Jim Mack Hastings of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, Wanda and Roy Flaherty of Hardesty, Oklahoma, Margaret Dolbec of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Harold Sinclair of Midwest City, Oklahoma.

James' Eagle Project was redesigning, refurbishing, and rejuvenating a 2,600-sq.-ft. Prayer Garden at Peace Lutheran Church. Thirty-nine people worked almost 200 hours on the project.

As a Boy Scout, James has served his troop as quartermaster, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and Venture Crew 471 treasurer. Other accomplishments include two Religious Recognition Awards, Arrow of Light, Red Cross Basic Sailing Certification, and earning 28 merit badges.

### Studying to become pediatric cardiologist

Emily Roos Southard, 19, a sophomore at Connecticut College in New London, is studying to become a doctor and plans to be a pediatric cardiologist. Although her home is now a landlocked, sunny El Paso, Texas, she is on the nationally ranked, Division 1, Sailing Team at Connecticut College. Also, by virtue of her Choctaw heritage, Emily is a resident diversity leader and counselor at Connecticut College.



She is proud of her American Indian background and remembers with special fondness the stories of her grandfather's early days in Oklahoma that he shared with her as a child.

Emily is the daughter of Shelley Roos Southard and Engle Duane Southard of El Paso. She is the granddaughter of original enrollee Engle R. Southard who went to Jones Academy around 1905-06.

We are so proud of Emily and her scholastic and athletic accomplishments, and especially of her representing the Southards' Choctaw roots at her home away from home, Connecticut College.

### Taylor turns three

Happy birthday to a precious little girl. Taylor Rhi-Ann Foster turned three years old on January 29. She is loved by so many people, especially her Dad and Mom, James and Melissa Foster; grandparents, Bobby and Shannon Foster and Anthony and Geraldine Jung; great-grandparents, Granny Hale and Curtis and Peggy Scruggs, and aunts, uncles and cousins by the dozens.



### Look who's three

Happy birthday to Ashley Henderson on January 6 from her Gramps and Gaga. Ashley turned three years old.



### Belated happy birthday

Belated happy birthday wishes are sent to Courtney Henderson from her Gramps and Gaga. Courtney turned 13 on November 7.



### Sweet 16

We want to wish Kandice Thompson a happy 16th birthday on January 25. Kandice is the daughter of Debbie James and Sweeney Thompson of Tahina, Oklahoma. Her grandparents are Shirley and Bill Woodruff of Red Oak, Oklahoma, and Byars James of Poteau, Oklahoma.



Happy birthday from your mom, Robby, Ethan, Claudia, and nephew, Kaleb.

### Happy birthday wishes

Crystal Smith of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, would like to wish her mother, Phyllis Hampton of Bartlesville, a happy birthday in December. She would also like to wish her cousin, Teresa Kenieutubbe of McAlester, Oklahoma, a happy birthday on January 9, and Anna and Ethan Kenieutubbe of McAlester a happy second birthday. Nanny loves you all.

### Happy birthday

Happy birthday to Patrick Michael Howard who was two years old on December 31, 2003. Welcome to baby brother, Timothy Jacob, born November 8, 2003, and an early happy birthday to big sister, Jerri Katelyn "Katie," who will be five on April 8, 2004. Proud parents are Tim and Kim Howard of Mebane, North Carolina. The Howard children are grandchildren of Barbara and Jerry Seago and great-grandchildren of Willard and Ruth Mitchell, Hillsborough, North Carolina. They are great-great-grandchildren of Rhoda Tolbert of Oklahoma. Arizona McCurley and Rhoda Tolbert were original enrollees of the Choctaw Nation.





### Float wins third place

Among the prize-winning floats in Broken Bow's Christmas parade is Little Miss and Junior Miss Choctaw Nation's which won third place among the non-commercial floats. Pine Telephone's "Once Upon a Christmas" took top honors.



### Family celebrations

Darrin Neeley and Cassie King were married in a beautiful Christmas setting, December 6, 2003, in Johnson City, Tennessee. Groomsman and brother of the groom, Dana Rogers III, had his 16th birthday on January 4, 2004, and mother of the groom, Janice Rogers, celebrated her 50th birthday on January 5. It was a busy month for husband and father, Dana Rogers II.



### Four generations

Four generations of Dallas Choctaw women are great-granddaughter, Shayla Osage; granddaughter, Crystal Osage; daughter, Wanda "LuLu" Smithson, and mother, Susie Noahubbi. Susie celebrated her 75th birthday on January 11 and we'd like to wish her a very happy birthday.

### Friends reunited

Lizzie Winlock and Annabelle Pusley were students at the Indian girls' school near Tuskahoma. The school was destroyed by fire in the late 1920s or early 1930s and was never rebuilt. Both girls later traveled together to Chilocco Indian School in north central Oklahoma and completed their education there. Both ladies are accomplished seamstresses and make most of their own clothing. They also enjoy quilting. They sat and learned these skills at the Indian schools.

Lizzie Winlock Carney turned 90 years old last May. Annabelle Pusley Nichter celebrated her 90th birthday this past October. Mrs. Carney resides in Fanshawe, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Nichter lives in the Higgins community east of Hartshorne, Oklahoma. Lizzie surprised Annabelle with a visit recently and the two of them spent an enjoyable afternoon recalling and reliving old times. The two friends had not seen each other since leaving Chilocco in 1936.



### Native American Awareness Sunday

On Sunday, November 23, Palmer's Grove United Methodist Church in Hillsborough, North Carolina, held its first Native American Awareness Sunday. Choctaws Willard Mitchell, Barbara (Mitchell) Seago, and Ruth Mitchell, were among those attending the event.



Mr. Mitchell is the son of Arizona (McCurley/Curley) Mitchell, an original enrollee, and grandson of original enrollee Rhoda (Tolbert) McCurley. He is the great-grandson of Nellie and John Tolbert of Sugarloaf County, Indian Territory. Barbara is his daughter.

If anyone has any information on this family lineage, please contact Barbara Seago, 919-732-8718.

### Caddo man finds daughter after searching for 37 years

Submitted by Curtis Hicks of Caddo, Oklahoma

I worked for the U.S. Government in a British Country and had to leave two months before my daughter was born on September 7, 1966. She and her mother were supposed to come over in November after they were both able to travel. However, I got upset and wrote an unfriendly letter, and that was the last that I ever heard. I know that because of that letter, they never came over.

I made several telephone calls, but after gaining no information, I gave up. I met someone else, and a few months later, I married

her. I never did get my little daughter out of my mind. Six or seven years later, I started searching for her again full-time, and I never quit until I found her. I have had the British Embassy and many others involved - mostly British people, who volunteered to help.

Finally, I got two of my sons involved in the search, and you wouldn't believe what we have been through to find one little daughter and sister. My two sons, Johnny and James Hicks, and their families have been looking for years over the Internet and in other ways for their sister.

Johnny, his wife, Lolly, and their family put an ad in a publication in a British country. Someone recognized who they were looking for, and somehow through the help of the Lord and the Internet, Johnny found her telephone number.

Johnny called and spoke with his sister over the telephone two or three times before bringing me a Christmas card at about 3 p.m. on December 14, 2003. The card said, "Dad, this is our Christmas gift to you from us." In the card was a telephone number for me to call.

I didn't know who I was calling. I dialed the number, and a female voice said, "Hello." I told her I was supposed to call her number. She said, "This is Judy. Is this Curtis?" I told her yes. She said, "What a great Christmas gift for a dad and a daughter to find each other after so many years! I am 37 years old and glad that you found me." We talked for a while and in closing conversation, she said, "What a great gift it would be if I came walking in next Christmas."

Don't ever give up on someone you are looking for, because you may find them alive and well. I never told Judy that I have been looking very hard for her for over 30 years. I haven't met her yet, but I will soon. I am looking forward to seeing my only daughter for the first time.

### 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.



#### April Michelle Scott

April Michelle Scott was born at 5:17 p.m. on June 17, 2003, at Mercy Health Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

April is the daughter of Harley and Brandi Scott of Oklahoma City. She has an older sister, Cera, and brothers, C.J. and Kyle. Grandparents are Darlene Thompson of Oklahoma City, Harley Leonard Scott, Sr., of Oklahoma City, Diane Weeks of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Jay Bendle of Madill, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents include Susie King of Sulphur, Oklahoma, the late James "Doc" Nail, an original enrollee, Betty J. Scott and Arthur C. Scott.



#### Tiesis Danny Zaiden Brown

Tiesis Danny Zaiden Brown was born at 1:45 p.m. on August 21, 2003, weighing 7 pounds, 2.5 ounces.

Proud parents are Kirk and Erica Brown of Mead, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Danny and Vanessa Brown of Mead and Scott and Lisa Evans of Pryor, Oklahoma.



#### Kobe Javier Lee Clark

Kobe Javier Lee Clark was born at 7:09 p.m. on December 22, 2003, at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina, Oklahoma. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Kobe's proud parents are Kyle and Martha Clark of Grove, Oklahoma. His grandparents are Ron and Becky Hallford of McAlester, Oklahoma, and Maria and Francisco Aguilar of Grove. Great-grandparents are Walter and Sarah Amos of McAlester.

Kobe would like to wish his Uncle Bryan a happy birthday on January 4.



#### Matthew Austin Jones

Matthew Austin Jones was born at 1:20 p.m. on December 4, 2003, at Talihina, Oklahoma. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20.25 inches long.

Proud parents are Jesse and Donna Jones of Smithville, Oklahoma. Matthew has two older brothers, Donovan and Dustin. Their grandparents are Odell and Edna Nichols of Smithville, Oklahoma, Jack Jones of Grannis, Arkansas, and Barbara Cecil of Gillham, Arkansas.



#### Keegan Matthew Parish

Christopher and Terisa Parish are proud to announce the birth of their first child. Keegan Matthew Parish was born October 3, 2003, at Tulsa Regional Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 2.5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are David and Jennifer Barnett of Ada, Oklahoma, Sherry and Dale Damps of Mounds, Oklahoma, Robert Anderson of Calera, Oklahoma, and Myron and Pat Brown of Silo, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents include the late Rev. Sampson and Mary Parish of Antlers and Lena Smith of Calera.



#### Kaleb Yahshua Hibbs

Kaleb Yahshua Hibbs was born December 19, 2003, at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina, Oklahoma. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Proud parents are Claudia Thompson of Talihina and Jeremy Hibbs of Oklahoma City. Proud grandparents are Debbie James and Sweeney Thompson, both of Talihina, and Carolyn Hibbs and Everett Hibbs. Great-grandparents are Shirley and Bill Woodruff of Red Oak, Oklahoma, Byars James of Poteau, Oklahoma, Lillian Moran of Oklahoma City, and Versilla Hibbs.



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