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## Trail of Tears Commemorative Walk

A thousand participants turned out for the Choctaw Nation's annual commemoration of our ancestors' long walk from Mississippi. This year, the event was held at Millerton, Oklahoma followed by an enjoyable day on the grounds of Wheelock Academy. More photos on Page 5.

## Rural Development officials observe Choctaws' success

The State Director of the U.S. Department of Rural Development, Brent Kisling, along with Rural Development Housing Director Mike Shrammel and Rural Development District Director Joe Daniel, visited the Choctaw Housing Authority to announce that the Housing Authority has been awarded a Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant in the amount of \$63,261.

Kisling and other Rural Development officials also recognized the success of the Housing Authority's administration of Rural Development's Housing Preservation Grant program (HPG). The State Director and his staff, along with Tribal and Housing Authority officials, visited program participants to see firsthand the impact this program has had in improving the living conditions of elderly and disabled home owners.

Since the tribe's initial participation in the program, the Choctaw Nation Housing Authority has been awarded five previous grants totaling \$525,301.

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## Fourth book in series ready for publishers

The fourth in the Choctaw Nation's wonderful collector's series of five children's books is now at the publishers. It is a must-have for your collection. The book will be back from the press and ready for delivery the first week of August.

"The Stomachache Tree" was written by Mary M. Frye, translated by Henry J. Willis and illustrated by Norma Howard. Editor-in-chief is Joy Culbreath.

The book can be purchased for \$20 plus shipping from the Choctaw Crafts & Books Store, P.O. Box 668, Durant, OK 74702, 580-931-9144 or toll-free 888-932-9199. Place your order now and be one of the first to receive "The Stomachache Tree."



## Choctaws travel to New York City to present funds

"God has blessed our tribe with the ability to sponsor these fund-raising efforts, and I pray that He will bless America and its citizens."

— Chief Gregory E. Pyle

City. Choctaw Nation raised the donation through tribal businesses and individual gifts to contribute to the victims and families of those affected by the tragedies of September 11, 2001. The Firefighters National Trust has a September 11 Scholarship Program that provides assistance to the children and spouses of firefighters who were killed during the tragedy.

Viewing the site first hand, Chief Pyle, Council Speaker Kenny Bryant and Tribal Councilman James Frazier were awed by the tremendous size of the area that was devastated. Rescue and recovery personnel who had returned to witness the ceremony commented on the magnitude of the effort it took to get the site to the stage it is currently in.

One worker who had volunteered the first five weeks after the collapse said he was amazed that he was standing on rubble that was ten stories above ground and now it is cleaned out seven stories beneath ground level.

The ceremonies included the removal from the site of an empty casket, symbolic of the lives that were lost. 1,626 death certificates were issued without recovered bodies.

The travel plazas owned and operated by the tribe donated 100% of their gasoline and diesel sales for one week, raising \$20,884.15. Choctaw Nation Gaming centers played special games, earning

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Captain Rochell Jones of Engine 4 and Captain Paul Mallory of Ladder 10 of the NYFD were on hand to witness the presentation of funds from the Choctaw Nation. Chief Pyle, Council Speaker Bryant and Councilman Frazier presented the check to Firefighters National Trust Executive Director Steve Careaga.



Presenting certificates to language instructors Roland Wade of California and Alice Billy Davis of Roland, Oklahoma are Council Speaker Kenny Bryant, District 2 Councilman Billy Paul Baker, District 4 Councilman Delton Cox and Choctaw Nation Language Director Richard Adams.

## Davis, Wade receive certification

Alice Billy Davis of Roland, Oklahoma and Roland Wade of Vallejo, California received their teacher certification during the Regular Session of the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council, June 8 at Tushka Homma.

Roland is certified to conduct community classes.

Alice will be serving as the facilitator for the One-Net Distant Learning class beginning in Pocola High School in August.

There will be more than 30 schools in the Choctaw Nation on One-Net this fall.

In other business, Council-

members approved a grant application for up to \$250,000 for the Choctaw Nation Recovery Center for a Treatment System Plan.

The Council approved the 2002-04 grant budget for the Office of Environmental Health. OEHL provides educational outreach material on lead poisoning and preventive techniques, conducts lead-based paint inspections and risk assessments and conducts blood-lead screenings for tribal children.

A grant application was okayed for the Choctaw Nation Recovery Center for an Indian Alcohol

and Substance Abuse Competitive Grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

"I highly support this bill," said Council Speaker Kenny Bryant. "We have seen what good this program can do."

Funding of \$50,000 was approved for additional staging and work area at the Stigler Modular Home Plant.

The Councilmembers discussed a new Internet domain name for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. It was agreed to register the new site with nsn.gov.

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## Completion of diabetes study

Dear Chief Pyle,

I have recently completed a statewide study of diabetes mellitus in American Indian children and adolescents. I conducted this study in partial fulfillment of the requirements for completion of my Ph.D. in Epidemiology at the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the assistance provided to me by the Executive Health Director, his staff, and the diabetes treatment center of the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center. The medical director, Dr. M. Alam, and the Director of the Diabetes Treatment Center, Ms. Sharon Passmore, RN, graciously and repeatedly provided access and assistance to me. Their cooperation allowed me to conduct the kind of thorough chart review which is crucial to the success and validity of this type of research.

During the course of this intensive study of the Indian children of Oklahoma, I have traveled extensively across our state and nation. I have visited many Indian Health Service and tribal health care facilities and it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I acknowledge the exceptional quality of the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center medical records. The Choctaw Nation Diabetes Wellness Center, under the leadership of Ms. Sharon Passmoore, is among the best I have visited and worked with. Furthermore, the diabetes team deserves great praise for the quality of treatment rendered and for the extraordinary diabetes education and screening efforts, the community outreach initiative, and the diabetes prevention program.

It is clear to me and to any observer that the health and well-being of the Choctaw people have always been your main concern as tribal leader. It is not a random occurrence that the health sector has blossomed under your leadership. Thus, I am confident that the health sector, and diabetes control efforts in particular, will continue to receive your constant attention and support and to be one of your top priorities.

Thank you once again, Chief Pyle.

**Boureima H. Sambo, MD, MPH**

## Tribe supports exceptional programs

Dear Editor,

I recently graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy with my Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. I would like to thank the many people with the Choctaw Nation who made my dream come true. First of all, I would like to thank Darryl Brown and the Choctaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the Choctaw Nation Higher Education Program. These two agencies provide help to hundreds of students like me who want to further their education.

I would also like to thank Dixie and the staff at the Diabetes Wellness Center. I was diagnosed with Type I diabetes when I was 17. I was fortunate enough to receive care at the DWC, and was honored to be their first insulin pump patient. With half a state between us, it was not always easy to make the trip to the DWC when I was under the weather. They were kind enough to always be a phone call away. Care like that is hard to find.

Lastly, I would like to thank the staff of the pharmacies at Talihina and Poteau. Both locations provided me with an excellent opportunity to gain my required intern hours. Pharmacy services within the Choctaw Nation have always provided the most advanced pharmaceutical care. The care these pharmacies provide are so respected and highly regarded that the federal government has required all retail pharmacies in the USA to adapt models of pharmacy similar to those found in the Choctaw Nation. I am proud to say that I got to work with two of the most efficient, patient centered, pharmacy practice sites in the state.

There are a lot of extraordinary programs and people working in the Choctaw Nation. The Nation deserves a big thank you for its support of these programs.

**Dr. Candice Vaughn, PharmD.  
Heavener, Oklahoma**

## Information needed on Erie Wilson

Dear Editor,

Your assistance is needed. Please contact me if you have any information on Erie Wilson, born in Wister, Oklahoma about 1901-1903. I need to know if he was Choctaw or were his parents enrolled as Choctaw. Their names are Erie Wilson and Izena B. Bullard Wilson, also from Wister.

He was living in Texas about 1929.

Any information you can give me would be helpful.

Thank you.

**Brenda Hampton, Director  
Tribal Membership  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
1-800-522-6170, ext. 2205**

## Keep spreading the word

Dear Editor,

I would like to say "Thank You" for the letters you have put in the BISHINIK about Choctaws looking for descendants and meeting other Choctaws around the world. Being Native American Indian is a gift to pass on from generation to generation and to have in common with others. Keep spreading the word.

**Jeanine Hulsey-Kinney  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

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## FFA chapter reaching goals

Dear Choctaw Nation,

Thank you for your support and donation at the 2002 LeFlore County Livestock Premium Sale. Through your support you have helped me and my FFA chapter to reach many goals.

**Susan Minap, Whitesboro FFA**

## Choctaw Youth Dancers an honor to tribe

Dear Chief Pyle,

I wanted you to know what a great job the Choctaw Youth Dancers did at the Heavener Multicultural Festival on Saturday, May 18.

Under the direction of Karl McKinney, they performed the traditional dances of the Great Choctaw Nation, sharing the knowledge of their heritage with those in attendance. When not dancing, they behaved with grace and good manners, bringing honor to themselves and their tribe.

It was a pleasure for me to get to know these young people a little bit and to learn more about the Choctaw people. I sincerely hope this program continues and wanted you to know how much I appreciate their attendance at the festival.

**David Spindle, Regional Director  
State of Oklahoma Department of Commerce**

## Choctaw language courses at OU

Dear Chief Pyle,

I am making preparations for the Fall 2003 semester, during which I will be teaching Intermediate and Advanced Choctaw Language courses here at OU. I also commend you for having a vision and concern for our most beloved Choctaw language, and making it available to members and non-members of the tribe who want to learn the Choctaw language.

Everywhere I go to attend language workshops, seminars and conferences, people come to me and comment on the work that Choctaw Nation is doing. Though I'm not directly associated with Choctaw Nation, I have good feelings that people are taking note of what you and the Tribal Council are doing. Again, thank you.

**Leroy Sealy  
University of Oklahoma**

## FFA member appreciates support

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation to the Choctaw Nation for helping me financially with my FFA swine project. With your support, I will now be able to continue with my FFA projects. I appreciate the Choctaw Nation very much.

**Bruce West  
Heavener, Oklahoma**



## Chaplain's Corner

By the Rev. Bertram Bobb, Choctaw Tribal Chaplain

Again I am thankful for the privilege of sharing with you God's Word – spiritual food for spiritual life.

The Bible indicates that this life we are living is for a short time – a brief moment, preparing us for eternity. And it is strange that millions are living only for today, with very little thought about the future life. God's Word, the Bible, has a great deal to say about the future. One is the terrifying subject of Hell.

In the record of the rich man in Luke chapter 16 (read verses 19 through 31), we have an example of a man who chose to disregard God's Word and lived to regret it in a place Jesus called Hell. Jesus was trying to picture what would happen if you left God out of your plans. Because He will bring judgment in the life to come.

Notice that this man was rich in verse 22 of Luke 16: "The rich man also died and was buried." God does not condemn men because they are rich, nor does He justify a man because he is poor. Poverty is not a virtue nor are riches in themselves sin. The altar of God is where the rich and the poor meet. There are no rich nor poor in Heaven. The rich man must put his riches upon the altar and the poor man must put his desires and wants upon the altar and with one voice they cry, "Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to the Cross I cling."

Some of the finest Christians are men of means, but their bank accounts, like their lives, are consecrated wholly to God. But the rich of whom Jesus spoke lived selfishly.

Those who live for themselves will someday find themselves alone, and this man eventually found himself forsaken by the God he had ignored and by his friends whom he had neglected. This rich man died and all of his wealth could not buy one more precious hour of life.

Think of the things that cannot be bought with money. It cannot buy wealth, friends, love or peace of heart and mind. It cannot buy peace of soul. We come to the conclusion then, that money in itself is not worthy of the importance most people place upon it. This rich man's sin was his selfish use of money. He placed it ahead of God and because of that, his heart was conditioned for Hell instead of Heaven.

Notice the place to which the rich man was condemned. In verse 23 of Luke chapter 16 Jesus said, "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

The same Book, the Bible, that tells the wonders of Heaven also describes the terrors of an eternal Hell. The teaching of Hell is not old-fashioned and out-of-date. The Word of God warns men to flee from the wrath of God – to "flee from the wrath to come." (Matthew 3:7; Luke 3:7) The rich man carried all of his faculties with him when he went to Hell. He saw, he felt, he heard, he remembered and he cried.

A million years from today – for eternity – you will still be living somewhere. The immaterial part of man – your memory, your hearing, your feeling, your sight,

## Student pursuing career in journalism

Dear Chief Pyle,

I will graduate from the University of Oklahoma this May with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication and a minor in history. I am graduating Phi Beta Kappa with distinction, but more important, I am the first person in my family to graduate from the University of Oklahoma.

The financial aid I have received from the Choctaw Nation over the last four years had made it possible for me to obtain a college degree without going into debt. I will be forever grateful! Thank you so much for your wonderful support. After graduation, I will be pursuing a career as a television reporter.

**Dena Drabek**



## DHS Choir competes in St. Louis

Dear Chief Pyle and Assistant Chief Bailey,

I want to thank both of you and the Tribal Council for assisting myself and several Choctaw students in our recent trip to St. Louis, Missouri with the Durant High School Choir.

We participated in several choir competitions. You will be glad to know that we received the Gold Medal Rating in all competitions along with Sweepstakes. St. Louis is a wonderful place to visit. We saw much of the historic district as well as the arch. Oh yes, we did have lots of fun at Six Flags and spent a little time shopping for some souvenirs of our trip.

We work hard all year long at fund-raisers to raise money for our trips. You always come through for us at the end of the year in helping to make our trips more enjoyable. Your support and leadership for the young Choctaws are greatly appreciated.

**Kristin Blalock  
Durant, Oklahoma**



### Hopkins/Wade Family Reunion

The Hopkins/Wade reunion is Saturday, June 29, 2 p.m. till ??? and Sunday, June 30, from 10 a.m. till ??? Please bring a covered dish and come visit at the Chickasaw Community Building on Marlow Drive in Marlow, Oklahoma. For more information, please contact James Wade at 255-5374 or Tonie Wade at 439-6240.

### Crank/Walker Family Reunion

A Crank/Walker family reunion has been planned for the very first time. It will be held July 4 in Talihina. If you know of anyone who is from the Katherine (Walker) Crank family, please contact Phyllis Essert at 918-280-0615 or you may write 2210 S. 96th E. Ave., Apt. C, Tulsa, OK 74129 or e-mail sonman@kxoj.zzn.com. We would love to hear from you!

### Franklin/Louis Family Reunion

A family reunion is scheduled for Pearley M. Franklin/William J. Louis of Wright City on July 6 at the City Park in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. If you know anyone who is of Franklin or Louis kinship, please tell them about this. Bring pictures, letters and anything to tell us about our family. For more information, please contact DeVonda Silvas (972) 289-7023 or via e-mail at devonda@msn.com.

### Pebworth/Pebsworth Family Reunion

The ninth Pebworth/Pebsworth family reunion is scheduled for this summer. It will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning, July 19-21, at Lake Texoma. Pavilion #3 is reserved and Wade and his crew have been very busy fishing so we can have a wonderful fish fry. A block of rooms and cabins has been reserved at the lodge in the Pebworth/Pebsworth Reunion name. Reservations must be made before June 19 or the rooms will be released for others to use. Call 800-528-0593 for reservations. There is a two-night minimum stay required of Friday and Saturday nights on all summer weekends. Lake Texoma Resort Park is located five miles east of Kingston, Oklahoma. For more information, contact Todd or Robin Pebsworth at 806-647-5244 (work) or 806-938-2395 (leave message) or e-mail pebsworth@nts-online.net.

your taste, will be living somewhere forever according to the teaching of the Bible.

Notice how the rich man was punished in Luke 16:23: "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, ..." It took the torments of Hell to turn this rich man's thoughts toward others. What will people endure in the service of Satan and sin – descending down the social ladder – in spite of the prayers of loved ones and friends and the faithful convicting plea of the Holy Spirit. It is strange that men will go on in sin and be bound by its chains and not turn toward God.

The rich man had the torment of memory. Abraham said in verse 25, "... remember that thou in thy life time receivedst thou good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things, but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented."

The rich man also had the memory of wasted opportunities. The agonizing memory of Lazarus the beggar at his gate and the condemning memory of his own selfishness and refusal to share even the crumbs which fell from his table added to the Hell of his torment.

You are going to remember the times you drove by the church and the evangelistic meetings you went by when you could have gone and given your life to Christ. You are going to remember throughout eternity the opportunities you neglected and that alone will be a torment that will drive you deeper into Hell.

Notice in verse 24, the rich man had the torment of thirst: "... cool my tongue for I am tor-

mented in this flame." Is there literal fire in Hell? Again, these are the words of Jesus. Jesus said, "... in this flame."

Now, notice the torment of separation in verse 26: "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot, neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

Sin separates God from man. It was man's sin in the Garden of Eden which created a gulf of separation between God and man. But Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the supreme act of atonement fashioned a bridge over the impassable gulf of separation and reconciled God and man. God has bridged this gulf with the Cross of Redemption and He pleads with man to bridge this gulf of separation by accepting Jesus Christ, Who died on that Cross, as his or her personal Savior by faith. Have you gone across that bridge?

Notice the prayer that the rich man prayed: "... Father Abraham, have mercy on me, ..." His prayer was too late. There are no answered prayers in Hell. When God's Grace is ended, prayers are of no avail. Today you have an opportunity to give your life to Jesus Christ.

(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. – II Corinthians 6:2)

Remember to pray for America, for our leaders and for our service men and women.





*From the desk of Chief Gregory E. Pyle*

## Tribe presents scholarship funds to families of firefighters killed at WTC

It was an humbling experience to visit the site of the World Trade Center on May 30th. The terrorist attack devastated an enormous area of property, and directly affected countless lives. The Council and I were honored to meet some of the incredibly brave family members of individuals who were killed on September 11th, as well as many of the people who volunteered during the massive rescue and recovery efforts. Buildings surrounding the perim-

eter of the collapsed buildings are still in various levels of disrepair.

One of the representatives of the Firefighters National Trust told us that three of the buildings in the immediate vicinity were undamaged on September 11th. Three churches, St. Paul's, St. Peter's and the Trinity Church did not even have windows broken, according to this source. The improbability of this, in sight of such massive destruction, was enough to leave us awestruck.

The symbolic ceremony to carry out the empty casket, representative of the lives lost, was a moment of quiet dignity. Policemen and women, firefighters and rescue workers lined the long ramp way that was used for access of vehicles to the bottom of the seven-story-deep pit.

A semi-trailer truck hauled out the last of the steel beams, draped with a large American flag. The honor guard filed behind this truck, two by two, until all were on

ground level, above the enormous hole.

Applause broke out for these heroes, and chants of "USA! USA!" were heard above the clapping. Tears were shed by friends, families and recovery workers while viewing the site, as they talked about the first hours and days after the attack while hoping for miracles.

The spirit of these families was uplifting. After the last of the honor guard left the ramp leading to the

bottom of the recovery site, families and friends gathered for a meal, children played "Spider-man," and conversations of their loved ones were interspersed with plans for the future.

There were memorials posted throughout the Trade Center site. Many of these memorials were sent from children across the United States. One huge poster board that was pinned to the wall inside the fire station located at Ground Zero was sent in by Tyler

from Pennsylvania. His note read "Thank you for every thing you did for the people in New York. And please don't be sad, all of your friends are now very happy in Heaven with Jesus and you are all Heroes!"

There was a flag sent by President Bush, huge posters bearing the names of the lost firefighters, police, and Port Authority officers, and even a shirt being signed by those who offered assistance so that it could be placed in a museum. A large banner outside by the edge of the pit read *We Will Never Forget*.

A walk through the streets brought us to firehouse Engine 10, Ladder 10, where Speaker Kenny Bryant, Councilman James Frazier and I presented a donation on behalf of all Choctaw people to the families of firefighters lost at the World Trade Center.

The funds, which totaled \$75,865.89, will be used to provide educational scholarships for the families of firefighters who were killed that day. The donation was accepted by Steve Careaga, Director of the Firefighters National Trust, who expressed gratitude that people were still offering financial assistance.

*From the desk of Assistant Chief Mike Bailey*

## Choctaw Nation All-Indian Rodeo Association Region 8

Region 8 rodeo competitors are beginning a new season with a new name and a new board of directors. A pledge has been made by the Choctaw Nation All-Indian Rodeo Association Region 8 to provide the best rodeos possible for the athletes.

All of Region 8 rodeos, as well as the finals, will be held at the Hugo covered arena. Thanks to the Choctaw Nation, there will be \$250 added money to each event, at each performance. Rodeos are scheduled for Sunday, June 23

and Sunday, July 14, both at 1:00 p.m. The Region 8 Finals will be held August 16 and 17, 2002.

Events in the rodeos include Bareback Riding, Calf Roping, Ladies Breakaway, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping: Header and Heeler, Barrel Racing, Bull Riding and Jr. Steer Riding and Jr. Barrels.

Junior events will be held at all of the Choctaw Nation Region 8 rodeos, but will not be offered at the Indian National Finals Rodeo in southern California. More

information about the finals will be forthcoming later.

Contestants from other states may come to our region and qualify for our regional finals and have a chance to qualify for the Indian National Finals Rodeo. A Region 8 2002 membership will be required for all contestants who want to qualify for the region finals and INFR.

Choctaw Nation Region 8 has adopted the PRCA/WPRA rule book. Any discrepancies will be solved by their rules. The judges,

before each rodeo, will draw for all positions and stock. Certified judges will be hired. A judge's decision is final.

The Breakaway Roping will adopt and be run according to the United Professional Rodeo Association Rule Book. With the help and support of the tribe, all aspects of Region 8 should be improved. The association will grow and develop for a positive future. We should all look forward to an excellent rodeo season in our region.



## 2002 Jones Academy seniors

Kathy Alexander is from Oklahoma City and has resided at Jones Academy since the fourth grade. She is the daughter of Bobby Alexander and Deanna Lewis. Kathy was a member of the Choctaw Nation Upward Bound Math and Science Program. She was active in athletics making the Oklahoma All-State Softball team as well as the All-Indian Basketball Team. Kathy will attend Eastern State Oklahoma State College in the fall on a softball scholarship. She plans to major in pre-med. Kathy has also received the EOSC Presidential Scholarship.



**Kathy Alexander**



**Verna Allen**

Verna Allen is the daughter of Leo and Maria Allen. She is from Chinle, Arizona. Verna is making plans to attend Dine College in Tsail, Arizona this coming fall.



**Glenda Autaubo**



**William Bonaparte**

William Bonaparte is the son of Paula Manning and the late Gerald Dean Bonaparte. William is from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was an honors student at Hartshorne as well as a student council officer and representative. He was on the Choctaw Nation Upward Bound Math and Science Program and excelled in math and science. He is enrolled at Tulsa Community College where he will study computer science.



**Danielle Cloud**

Danielle Cloud is the daughter of Daniel Cloud and the late Dawna Jaye Koos. She is from Gardnerville, Nevada.

She has registered to attend classes at Mesa Community College in Mesa, Arizona in the fall.



**Laverne Burris**

Calina Coplen is the daughter of Debra Campbell and Bobby Shelton. She is from Claremore, Oklahoma. Calina is enrolled at Eastern State Oklahoma State College and plans to major in psychology.



**Micolyn Davis**

Micolyn Davis is the daughter of Michael and Hilda Davis. Micolyn resides in Navajo, NM. She is endeavoring to enter the University of New Mexico in Gallup, NM this coming fall.



**James Hedge**

Rachel Davis is the daughter of Patricia Keever and James Davis. She is from Fernley, Nevada. She is registered to attend classes at Truckee Meadows Community College. She would like to pursue a career in environmental studies or become a kindergarten teacher.



**Stacy Jessie**



**Calina Coplen**



**Rachel Davis**

James Hedge is the son of Debbie and William Hedge. James resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is an honors student at Hartshorne and is with the Choctaw Nation Upward Bound Math and Science Program. He plans to attend Eastern State Oklahoma State College and study computer science. He has received the EOSC Presidential Scholarship.



**Abbie James**

Stacy Jessie is the daughter of Julia and Eastman Jessie. She is from Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Stacy was an officer in FFA at Hartshorne High School.

She is scheduled to attend classes in the fall at Eastern State Oklahoma State College. She has not declared her major field of study.

Shari McCloud is the daughter of Stephen McCloud and the late Rosemary McCloud. Shari's permanent residence is in Reno, Nevada. She is registered to attend classes at Truckee Meadows Community College this fall. She has demonstrated an aptitude for computer science.



**Zachery McGirt**

Belcher Noriega is the son of Manuel and Ramona Noriega. Belcher is from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was the Jones Academy 2002 Student Council President and was recognized by his teachers for his artistic abilities. Belcher will be attending Eastern State Oklahoma State College in the fall.



**Randy Resendiz**

year.

Anthony Robinson is from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is the son of Donna Sanchez. Anthony is planning to join the arm forces and pursue a military career.



**Jonathan Williams**  
in physical therapy.

Jonathan Williams has been at Jones Academy for 11 years. He is from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is the son of Walter and Sherry Williams. Jonathan is in the Choctaw Nation Upward Bound Math and Science Program as well as Gifted and Talented. He is enrolled at the University of Tulsa where he plans to pursue a career



**Shari McCloud**

Zachery McGirt is the son of Randy McGirt and Carolyn Tiger. Zach is from Ada, Oklahoma. He plans to attend Eastern State Oklahoma State College in the fall. He has shown an interest in computer science.



**Belcher Noriega**

Randy Resendiz has attended Jones Academy since the first grade. His permanent residence is in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Randy was in honors choir and Gifted and Talented at Hartshorne. He has also received the Presidential Scholarship from Eastern State Oklahoma State College where he plans to attend the 2002-2003 school



**Anthony Robinson**



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# Fad diets: What you may be missing

Food-specific diets rely on the myth that some foods have special properties that can cause weight loss or gain. But no food can. These diets don't teach healthful eating habits; therefore, you won't stick with them. Sooner or later, you'll have a taste for something else – anything that is not among the foods you've been “allowed” on the diet.

The popular high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets are based on the idea that carbohydrates are bad, that many people are “allergic” to them or are insulin-resistant, and therefore gain weight when they eat them. The truth is that people are eating more total calories and getting less physical activity, and that is the real reason they are gaining weight. These high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets tend to be low in calcium and fiber, as well as healthy phytochemicals (plant chemicals).

Some authors of these fad diets advise taking vitamin-mineral supplements to replace lost nutrients. However, supplements should “bridge the gap” in healthy eating and not be used as a replacement for nutrient-rich foods.

Also, the authors of high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets advocate taking advantage of ketosis to accelerate weight loss. Ketosis is an abnormal body process that occurs during starvation due to lack of carbohydrate. Ketosis can cause fatigue, constipation, nausea and vomiting. Potential long-term side effects of ketosis include heart disease, bone loss and kidney damage.

### Healthy lifestyle tips for losing weight and keeping it off

Successful weight loss (losing weight and keeping it off for at least five years) is accomplished by making positive changes to both eating habits and physical activity patterns.

#### Get moving!

To establish a habit of regular physical activity, make simple, small changes. Try getting 30 minutes of physical activity most days of the week. Try a variety of different activities to ward off boredom.

- Instead of meeting a friend for lunch, meet for a walk.

## WIC

### WOMEN, INFANT & CHILDREN

- Wash your car by hand instead of using the car wash.
- Use manual gardening tools to mow, trim and rake.

#### Eat a wide variety of foods

Variety is the spice of life! Eating a variety of foods helps provide vitamins, minerals, fiber and phytochemicals, all of which may help reduce chronic disease risk. You don't need to give up favorite foods when trying to maintain or lose weight.

#### Tailor portion sizes

An important part of healthful eating is monitoring portion sizes. This can be especially challenging when eating in restaurants. When eating out, divide the meal and take half home for the next day, split a meal with a friend, or order an appetizer as your main course.

Enjoy the delicious and hearty stew recipe below with a slice of whole-grain bread after a brisk walk.

### Ten Red Flags that signal bad nutrition advice

1. Recommendations that promise a quick fix
2. Dire warnings of dangers from a single product or regimen
3. Claims that sound too good to be true
4. Simplistic conclusions drawn from a complex study
5. Recommendations based on a single study
6. Dramatic statements that are refuted by reputable scientific organizations
7. Lists of “good” and “bad” foods
8. Recommendations made to help sell a product
9. Recommendations based on studies published without peer review
10. Recommendations from studies that ignore differences among individuals or groups



#### Heartwarming Vegetable Stew

- 3 1/4 cups chicken broth, divided
- 2 medium onions, coarsely chopped (about 2 cups)
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 1/3 pounds (4 medium) potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 2 cans (14 1/4 ounces each) hominy, drained
- 2 cups broccoli florets

- 2 medium carrots, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 1 cup peeled, cubed (3/4-inch) butternut or other winter squash
- 1 jar (7 1/4 ounces) roasted red peppers, rinsed and drained
- 2 teaspoons dried basil leaves, crushed
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon pepper

In Dutch oven or large saucepan, heat 1/4 cup of the broth over medium heat until hot. Add onions and garlic; cook and stir 4 to 6 minutes or until onions are translucent. Add remaining broth and all remaining ingredients; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 20 to 25 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

Preparation time: 20 minutes. Cooking time: 35 minutes  
Makes 6 (2-cup) servings

Nutrition Information per serving: 330 calories; 5 grams fat; 0 milligrams cholesterol; 410 milligrams sodium; 66 grams carbohydrate; 10 grams fiber; 9 grams protein

**Tip:** Three cups frozen broccoli-carrot mixture may be substituted for fresh broccoli and carrots, if desired; proceed as recipe directs.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

July 2002

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

### Food Distribution Sites

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

ATOKA – National Guard Armory.

BETHEL – Choctaw Nation Community Building.

BROKEN BOW – Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.

COALGATE – Choctaw Commodity Center.

DURANT – Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 100 Waldron Dr.

HUGO – Housing Authority.

IDABEL – Choctaw Village

Shopping Center.

McALESTER – Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 1212 S. Main.

POTEAU – Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.

SMITHVILLE – Big Lick Church.

STIGLER – Choctaw Community Building.

TALIHINA – Boys & Girls Club.

WILBURTON – Choctaw Community Building.

WRIGHT CITY – Choctaw Head Start Building.

The Food Distribution Pro-

gram 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 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.

## Choctaw Nation Cardiovascular Coalition

### CORE CAPACITY

*Building strong hearts, healthy lives and a healthy nation*

The American Indian/Alaska Native population has a higher rate of heart disease and heart attack than non-Native Americans or Alaska Natives.

The American Indian/Alaska Native has higher prevalence rates of heart disease and diabetes risk factors of obesity, higher blood pressure and higher blood

cholesterol than non-Native Americans or Alaska Natives.

Core Capacity is the development of support strategies, partnership formation, and coalition building to raise and maintain community awareness and support, as well as national awareness of the health priority area needs of American Indian/

Alaska Native population.

For more information on becoming a coalition member in your community, contact Core Capacity team member Dan McFarland at 918-567-3255 or 918-567-6405.

### PROGRAM NEWS

#### Choctaw Firefighters

The Choctaw Firefighters left May 9 for Arizona. They were on the Prescott National Forest, Indian Fire.

The community of Prescott planned a thank you program on May 19 at the fairgrounds in appreciation for the fire crews there – Choctaw #30, Caddo #28 and Pawnee #29. The crews have been bombarded with “thanks” and “goodies” like cookies.

The crews are in good shape and good spirits and were to return home the end of May.

The Choctaw Firefighters out are Raymond Ludlow, Tony Anderson, Jonah Young, Jeff Smith, Keith Gammel, Steven Baxter, Michael Jacoway, Thomas Stewart, Richard Bohanan, Alford Noah and John Roebuck.

#### Audiology Department

Congratulations to Carolyn “Suzi” Langston and Athena Heaton who received their temporary permits from Occupational Licensing of the Oklahoma State Department of Health. They may perform the duties of a Hearing Aid Dealer/Fitter under the supervision of the licensed HADF, Lana Moses. Now they are studying hard and practicing for the licensing exam.

Audiological testing, hearing aid candidacy determination and selection and proper fitting of amplification instruments are included in their scope of practice. These can be challenging duties but the rewards are immeasurable. To bring the hard of hearing back into the world of sound makes this job a delight.

We wish them luck and keep up the good work!



#### Choctaw ladies attend Indian Missionary Conference

Choctaw ladies, from left, Rev. Bernadine Dowdy, Rosie Ludlow, Joyce Deere, Margaret Battiest and Rowena Beach attend the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. This year's meeting was hosted in the Choctaw Nation at the Southeast Region Center in Antlers, June 6-9.

## Chahta Anumpa Internet Course

### Schedule released for Fall 2002

#### “Beginning Choctaw Grammar”

Starting Date: August 19, 2002 - Ending Date: December 13, 2002  
10 a.m. (Central Time) - Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
Fifty-minute classes

#### “Intermediate Choctaw Grammar”

Starting Date: August 19, 2002 - Ending Date: December 13, 2002  
1 p.m. (Central Time) - Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
Fifty-minute classes

#### “Beginning Choctaw Grammar”

Starting Date: August 20, 2002 - Ending Date: December 12, 2002  
9 p.m. (Central Time) - Tuesday and Thursday  
Fifty-minute classes

There will be no classes on the following days:

*September 2, 2002 - Labor Day Holiday; November 25-29, 2002 - Thanksgiving Break*

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Durant 10-12 noon	3 McAlester 10 am-2 pm Stigler by appt. only	4 Holiday	5 Idabel 10 am-2 pm	6
7	8 Talihina 10 am-2 pm	9 Coalgate 10 am-2 pm	10	11	12 Broken Bow 9:30 am-2 pm	13
14	15 Antlers 1-3:30 pm	16 Durant by appt only	17 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 Atoka 10 am-2 pm	25	26 Wright City 9:30 am-2 pm	27
28	29	30	31	JULY		

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.

#### CHAHTA ANUMPA KIL ANUMPOLI !!

(Let's talk Choctaw !!)

#### NAN ISHT IKHVNA YA ISH ISHIH-O ?

(Do you have a computer ?)

#### CHEKOSIKMA, NAN AIANNOA ITTIBAPISA YVT ISHT I'ACHI !!

(Internet classes will begin soon !!)

#### HO MINTI !!

(Ya'll come !!)



Break the language barrier!



Hear the Choctaw songs!

#### CHAHTA ANUMPA INTERNET COURSE

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1, 2002

[www.choctawnation.com](http://www.choctawnation.com)  
Language Classes



# TRAIL OF TEARS WALK AT WHEELOCK



Walkers stroll past Wheelock Church.



Derek, Cindy and Jaxon Baker.



All that walking makes for a hearty appetite.



Tia Battiest, Cheif Greg Pyle and Desiree Noah.



Louis and Robert Whitfield of Golden visit with Chief Greg Pyle. Louis worked at Wheelock when it was used as a school.



Damien Jacob, Charbara Ostgarden and Valentina and Victoria Reyes, all of Wright City.



Buddy and Sheila Kyle of Owasso and Sally Payne and Rebeka Lockhead of Paris, Texas.



Delores and Walter Dye of Talihina tour the Wheelock grounds. Delores graduated from Wheelock in 1952 and enjoys remembering the fun she had there. They both attended Chilocco.



Lavon, Shineesta and Solomon Tonihka of Wright City.



Members of the Kulli-Chito Church donated the proceeds from their grilled burgers and scrumptious fried pies to the men's group. The five pictured are Keith Baker, Kay Baker, Jeremy Jones, Alan Lewis and Kelly Baker.



Michael Miller is tired of riding. He pushes his plastic boat with Nakishi Zilliox close by.



C.J. and Margie Burnam of Ardmore and Jimmy Lions of Alabaster, Alabama. Jimmy was raised in Hughes County.



Marva Sampson of Edmond and Tori take a break during the walk.



Virginia Rutledge of Millerton; her mother, Sarah Belvin of Boswell, and Ima Holden of Bennington.



Kristen Scott



T.J. Tippmann, 10, of Loveland, Colorado joins cousins Brandon Zaicek, 5, and Tyler Zaicek, 2, for the walk. Their grandmother, Sherley Zaicek, is from Crystal.



## People You Know

### Tana to enter professional performing arts program

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City is pleased to announce that Tana Marie Takes Horse has been accepted into the professional performing arts program for 2002-03. Admission to AMDA is competitive and students are selected for admission from throughout the U.S., Canada and many foreign countries. This year, students auditioned in 18 cities in the U.S. and four cities in Canada. The full-time enrollment in AMDA's two-year program is 550 students.

AMDA was founded in 1964 as a performing arts conservatory. Recent AMDA graduates have appeared in "Sweet and Lowdown," "Scary Movie," "Rounders," "Cradle Will Rock," "American Beauty," and "Teaching Mrs. Tingle." Recent television credits for AMDA graduates include "Judging Amy," "The Practice," "Two of a Kind," "Touched by an Angel," "The Corner," "Sopranos," "Get Real" and "Law and Order."

AMDA alumni have achieved success as actors, singers, directors, producers, choreographers, musical directors, playwrights, casting directors and agents.

Tana is the daughter of William and Gwen Takes Horse and the granddaughter of Cecil and Ruth James, all of Colbert, Oklahoma.

### Bully chosen Spring Student of the Semester

Curtis Bully of Durant, Oklahoma was awarded Student of the Semester for Spring 2002 at Kiamichi Vocational-Technical in Durant. Curtis is a member of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society and has been listed on the Director's Honor Roll for two years.

In March, Curtis placed first in Digital Media Production at the Spring Leadership Conference for Oklahoma Business Professionals of America in Tulsa. In May, he won third place in the nation in Digital Media Production at the 36th Annual National Leadership Conference held in Chicago.

While at the vocational-technical school in Durant, he served as historian/reporter for his Business Professionals of America group and created a yearbook for his classes. The school's director is considering adopting the yearbook for the whole school next year.

Curtis completed his degree in Business Core and Business Technology and plans to pursue a career in publishing and video editing.

### Pre-teen Oklahoma finalist



Robyn Brooke Sanner, the daughter of Jeff and Debbie Sanner of Loco, Oklahoma and a student at Velma-Alma, was selected as a finalist in the Pre-Teen Oklahoma Scholarship and Recognition Program, held in May at the Marriott Southern Hills in Tulsa.

Pre-Teen Oklahoma is a by-invitation only scholarship and recognition program involving young ladies seven to twelve years of age based on their academic achievement and participation in outside activities.

### Pageant state finalist

Deagan Wamega, 10, has been selected as a state finalist in the Miss Oklahoma American Co-ed Pageant.

The pageant is held for girls ages 3 through 18. The winner of each division will receive a cash award, a full modeling scholarship, the official crown and banner, and transportation and trip to Florida to compete in a five-day event with other state winners for the national title.

The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

The daughter, of Anthony and Naomi Tiger Wamego of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Deagan is one-half Choctaw and one-half Creek. Her grandparents include Revennie Noah Tiger of Sapulpa, Oklahoma and Ella Wamego of Arizona.



### Happy birthday, Kailyn!

Kailyn Ward of Durant, Oklahoma will celebrate her seventh birthday on June 28. Wishing her a happy birthday are her mom and dad, Traci and Jason French; her sister, Alissa, and her aunt, Wendi James. She is the granddaughter of the late Wayne "Windy" Ward and Lucille Ward and the great-granddaughter of Katherine Ward of Talihina, Oklahoma and Polly Marshall of Eufaula, Oklahoma.



### ECU graduate

Jana Barnes of McAlester, Oklahoma graduated May 11 from East Central University in Ada with honors. She now holds a Master's Degree in Secondary Education, specializing in education technology. For the past year, she has been teaching undergraduate education technology classes at ECU that she helped design and also instructed weekly workshops for faculty.

During her graduate studies, she was a member of the Board of Deans where she represented the graduate students of East Central. Also during this time period, she attended special classes for certification of Lead Technology Trainer. Upon leaving East Central, she has attained a Bachelors of Art in Psychology. She studied studio art, design, jewelry making and art therapy at the University of Oklahoma.

Jana is a member of the First Baptist Church of McAlester and the mother of Bray and Bryce Killingsworth, the daughter of Jim and Betty Barnes of Hartshorne and sister to Stone Barnes of Ft. Worth, Texas. Jana is the granddaughter of Tux Bowen of Scipio, Oklahoma.

She says she would like to continue her study of education and further her career in instructional design.

### Jarrett receives baseball scholarship

Jarrett Gardner, a grandson of the late Chief David Gardner, is attending the University of Arkansas on a baseball scholarship. He will be a senior next school year with a 3.78 gpa. He and his family would like to thank the Choctaw Nation for helping Jarrett with some of his school needs and update you on his success so far. He is majoring in kinesiology and plans on getting his teaching degree in secondary education.

As for his performance on the Razorback baseball team, he is a right-handed pitcher with a 3.28 ERA and a 3-2 win-loss record. He was very successful this past season on the mound. His wins were against Mississippi State, Auburn, and Oral Roberts University. He had three saves against Long Beach State, Oklahoma City University and McNeese State. Jarrett went all nine innings against Auburn University to help the Razorbacks qualify for the SEC tournament.



### Kalan earns perfect marks

Kalan Koi Maxwell of Houston, Texas graduated from pre-kindergarten classes at Discovery Kingdom private school on May 21. He was one of four students in the class of 20 with perfect marks in all his subjects.

Kalan celebrated his fifth birthday on March 10. His sister, Anoli Maxwell, celebrated her fourth birthday on May 27, and baby brother, Miko Maxwell, turned two on May 15. They

marked the occasions with a party in Galveston, Texas on May 25, attended by their father, Zach Maxwell of Texarkana, Arkansas (formerly of Hugo, Oklahoma); grandparents, Steve Maxwell of Eagle Pass, Texas and Karol Carnes of Hugo, and great-grandmother, Hellen Hickman, also of Hugo. They are the descendants of original enrollee Sandy Hickman.

### Melanie makes SMU honor roll

Melanie Jordan Stovall, a sophomore at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the fall semester.

SMU's Fall 2001 enrollment included 5,708 undergraduate students pursuing degrees in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Meadows School of the Arts, Edwin Cox School of Business and Engineering.

Melanie is the granddaughter of Eve Stovall of San Angelo, Texas and the great-great-granddaughter of Stella Freeny Hattox of Bromide, Oklahoma.

Melanie's home is in Austin, Texas. Her parents are Charles and Nancy Stovall.



### Happy fourth, Samuel

Cheyhoma Lyn Dugger wants to wish her brother, Samuel Ray Dugger, a very happy birthday. Samuel will be turning four years old on June 29.

He is the son of Jerry and Michele Dugger of Hartshorne. Grandparents are Frank and Jane Dugger of Hartshorne and Sharon and Daniel Martin of McAlester. Great-grandparents are Charleen Samuels and the late



Wesley Samuels of McAlester, the late Harold and Myrtle Dugger of Hartshorne and Coleman and Reba Pough of Dow.

### Garlands celebrate 65 years of marriage

Clinton and Hazel Garland of Tulsa celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 15, 2002. Their family honored them with a dinner at Flavors Restaurant in Tulsa.

The couple were married May 15, 1937 in Stigler. They have three children, James C. Garland and Jerry Garland and wife, Carolyn, all of Tulsa and Judy Amiri of Tucker, Georgia. They have 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Clinton Garland retired from Bendix Corporation in 1978. Hazel Garland is a homemaker.



### Happy 4th birthday, Kyle

We would like to wish Kyle Blake Battiest a very happy fourth birthday on June 5. Kyle is the son of J.R. and Angela Battiest of Broken Bow. He has a brother, Quentin, and a new sister, Lindsey. His grandparents are Rose and Jim Shenwell of Idabel, Louis Battiest of Broken Bow, Doris Lewis of Oklahoma City. Happy birthday, Kyle! We love you!



assigned to Troop K in Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Gary is a direct descendant of original enrollee Ben Freeny.

### New Trooper is Choctaw

Gary Ellis Freeny, Jr. graduated from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol on October 4, which is a great honor. He attended Skiatook High School, then went on to Haskell Indian Nation University where he graduated with honors. He worked at Dick Connors Correctional Center for five years. He is

### Distinguished Scholar

Timothy O'Keefe graduated Lakewood High School, Lakewood, California, on June 13 with a 4.0 grade point average. During his time in high school, he was listed in "Who's Who in American High Schools" four years. He graduated as a Distinguished Scholar and received the Medal of Merit for Spanish, Social Science and Pre-Calculus. He also received the Presidential Academic Fitness Gold Award.

He has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland and will be inducted on June 28.

Tim is the son of Kevin and Melody O'Keefe and the grandson of Patrick and Suzanne O'Keefe and Spicer and Della Ramsay. He is the brother of Christopher and Erin.

We are all very proud of him and wish him the best of luck at Annapolis.

### Top American Indian Graduate

Michael A. Stewart of Ponki Bok/Eagletown, Oklahoma recently completed his Master's of Art in the Indigenous Nations Studies Program at the University of Kansas. In addition, Michael received the 2002 American Indian Big XII Conference Outstanding Graduate Student Award and the University of Kansas's Office of Multicultural Affairs' 2002 Top American Indian Graduate Award.



### Cole earns Eagle rank

On March 23, Cole Smith of Boswell Boy Scout Troop 387 attained the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, the Eagle Scout. Each scout earning this rank must meet several requirements, including completing a service project for his community, school or church. Cole planned and supervised the replacement of the ceiling and light fixtures of the VFW/American Legion building in Boswell.

Cole has been active in scouts since becoming a Tiger Cub in the first grade. He earned Cub Scouts' highest rank, the Arrow of Light, as a fifth-grader. He joined Troop 387 in November of 1997.

Cole has worked staff at many NeTseO Trails Cub Scout Day Camps, Mom-n-Me and Dad-n-Lad Cub Scout Camps and will work on staff at Camp Dierk's this summer. He attended the 2001 National Boy Scout Jamboree with NeTseO Trails Jamboree Contingent Troop 1911. He is a brotherhood member of the National Order of the Arrow which is a service and honor camping organization of the BSA. He is affiliated with the Loquanne Allangwh Lodge 428. Cole is presently serving as the Northern Star Chapter Chief. He attended the National Order Arrow Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee in 2000 where he competed on a National Ceremony Team. He will attend the 2002 NOAC which is to be held in Bloomington, Indiana this summer.

Cole was the 2001-02 freshman class vice president. He is the Boswell FFA 2002-03 chapter vice president and a Chapter Star Greenhand Degree recipient. He also raises and shows Beef Shorthorn and Maine-Anjou cattle. He is the son of Gary and Denise Smith of Boswell. He is the grandson of George and Berni Ensminger of Hugo, Oklahoma and Marshall and Mary Smith of Boswell.

### Cheyenne scores new red bicycle

Cheyenne Fields, a third-grader at Shields Heights Elementary School, was awarded a plaque and a new red bike for scoring the highest of the school on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. She also received the Principal's Honor Award for all A's, Citizenship Award, and a certificate for reading more than 25 books.

Everyone is proud of her including her mother, Darlene Fields of Oklahoma City.



### Party to be held for Sampson sisters

Family and friends are invited to come and help celebrate with a birthday party for Sampson sisters, Georgie McKinney, 97, and Agnes Kellett, 80, at 11 a.m. on July 20, 2002 at Camp Israel Fulsom, Bethel, Oklahoma.

### Happy 15th

Happy 15th birthday on July 2 to Jimmy Eugene Hudson. Jimmy has graduated from the eighth grade at Krebs School and will start the ninth grade at Crowder School.

Jimmy and his parents, Jim and Diane Hudson, live in McAlester. He is the grandson of Gene Hudson of Talihina and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sharp of McAlester. His great-grandfather is the late George Hudson of Talihina.



### Happy birthday

Happy June birthdays to sisters Billie Stearns on the 21st and Dellois Brown on the 28th. Dellois is the oldest by seven years and seven days.



**Attention**

**CHOCTAWS**

**You are invited to join**

**Chief Gregory E. Pyle and**

**Councilman Perry Thompson**

**for a**

**FISH FRY**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Friday, June 21**

**Choctaw Community Center**

**in Hugo**



## Brandon turns two years old



Happy birthday to Brandon Lee Felihkatubbe. Brandon turns two on July 24. His proud parents are Robert and Dinah Felihkatubbe of Monroe, North Carolina. His grandparents are Eva Parish of Riverside, California, the late Coleman Felihkatubbe of Parris, California, Ingrid Koonce of Tucson, Arizona and Hans Reichart of Phoenix, Arizona. We all love you very much.

## Jon-Andrew celebrates 14th

The family of Jon-Andrew Martin would like to wish him a very happy 14th birthday on May 22. Jon-Andrew is the son of James and Sheila Martin of Alderson, Oklahoma, little brother to Michael Goforth and the grandson of Herman and Betty Griffith of Loco, Oklahoma and Otha and Joyce Martin of McAlester, Oklahoma. Jon-Andrew is the great-grandson of Mary Wall of Ardmore of whom he is very proud.



## Happy eighth birthday, Bubba



Happy birthday to Bubba who is pictured in the center with brother Justin, who will be ten in October, and friend Tommy Wildcat. Tommy is a full-blood Cherokee from Tahlequah, Oklahoma and is a nationally known performing artist, flute player, flute maker, lecturer and historical storyteller.

Bubba turned eight years old on May 5. He and Justin enjoyed the powwow, the first one they had attended. Their five-year-old sister, Jordan, just took everything in and was excited to see all the dancing. Bubba, Justin, Jordan and their mother, Melissa, are Choctaw. They are the grandchild and the great-grandchildren of the late Dick Polk.

Happy birthday from your grandma, Kay Polk Shelton of Lubbock, Texas!



## Christina turns 12

Christina Ann celebrated her 12th birthday on June 13. She is the daughter of Gilberto and Sandra H. Garcia of Wapanucka, Oklahoma. Christina is the granddaughter of Richard and Alex Bertis of Durant, Oklahoma and the great-granddaughter of the late Newt Wallace.

Happy birthday, baby! We are very proud of you!

## Jennifer Williams celebrates ninth

Jennifer Lynne Williams of Stonewall, Oklahoma celebrated her ninth birthday on May 14.

Jennifer's parents are Barry and Linda Williams of Stonewall. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arvle Williams of Summerfield, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Scott of Idabel, Oklahoma.

Happy birthday!



## Guy Neal celebrates 80th

Guy Neal turned 80 years old on June 3. He celebrated with a party on Sunday, June 2, with his wife, Lois; their children, Jim Neal, Jan Toth, Pat Lancaster, Dayna Hunter and Dwayne Neal, and other relatives from Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

He was born in Quinton, Oklahoma and spent his early years there. Mr. Neal moved to Lawrence, Kansas in 1938 to attend high school at Haskell Institute. While at Haskell, Guy joined the National Guard, Troop One, and was a member until being transferred to parachute school at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Later Guy was to join the 503rd Regimented Combat Team in Australia. During World War II, Guy was in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. He received a battlefield commission on Corregidor Island and completed five years of active duty. He had completed a total of 26 years of military service when he retired as a captain in the Kansas National Guard.

After the war, from 1946 until 1950, Guy Neal attended college at Panhandle A&M College in Goodwell, Oklahoma, graduating with a degree in agriculture and physical science. Following graduation, he was employed by Panhandle Eastern Gas Company and lived in Hardesty, Oklahoma.

In 1952, Guy went to work for Cities Service Gas Company near Guymon, Oklahoma. During his career with Cities Service, which later became Williams Gas Pipeline Company, Guy worked at several locations in Wyoming and Kansas. In 1983, he retired from his position as Lawrence Division Superintendent.



## Happy 77th to Betty Jo Carroll

Betty Jo Carroll is surrounded by seven of her 15 great-grandchildren. Everyone would like to wish her a very happy 77th birthday on June 20.

### Little Thunder turns one

Jada "Little Thunder" McCarter recently turned one year old. She lives with her mom and dad in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Little Thunder is the granddaughter of Elizabeth and David Duerr of Fayetteville and Andrew and Joyce McCarter (Kicking Horse) of Lancaster, California. We all love you, Little Thunder!



## Happy birthday, Jim McCurtain

Happy birthday to Jim Thorpe McCurtain who will be 72 years old on June 13. He is the great-great-grandson of former Choctaw Chief Green McCurtain.

The four generations in the photo are MaKayla Ande Shanks, born June 2, 2000, and her mother, LaTisha Dawn Shanks, of Pagosa Springs, Colorado; her grandmother, Sheila Ann (McCurtain) Shanks of Loveland, Colorado, and great-grandfather, Jim McCurtain of Big Spring, Texas.

Happy birthday, Dad! We love you!



## Christian to celebrate in Scooby-Doo style

Happy fourth birthday wishes are being sent to Christian Anderson from his family. Christian is the son of Roger Anderson and Leslie Mattice and the little brother of Tallie Anderson, all of Norman, Oklahoma.

Christian is the grandson of the late Delta "Andy" Anderson and the late Susan Anderson of Broken Bow, Oklahoma and Clara Battice and "Papa Vic" of Antlers, Oklahoma.

He will celebrate his birthday in "Scooby-Doo style" on June 27 with friends and family in Norman.

We all love you, Christian-boy! Happy fourth birthday!

## Kerwin and Kira tops in citizenship

Siblings Kerwin and Kira Moore received citizenship awards at Wright City School. Kerwin has been listed on the honor roll for the last three years and is involved in basketball and track. Kira is also an honor roll student and plays softball.

Their parents are Wayne and Stephanie Moore. Grandparents are Shirley Barboan and the late Daniel Barboan of Durant and Billy Paul and Mary Lou Baker of Bethel. Great-grandmother is Irene Hodge.

## Natascha wins first at science fair

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to our daughter, Natascha Poole. She has been the light of our lives for nine years now. In addition to wishing her a happy birthday, we would also like to congratulate her on winning first place in the District Science Fair.

Happy birthday, Natascha! - From Mom, Dad, Nancy and Taylor.



## Ogilvie, Wade have May wedding

Nicole E. Ogilvie and Rick Allen Wade were wed in the state of Nevada on May 4.

The groom is a tribal member of the Choctaw Nation. He is the proud grandson of Carlo Robinson Wade and Esien (Cobb) Wade of Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Regrettably, both are now deceased.

The bride is part Cherokee and the beautiful daughter of Nancy and Kjell Avstad. The bride's family resides in Encino, California.



### Liam Joon DeMaria

Liam Joon DeMaria was born October, 21, 2001 in Littleton, Colorado, where he lives with his parents, Ed and Irene DeMaria, and three-year-old brother, Anthony.

Kathryn DeMaria of Albuquerque, New Mexico is Liam's grandmother. Liam's great-grandmother, Ettie Victoria Dillard, was an original enrollee.



### John Michael Pistokache, Jr.

John and Crystal Pistokache would like to announce the birth of their son, John Michael Pistokache, Jr. He was born at 12:56 p.m. on February 8, 2002 at Harris Methodist in Ft. Worth, Texas. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

He was welcomed by his parents and four sisters, Myranda and Shelbey Pistokache of Cleburne, Texas and Ashlee and Autumn Swank of Ft. Worth. Grandparents are Michael and Robbie Pistokache of Burleson, Texas, David Fenn of Ft. Worth and Gina Fenn of Lake Worth, Texas. Great-grandparents include Marjorie and Walter Rust of Springtown, Texas and Mary Fenn of Ft. Worth. He also has three aunts and an uncle, Shannon and Kellie Pistokache of Burleson and Shirley and Chris Fenn of Ft. Worth, Texas. He is the great-great-grandson of the late Cornelius, a Choctaw original enrollee, and Johnnie Pistokache and the late Bea Alcoye from whom he gets his Cherokee ancestry.



### Bailey Nicole Cargill

Bailey Nicole Cargill was born at 5:01 p.m. April 2, 2002 at McAlester Regional Hospital. She was 20 inches long.

Bailey joins brother Tanner Cargill who is five years old.

Proud parents are Tracy and Shauna Cargill of McAlester, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Tom and Diane of Vinita, Oklahoma, David and Samantha Robertson and Terry and Karen Cargill, all of McAlester.

Great-grandparents are Lloyd and Bell Perteet, Ramona Robertson and Violet McPherson, all of McAlester, C.B. and Lola of Krebs, Oklahoma, and Bill and Rose Cargill of Clayton, Oklahoma.

Bailey is the great-granddaughter of the late Richard Robertson, Robert Brownlee and Ray McPherson. She is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Earl and Edith Brownlee.



### Budgie Glen Cameron

Proud parents Robert "Budgie" Jr. and Candace Cameron of Chelsea, Oklahoma wish to announce the birth of their first child, Budgie Glen Cameron. Budgie was born at 10:14 a.m. April 13, 2002 in Claremore Regional Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Robert and Gaye Cameron of Chelsea, Tweety and Pam Farbo of Vinita, Oklahoma, David and Sue Newby of Atmore, Alabama and Jeff and Karla Steele of Chelsea. Proud great-grandparents include Cleo Creekmore of Jay, Oklahoma, Bunamay Chisum of Brewton, Alabama, Pat Lutz and the late Glen Lutz of Chelsea and Jessie and Marie Cameron of Battiest, Oklahoma.

Uncles and aunts include Travis Cameron, Doug and Ryan Steele and Jennifer Steele, all of Chelsea, Michael Buckaloo, Josh Newby, Keisha Buckaloo, all of Claremore, Bradley Newby of Atmore, Ashley Klaut of Mobridge, South Dakota. Lots of great aunts, great uncles and other relatives welcome him to the world.



### Chandler Isabelle

Chandler Isabelle was born at 10:59 a.m. May 2, 2002, weighing seven pounds, five ounces and measuring 18.5 inches long.

Proud parents are Natalie and Scott.

Chandler's great-grandmother is Betty Jo Carroll of Keithville, Louisiana.



### Hope Allayna Jolly

Hal and Tiffany Jolly are happy to announce the arrival of their baby daughter, Hope Allayna Jolly, who was born at 9:35 a.m. on May 6, 2002 at Pauls Valley General Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Hope's grandparents are Ray and Lalia Jolly and Bonnie Carter and the late Floyd W. Carter, all of Wynnewood, Oklahoma and Ron and Brenda Tomlinson of Antlers, Oklahoma. Great-grandmothers include Wanda Duncan of Antlers and Juanita Tomlinson of Lane, Oklahoma.

Hope was welcomed into the family by her sisters, Tallen Glaudrone and Chelsea Jolly, and her big brother, Lance.

### Gregory Louis-James Aparicio

Tod and Valerie (John) Iltis of Folsom, California would like to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Gregory Louis-James Aparicio, born to Louis and Teresa Aparicio on May 8 in Sacramento, California. Other proud family members include Uncle Jeffery Louis Iltis of the home; great-grandparents, Teresa John and recently deceased James John of Garvin, Oklahoma, Felix and Debra Aparicio of Germany and Marcia Young of Plymouth, Michigan; great-great-grandparents, Jack and Carol Bluerock of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Lillianna Aparicio of Southern California.







Winners in the men's hat contests are Marvin Ginn of Quinton, first place; Roy Folsom of McAlester, second, and John McKinney of Broken Bow, third.



Accepting the awards for their districts in the Name Tag Contest are Councilman Billy Paul Baker, District 2, first place; Paula Carney, District 12, second place, and Mary Marshall, District 10, third place.



The best three hats in the women's division belong to Evelyn Prock of Wilburton, first place; Elenora Fullerton of Ada, second, and Roberta Durant of McAlester, third.



First place winners in the Gospel Singing Contest are vocalists from District 7.



Juanita Noah accepts the award of honor from Chief Pyle for her mother, original enrollee Lottie Thomas West of Red Oak, Oklahoma.



Monia Stokes of Kemp accepts the award of honor from Chief Pyle for her mother, original enrollee Goldia Turnbull Phillips of Denison.



The group from District 11 won second place in the Gospel Singing Contest.



Singers from District 1 took third place honors in the singing contest.



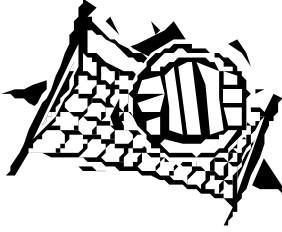
Councilman James Frazier presents a gift basket to a door prize winner.



Ted Dosh, Councilman for Bryan County, greets some of his friends.



District 7 Councilman Jack Austin brought a large group from his county.



Choctaw Nation  
Labor Day  
CO-ED VOLLEYBALL  
TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, August 31, 2002**

First 12 teams accepted  
Maximum 10 players per team  
Entry fee: \$75.00 (non-refundable)

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(required for correspondence)

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Form of payment: Cashier's Check or Money Orders Only  
**NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED**

*Mail entry to:*  
**Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament  
P.O. Drawer 1210  
Durant, OK 74702  
Attn: Rebecca Clapp**

Deadline for entries: August 16, 2002 at 4:30 p.m.

USA Volleyball Grass Rules Enforced

For more information, call 580-924-8280, ext. 2212 or 2258

**YOU ARE NEEDED!!!**

## Members support Historical Society

Anyone who is interested in gathering and preserving the history and culture of the Choctaw people can help by joining the Choctaw Nation Historical Society and encouraging others to do so!

Your dues, plus any contribution of funds and materials, provide the necessary financial support of the society. Those who are interested and able to take an active part in one or more phases of the activities of the Society are urgently needed.

For more information and an application, you can write to:  
The Choctaw Nation Historical Society  
P.O. Box 485  
Talihina, OK 74571-0485

## Attention artists, young and old

The Choctaw Nation Historical Society is having an Art Contest to design a seal for the Society.

Anyone can enter. The drawing can be no smaller than 3"-by-5" or no larger than 8"-by-10". Deadline to submit contest entries is August 1, 2002.

The winner will receive a free membership, a two-year subscription to our quarterly journal and a free T-shirt with his or her design.

All drawings that are submitted are the sole property of The Choctaw Nation Historical Society and will not be returned. All entries are to be mailed to:

The Choctaw Nation Historical Society  
P.O. Box 485  
Talihina, OK 74571-0485

**Choctaw Nation  
GED CLASSES**

**LeFlore County**  
Beginning June 24, 2002  
Mondays & Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Kiamichi Technology Center in Talihina, Oklahoma

**Pittsburg County**  
Beginning June 25, 2002  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
EOSC Campus, 1802 E. College Ave, McAlester, Oklahoma

**Bryan County**  
Beginning July 8, 2002  
Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Complex, Durant, Oklahoma  
(south building, downstairs)

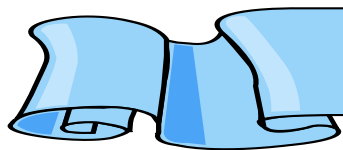
**McCurtain County**  
Beginning July 9, 2002  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Choctaw Nation Community Center, Idabel, Oklahoma

The class will meet two days each week for approximately three months. Books, supplies and testing fees are provided. In addition, a \$10 (per day) transportation stipend is paid to those who attend classes on a regular basis and attempt the GED test. If you have turned in an application with our Adult Education Program for GED classes and wish to attend the upcoming class, please contact our office. If you have not applied and wish to attend these or future classes, please contact Linda Tyler or Felicia Carnes at the Durant office or call 800-522-6170 or 580-924-8280, ext. 2319. Also, you may register at the first day of class. A Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) is required.

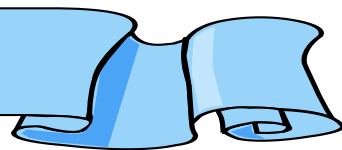








# OBITUARIES



## Jackson H. Shoemaker

The Rev. Jackson H. Shoemaker, 81, of Norman, Oklahoma passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2002 in Norman, Oklahoma. He was born December 27, 1920 in Ardmore, Oklahoma to Henry and Irene (Arkansas) Shoemaker.

Born and reared in the Ardmore area, he has lived in Norman since 1972.

He married Pauline Williams in Shawnee, Oklahoma on July 28, 1947.

Mr. Shoemaker worked as a policeman at Oklahoma City Memorial Hospital and later worked at Tinker Air Force Base for 15 years, retiring in August 1979. He was an ordained minister for 36 years. He served with the U.S. Army and Air Force, retiring in April 1964 as a staff sergeant. While in the military, he was a fire chief and military policeman. He was pastor of Pentecostal Church of God Indian Missions and a member of the Choctaw Nation.

His parents and one sister, Lou Shoemaker, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Diane Shoemaker of Oklahoma City; a grandson, Timothy Scott Wallace of Spain; a granddaughter, Brenda Wallace of Oklahoma City; a great-granddaughter, a great-grandson, a brother and sister-in-law, Johnny and Peggy Shoemaker of Moore, Oklahoma and numerous nieces and nephews.



## Aline Comele (Self) Johnson

Aline Comele (Self) Johnson, 87, of Los Angeles, California passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at Glendale Memorial Hospital. She was born April 27, 1915 in Purcell, Oklahoma, the daughter of Horace Greeley Self and Mary Jane Mathis Self Franks.

She married Homer Lewis "Johnny" Johnson on April 15, 1945 in San Francisco, California, while Johnny was in the Navy. They lived a short time in Dallas and then in 1948 they moved back to Purcell. Since the 1950s they lived in Southern California.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sisters, Auddie Lee (Self) Boyd, Bertie Opal (Self) Barnes and Dorothy Mae (Franks) Capshaw; two brothers, Dorsey Self and Harley Beecher Self; a stepsister and two stepbrothers.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews throughout California, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

She loved her people and professed her Choctaw heritage to everyone. Each month she waited for the Bishinik to arrive and would read it from cover to cover. This gave her much pleasure in her last years.

## Raymond Shoemaker, Sr.

Raymond Shoemaker, Sr., 67, of Irving, Texas passed away on Monday, April 8, 2002. He was born on April 1, 1935 in Overbrook, Oklahoma to Will Shoemaker and Betsy Johnson-Shoemaker.

Raymond retired from Pollock Paper Company, Dallas, Texas in 1982.

His parents; one brother, Douglas Shoemaker, Sr., and one sister, Cleo Shoemaker-Bull, preceded him in death.

Survivors include three sons, Jerry Shoemaker and daughter-in-law Teri of Charlotte, Michigan; Raymond Shoemaker, Jr. of Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Ronnie Smith and daughter-in-law Shirley Smith of Midlothian, Texas; two daughters, Kim Shoemaker-Houser and son-in-law Larry Houser of Caddo Mills, Texas; Beth Shoemaker-Davis and son-in-law Stanley Davis of Midlothian; one brother, Erie Shoemaker of Ardmore; three sisters, Sylvania Padilla of Irving, Ella Mae Wilmond and Faye Taylor, both of Ardmore; ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and a host of family and friends.

Raymond has touched many people during his lifetime. Not only was he a special man, loving husband and exceptional father, but an awesome grandfather and a wonderful friend. His vibrant personality, humorous ways, uplifting spirit and smile will be dearly missed by all.

## Gerald Dean Krebsbs

Gerald Dean Krebsbs, 66, of Bellflower, California passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 2002. He was born August 1, 1935 in Oklahoma to Edmond and Elsie Krebsbs. They moved their family to Orange Cove, California in January 1948.

He attended the local schools and graduated from Reedley High School and Reedley College.

Mr. Krebsbs served in the U.S. Army in Berlin, Germany. He received an honorable discharge in 1964. He worked for Pittsburg Plate Glass in Fresno in the 1960s. He also worked for McDonald Douglas/Boeing in Long Beach for 13+ years as an engineering specialist.

He was a faithful Christian for many years, serving as a deacon and music director.

He was preceded in death by his father and a nephew, Wesley.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, and son, Brent, of Bellflower; daughter, Melony Parkin; son-in-law, Garrison, and grandson, Joseph, of Anaheim, California; his mother, Elsie Krebsbs, of Reedley; brothers, Connie and wife, Marjie, of Clovis, California, and Norman and wife, Betty, of Kingsburg, California; sisters, Audrey Denton of Visalia, California, Wanda Eaton and husband, Jim, of Reedley, California, Sharon Eskew and husband, Richard, of Selma, California; eight nephews, two nieces, and a host of relatives and friends scattered across our country.

## Allen Hotubbee

Allen Hotubbee, 97, of Tuskahoma, Oklahoma passed away Saturday, May 18, 2002 at Yanush, Oklahoma. He was born November 14, 1904 in Tuskahoma to Joseph and Nancy Freeman Hotubbee.

He married Ruth Hokit on November 28, 1921 in Yanush. They were married for 77 years until her death on March 2, 1997.

Mr. Hotubbee was an original enrollee of the Choctaw Nation and was an aircraft mechanic during World War II. He was a Church of God minister for 50 years and had served churches at Degman, Burns Chapel, Eufaula, Cupco, Bengal and Tate's Chapel.

His parents and his wife preceded him in death.

Survivors include five children, Syble Reid and Delbert Hotubbee and wife, LaHoma, of Yanush, Aline Shelton of McAlester, Oklahoma, Hazel Ridgeway of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Ben Hotubbee and wife, Jan, of Wilburton, Oklahoma; 29 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

## Thomas Dale Adams

Thomas Dale Adams, 24, of LeFlore, Oklahoma passed away Saturday, June 1, 2002 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born July 26, 1977 in Talihina, Oklahoma to Daniel and Rotha (Mackey) Adams.

Thomas graduated from LeFlore High School. He was a member of Thessalonian Baptist Church.

A brother, David Adams, preceded him in death.

Thomas is survived by his parents of the home; brothers, Danny Adams and wife, Kim, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Jimmy Ray Adams and wife, Stacie, of Kansas City, Kansas, and Doyle Adams and wife, Crystal, of Red Oak, Oklahoma; sisters, Brenda James and husband, Corey, and Carolyn Hotela and husband, Doyle, all of Talihina, Oklahoma, and Renee Mathis and husband, Winston Cagle, of Tulsa; nieces, Cindy Adams, Katrina James, Angela James and Destiny Mathis; nephews, Andrew Adams, Jonathon Adams, Dustin Mathis and Clayton Mathis; five uncles, six aunts, numerous cousins and a host of friends.

## Maxine Rose Lee Randel-Maynor

Maxine Rose Lee Randel-Maynor passed away Friday, March 29, 2002 in Oklahoma City.

She was born July 13, 1918 in Lawton, Oklahoma.

She loved the Choctaw tribe and was proud to be a Native American.



## Gene Raymond Porter

Gene Raymond Porter, 64, passed away Monday, May 20, 2002 at the veterans administration medical center in Oklahoma City. He was born July 3, 1937, in Friona, Texas to John Dewey and Ora Marguerite McLellan Porter.

Mr. Porter was stationed in Germany while serving in the U.S. Army from 1954 until 1957 and was a bricklayer and stone mason, having worked in California, Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma. He married the former Arlene Crone on June 17, 1958 in Clovis, New Mexico, and had lived in Ringling, Oklahoma since 1975.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1967; his mother in 1999; two brothers, Jack in 1989 and Johnny in 1996, and a sister, Marilyn, in 1997.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a son, John L. Porter of Afton, Wyoming; four daughters, Susan Dodson of Wellington, Kansas, Sharon Porter of Ringling, Karen Hardin of Oxford, Kansas, and Anne Corle of Wichita, Kansas; six grandsons, Larry, Randy and Dustin Dodson, Matthew Porter, Brian and Jason Hardin; two stepgrandsons; three stepgranddaughters; three step-great-granddaughters; three step-great-grandsons, and several nieces and nephews.

## Mary Marie (Taylor) Parish

Mary Marie (Taylor) Parish, 74, passed away Thursday, May 30 at Antlers, Oklahoma. She was born May 26, 1928 in Nashoba, Oklahoma.

Mary was a member of the United Methodist Church, the District and Conference Children's Coordinator and the Lay Speaker since 1983. She was also Lay Missionary at the Pine Grove United Methodist Church. She enjoyed quilting in her spare time and her flower and vegetable gardens. She also enjoyed raising chickens and ducks and when younger, worked and rode horses.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant daughter, Cora Ann Parish.

Survivors include her husband, Sampson Parish of the home; sons, Tom Parish of Chowchilla, California, Steve Parish of Maud, Oklahoma, Simon Parish of Holdenville, Oklahoma and Samuel Parish of Tecumseh, Oklahoma; daughters, Loretta Cooper of Antlers, Diana LaRocque of Lawton, Oklahoma, Linda Parish of Durant, Oklahoma and Helen Mae Parish-Wang of Taipei City, Taiwan; brother, Buddy Taylor of Antlers; 17 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

## James John

James John, 87, of Garvin, Oklahoma passed away Saturday, May 4, 2002 at Idabel, Oklahoma. He was born February 3, 1915 in Garvin.

Mr. John worked in construction as a foreman in California for more than 20 years. He moved back to Garvin in 1974. He was a member of Bokchito Baptist Church. He enjoyed farming, barbecuing and his church work.

James married Teresa Gonzales on September 3, 1960 at Lompoc, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hagen John and Sinsie Ishcomer John; his brother, Matthew John; his sister, Agnes Swarm; three sons, Simeon John, Dean John and Stanley John; a daughter, Aricia Williams and a foster brother, Oscar Loman.

Survivors include his wife; children, Jackie John of Raleigh, North Carolina, James Vernon John of California, Sinsie T. Griffith of Little Elm, Texas, Valarie L. Iltis of Fulsom, California, Nancy G. Denton of McKinney, Texas, Kimberly A. Blundell of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, Robert L. John of Idabel, Oklahoma, Eugene John of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Louise Hargis of Idabel, and Doris Ross of Hugo, Oklahoma; two stepsons, Joey Gonzales and Augustine Gutierrez, both of Hanford, California; 20 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and a large extended family and a host of friends.

## Christine J. Sam

Christine J. Sam, 80, of Stigler, Oklahoma passed away Thursday, May 23, 2002 at a local nursing home. A native of Wister, Oklahoma, she was born December 15, 1921 to the Rev. Morris Sexton Sam and Emma (Hill) Sam.

She attended schools in Red Oak, Wister, Haskell Indian School and continued her education in nursing school where she earned her nursing certificate. She was a dedicated nurse at University Hospital in Oklahoma City for some 38 years until her retirement. She moved to Burgandy Place Retirement Center in McAlester where she lived until 1994. She spent her last eight years at home in Stigler with her nephew and niece-in-law, Kenneth and Jo Ella Davis. She will be remembered as a loving aunt who devoted her life to her family. She was a longtime member of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Ethel Davis and Joy Barlow; brother, James Sam; and a great-niece, Karen "Pooh" Davis.

Survivors include two great-great-nieces, referred to as her little bedside buddies, Sidney Davis and Kylee Livermore; great-nieces, Kendra Davis of the home; Camy Livermore of Spiro, and a great-nephew and wife, Brandon and Amy Davis of Stigler; great-nephews, Dakota Davis and Brock Davis of Quinton, Oklahoma, Brian Davis and Jarrod Eagle of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Joshua Davis of Checotah, Oklahoma; great-nieces, Lori Davis of Quinton, Natasha Medlock of Checotah and Heather Eagle of Tulsa; a great-great-nephew and niece, J.W. Adcock and Sarah Adcock of Quinton; two nephews, Kenneth and Jo Ella Davis of Stigler and Wayne "Poncho" and Lori Davis of Quinton; four nieces, Sue Davis of McAlester, Kathy and Turner Eagle of Tulsa, Gail and Bobby Medlock of Checotah, and Margie and Doyle Adams of Quinton; her cousin, Kay Tur of Norman; schoolmate, Aline Ward of McAlester, and her neighbor, Georgia Johnson of Stigler.

## Nicholas C. Colbert

Nicholas C. Colbert, 70, passed away Thursday, May 9, 2002 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Born January 25, 1932 in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, he was the son of Charley Colbert and Listie Wilson McKinney. He lived in Broken Bow all of his life.

He and Marilyn Colbert were married on May 26, 1960 and they raised five children. He enjoyed working in the church as well as talking and singing in Choctaw. He enjoyed the company of his grandchildren coming and spending time with him. When his friends stopped by to visit, he would enjoy every minute.

His parents; a brother, James; sister, Nora; stepson, Jonathan, and three grandsons, Jason, Kevin and Warren Dwight, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife; daughter and husband, Vicky and Mike Amos of Broken Bow; stepdaughter and husband, Shirley and Joseph James of Broken Bow; two stepsons, Ricky and Eugene Dwight of Broken Bow; half-brother and wife, Jack and Summer McKinney of Cooksville, Tennessee; two half-sisters, Isnice Ortiz of Dallas, Texas and Nancy Tushka of Broken Bow; 14 grandchildren, Dayla, Nikki and Andrew Amos, Annette and Butch Bond, Clint and Flo James, Angie and Steven Meier, Jolene James, Tana and Eric Rowell, Kameron Dwight and Justin Dwight; seven great-grandchildren, Andrea James, Jr. Bond, Sunshine and Alyssa James, Tristan Meier, Andy Noah Jr., Emily and Keaton Rowell; two great-great-grandchildren, Erin Noah and Alexandra James; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

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\$10,000 in proceeds to go toward disaster relief, CM/SE donated \$10,000, Choctaw Racing donated \$1,500, and the Tribal Council and Chief agreed to allocate \$20,000 of tribal funds to assist with the relief effort. Choctaw Nation employees made personal donations to bring the total to \$75,865.89.

"Our heart goes out to those who have been injured or lost loved ones due to this tragedy," said Chief Pyle. "God has blessed our tribe with the ability to sponsor these fundraising efforts, and I pray that He will bless America and its citizens."



**Haileyville FFA members Tra Nichols and Eric O'Kelley and Chapter Advisor Bill Grubbs present Assistant Chief Mike Bailey with plaques of appreciation for the support the Choctaw Nation provided in the recent Jr. Livestock.**

## HOMEBUYER EDUCATION

### *Do you dream of owning your own home?*

The Choctaw Nation Finance Department offers a variety of programs to help you become a homeowner.

FREE workshops and counseling services provides the information you will need to help you become a homeowner. All materials are provided free of charge. These services are available to any Native American at all income levels.

#### ISSUES COVERED:

- Budgeting
- Insurance
- Realtors
- Lending Process
- Credit Issues

Classes will be held in the following locations:  
– Hugo on Thursday, July 11, 2002  
– Oklahoma City on Monday, July 15, 2002  
– Idabel on Tuesday, July 23, 2002  
– McAlester on Tuesday, July 30, 2002

To register for a class or to get more information, please call Becky Chandler at the Choctaw Housing Authority 1-800-235-3087, ext. 294.

## OK CHOCTAW TRIBAL ALLIANCE

5320 S. Youngs Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73119

### Choctaw Language Classes

Phase I & II • Tuesday, September 10 • 7 p.m.  
Phase III & IV • Thursday, September 12 • 7 p.m.

### Children's Language Class

Saturday, September 14 • 10 a.m.

**We will have a  
Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday, July 13,  
and the proceeds will go to the Charity Committee.  
Any donations are accepted. Please contact Pamela  
Reed at 405-688-4191 for more information.  
Also we will be having our monthly Indian  
Taco Sale (\$3.50) and Gospel Singing.  
We'll see you there!**