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Gaming compact passes State Senate and House

The Oklahoma Senate and State House of Representatives have voted in favor of a gaming compact. The gaming legislation, SB 553, gives tribes the advantage of legal clarity of games currently being operated. Revenues the state earns from the compact are targeted for education in Oklahoma.

Horsemen in Oklahoma are especially thankful for the approval of the compact. Three race tracks will be allowed to have gaming machines on the grounds, and a fourth track will share in the proceeds of some of the casinos in the Tulsa area. Profits to the tracks will increase the purses for the races, which is badly needed to

keep horses, trainers, and a variety of supporting businesses in Oklahoma. Other states, such as New Mexico and Louisiana, already had gaming compacts and were able to offer much more substantial purses to the winners.

Governor Brad Henry called the House vote on February 25th of 52-47 a "victory for education, a victory for the funding of education, victory for the horse industry in Oklahoma and a victory for the state of Oklahoma.

"This gives the state regulation and legal certainty to games that have been and are being played in Oklahoma, and that can only be a good thing. It directs the revenues

toward education, and I can't think of anything more worthy," said Henry.

"The Choctaw Nation appreciates all those who took an active role in this issue," said Chief Gregory E. Pyle. "We thank the legislators who voted to support the compact and we thank every individual who lobbied on behalf of SB 553.

"Assistant Chief Mike Bailey was one of the lead negotiators in the success of this compact," said Chief Pyle. "His dedication to continued funding of services to tribal people gave him needed energy through many long hours of work. This compact will improve

education budgets, help tribal members with assistance and protect jobs in our state."

Money from the Choctaw Nation gaming operations are the funds used for many tribal services, including education scholarships, health care, emergency assistance, language classes and GED classes. Gaming dollars were used to help build the Talihina hospital and help acquire two new properties for clinics in Stigler and Idabel.

Becky Felts, Vice President of Oklahoma Education Association, said this was the first new source of education funding in 14 years.



Chickasaw Governor Bill Anoatubby, former Cherokee Chief Wilma Mankiller and Choctaw Chief Gregory E. Pyle join forces at the state capitol to ask legislators to support the compact.



Secretary of Interior Gale Norton administered the oath of office to Assistant Secretary Dave Anderson. They are pictured here with Chief Pyle at the event.

Anderson installed in DC

The new Assistant Secretary of Interior, David Anderson, was honored with installation ceremonies on February 23. Anderson shares the heritage of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Lac Courte Oreilles Lake Superior Band of Ojibwa in Wisconsin.

With his hand on his personal Bible that was held by his sister, Rebecca St. Germaine, Anderson became the ninth person to hold the office of Assistant Secretary of Interior since the position was created in the late 1970s. The oath of office was administered by Secretary of Interior Gale

Norton.

Chief Gregory E. Pyle opened the event with prayer, and the Chairman of the Lac Courte Oreilles, Louie Taylor, was present on stage to show support for Anderson.

"I believe God has made this possible," said Anderson. "My story today is one of hope for Indian people. It doesn't matter where we've been - in this incredible country our dreams can come true. I ask for your prayers. I need your help and I want you with me on this journey I am undertaking."

Anderson is a nationally recognized

entrepreneur whose background includes that of corporate turnaround specialist, cookbook author, motivational speaker, philanthropist, and, as founder and chairman of Famous Dave's of America, Inc., one of the nation's fastest growing chains of family restaurants, a successful restaurateur.

Duties of the Assistant Secretary include promotion of self-determination and economic well-being of the nation's 562 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and their 1.8 million members.

Tribal Council approves additional funds for housing

The Choctaw Nation Tribal Council met in regular session February 14 at Tushka Homma. Councilmembers approved allocation of funds to the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation to be used in making additional loans to tribal members for housing and/or to use as leverage for other funding to assist with housing. Also on the agenda were bills funding a public relations campaign to promote a positive image of Native Americans; rescinding a 2002 Council Bill which established a governing board for the Recovery Center and Chj Hullo Li, stating that the hospital board would oversee the centers; a 25-year business lease to Kiamichi Conservation District of Hugo for land in Choctaw County which they will be using for construction of a shop/conference room, and supplemental funding for LIHEAP.

Head Start begins spring recruiting

The Choctaw Nation Head Start Program is recruiting prospective students for the 2004-05 school year. Although the program accepts applications year-round, each year in the spring a concerted effort is made to identify children who might be eligible for the Head Start Services.

This program serves 3- to 5-year-old children of all nationalities, including children with disabilities. Indian preference preferred. The Head Start program is directed primarily toward low-income families, although we do have limited openings for over-income families as well.

Families of children with special needs are encouraged to apply. The Head Start program assists families in obtaining needed support services.

Choctaw Nation Head Start provides families with assistance in their effort to obtain educational, health, nutritional and social services. The program provides a nutritionally sound breakfast and lunch each day.

For more information and to obtain an application, contact the Choctaw Nation Head Start Centers in Antlers, Atoka, Bennington, Bethel, Broken Bow, Coalgate, Durant, Hugo, Idabel, McAlester, Poteau, Stigler, Wilburton and Wright City. You may also contact the Durant Administration office at 1-800-522-6170, ext. 2373.

Cemetery all that remains of thriving community



Skullyville Cemetery is a favorite site for visitors interested in the heritage of the Choctaw Nation.

Skullyville is site of 2004 commemorative walk

Chief Gregory E. Pyle, Assistant Chief Mike Bailey and the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council invite everyone to participate in the Skullyville Commemorative Trail of Tears Walk to be held Saturday, May 1. Ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. at the historic Skullyville Cemetery, which is the National Cemetery of the Choctaw Nation. The walk will end at the new Choctaw Nation Community Center in Spiro, which is four miles from the cemetery. The tribe will serve a free lunch at the center to thank all who participate. Please park your cars at the community center and ride a shuttle bus to the cemetery. There is very little parking at the cemetery.

By Derek Frazier

While the name may sound unfamiliar to some, Skullyville resonates memories of our Choctaw heritage with others.

In 1832, Francis W. Post, the first U.S. Indian agent, erected the primary Indian agency in Skullyville on orders from the government. Situated on an area near the Arkansas River, Skullyville was the model place to build a community, due to the clean land and pure spring water. Even the name proved to be a sign of good luck, as Skullyville translates in the Choctaw language to "money village."

By the end of 1832, the once bare fields that were destined to be Skullyville were thriving with families and businesses. Farming and trading became a staple in the community, as Skullyville was not only a society created for the Choctaws, but also for other Native Americans within the area. Acting as a hub for others, Skullyville gained quick attention by allowing others to trade and shop within their community, and soon became the capital for the Mushulatubbee region, one of three sections that the Choctaw Nation was divided into.

The residents of Skullyville enjoyed a great life in their community until its ultimate demise after the Civil War. Railroads began to pass the now ravaged town by, homes and businesses were destroyed, and the town eventually was laid to rest after the remaining inhabitants trekked one mile to the west to Spiro, the new center of business and trading. Today, all that remains of Skullyville is the cemetery where our ancestors have been resting for over a century now. And while the area is once again quiet and peaceful, it serves as a reminder of what our past has done for our future.



Chaplain's spiritual instruction began in the cradle

For eight decades, the Rev. Bertram Edward Bobb has been rich - rich with his love of God and Jesus Christ and with love for his family. Chaplain of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, Bobb will turn 80 years young this month. He has spent most of his life teaching Christianity, reaching out to all ages, and he considers it a privilege to do God's work.

"My father and mother were my spiritual parents while growing up," Bertram said. "They believed Proverbs 22:6 which reads, 'Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it,' and also the Proverb that says 'Spare the rod and spoil the child.' I got my share of switching."

His parents, Johnson Wilson and May Estelle Edwards Bobb, lived the Christian life before Bertram and his sister, Evangeline, providing a strong foundation. They began praying for him when they learned that he was coming to join the family. Johnson and May were students at the Folsom Training School at Smithville, Oklahoma, when Bertram was born on March 30, 1924. His father graduated, ready for any service the Lord had for him.

The Lord used the Rev. Johnson Bobb mightily among the Choctaws and others he met. He presented the gospel of Jesus Christ, teaching and preaching the Word of God to the uneducated and the educated, to any nationality, with tears streaming down his cheeks.

"I remember on one occasion," Bertram said, "a newspaper reporter in Antlers, Oklahoma, approached him, testing him with some difficult questions, only to receive Biblical answers. The reporter said, 'I thought you were just a country preacher.' My father replied, 'I am just a country preacher.'"

Johnson Bobb served as pastor to three rural Choctaw churches and had advanced to the position of Presiding Elder of the Indian Missionary Conference which he held until he went home to be with the Lord on August 23, 1943. His first appointment as pastor was the Bokchito Church of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in the mid 1920s. Bertram remembers well the younger Choctaws and the adults living in the area and attending the Bokchito Church and Cisco School in those days. He learned much

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THE REV. BERTRAM BOBB

Youth shelter receives donation

Dear Chief Pyle and the Choctaw Nation,

We, the staff of the Youth Emergency Shelter in McAlester, Oklahoma, would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone that made a donation for the children's holiday program. Your generosity has been acknowledged as a gift of love for underprivileged children. Due to all the generous donations we received we were able to help 79 children from our community. Thank you once again for remembering some of our forgotten children.

Kristy Cusher, Shelter Counselor

A merrier Christmas

Dear Chief Pyle and the Choctaw Nation,

Thank you for making our Christmas merrier!

With your help, 70 children in Haskell County foster care were treated to a Christmas party complete with food, games, piñatas and gifts. Santa made a special appearance and a good time was had by all.

Haskell County Foster Parents Association

Livestock show is absolutely great

Dear Chief Pyle, Assistant Chief Mike Bailey, Councilman Perry Thompson and all the members of the Tribal Council,

Just got in from the Choctaw Nation Jr. Livestock Show in Wilburton and all I can say is "Absolutely Great!" Thank all of you for putting on such a great show. The competition was intense, the quality of livestock was top notch and the atmosphere was exciting. Once again you have shown a lot of people how a truly good stock show should be ran. A special thanks to Brad and Brandon Spears and all of their staff who worked so hard to set this event up, putting up holding pens and working the arena all day. I know you must have been tired by the end of the day because I sure was. I just wanted you all to know that all your hard work did not go unnoticed by everyone who attended.

To the great Choctaw Nation, thank you so much for supporting our efforts. And thank you for giving us another place to see and compare our livestock to others around the state. I hope that in the future, if time will allow, we can set up some judging competitions between schools or clubs. That would be another way to improve the show, but even if we don't it's still one of the best shows around.

Thanks again, and keep up the good work.

Randi Staton
Choctaw County 4-H

Tribe assists nursing student

Dear Chief Pyle and Ms. Gracie,

Thank you very much for the funds to assist me in nursing school. It was very much needed and appreciated. I am raising four children and attending school full time. I consider it a true blessing and after graduation, I hope to give back to someone else in need of the same opportunity to achieve their dreams. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your graciousness will always be remembered.

Cindy Johnson Martin

Care package appreciated

Dear Choctaw Nation,

Just a little note to say that myself and others here appreciated the package I received. It and the others are greatly appreciated.

PV2 Ivan Goad
OIF, Iraq

Hospital is a great resource

Dear Choctaw Nation,

My husband, Chuck Regan, was treated as an outpatient in the Talihina Hospital during the month of January. I want to tell you how much we appreciated the staff and how they treated us. They are very professional in doing their jobs and are very compassionate individuals. We want to especially recognize Dr. O, his assistant, Phyllis, the anesthesiologist, and the Post/Op nurse. I am so sorry I do not remember their names. The Talihina hospital is a great resource for us and we appreciate having it. Thank you.

Chuck and Brenda Regan

Contacting cousin

Dear Editor,

I am trying to locate a cousin of mine, Max Duane Belvin. The last time I saw him was in April 1997 in Las Vegas. His son is Duane Belvin and his father is Dewey Belvin. His mother is Gladys Madding Belvin Hill. I would like for him to contact me at 4529 Monahans, El Paso, TX 79924; e-mail - cherokeyc@earthlink.net; phone 915-755-4958. He lived in Las Vegas on Pinon Pine Way. Thank you for posting this in your March newspaper. Thank you.

Yvonne Collins

BISHINIK deadline

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

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Okla Chahta Clan of California 9th Annual Choctaw Gathering Bakersfield, California May 15 & 16, 2004

This year's gathering will be held in
Hart Park, Section 7, Bakersfield
This is on the south side of Kern River

PRE-REGISTER FOR THE GATHERING

Please pre-register for the dinner - We will need to have tickets for the meal this year

Name _____	_____
Address _____	_____
Phone # _____	E-mail _____
Are you a tribal member? _____	
Those who are attending with you:	
Name _____	Adult/teen/child _____ Tribal? _____
Name _____	Adult/teen/child _____ Tribal? _____
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Mail to: Okla Chahta Clan, PO Box 80862, Bakersfield, CA 93380

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Membership

Tribal Membership Staff will be available to help you get registered to get your picture ID tribal membership and voter registration cards

Health Screening by Choctaw Nation CHR

Diabetes information
and testing

We invite all who have Choctaw traditional clothes to wear them. This would be the time and the place to wear them!

Activities this year include:

- Bake-off Contest
 - Special 2004 T-shirts, designed by Choctaw artist Sue Folsom
 - Pictures in Choctaw Traditional Clothes
 - Class to teach traditional games to children
 - Dressmaking Class
- You can buy the beads at cost to start your own or watch a demonstration
- Demonstration on beading a Choctaw collar necklace
 - Traditional Food Making Class
 - Choctaw Church on Sunday - hymns sang in Choctaw
 - Choctaw culture bearers sharing the traditions and culture of our people

Researching family history

Dear Editor,

I am trying to research my family history. My grandfather, Oliver Earhart, an early settler in Antlers, Oklahoma, married my grandmother, Oma Watson. Her father was Tom Watson, a stagecoach driver. My mother is Rosella Earhart; her sister, Stella, and three brothers, Wesley, Jake and Robert Earhart. My mother said my grandmother Oma was Choctaw. Rosella and Stella were boarded out to work for people until they married. I would appreciate any help from anyone. Thank you.

Ruth Nelson
RR 1 Box 9210
Antlers, OK 74523

Scholarships make a difference

Dear Higher Education Department,

I just want to tell you how much I appreciate the scholarships from the Choctaw Nation. The timely manner in which my questions are answered by the always pleasant staff really makes a difference. I am currently taking a semester off as I am also employed full-time and am a wife and mom. I plan to continue my education in the fall 2004 semester. Thanks again for all of your help. It really makes a difference.

Sherri Russell DeRennaux

Tribe aids in education

Dear Editor,

My family and I would like to thank the Choctaw Nation for my scholarship. It has been a big help. It is wonderful that the Choctaws are helping their people get an education. Thank you.

Bill Roebuck Moore
Soper, Oklahoma

Appreciates assistance

Dear Chief Pyle,

Thank you for the glasses and dental care received through the Choctaw Nation and also to Jack Austin and the Choctaw Nation for assistance in paying the medical bill at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

William and Velma Roberts
Arlington, Texas

Keep up the good work

Dear Chief Pyle,

I have intended writing to you for some time now to compliment you, to praise you, Assistant Chief Bailey and others for the extraordinary manner in which you are conducting the affairs of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. I do not even know the complete story but what I am aware of makes this Choctaw proud of your tender loving care of a fine people. Keep up the good work and may God bless you and yours.

Also, I wish to commend the Chaplain for his thoughtful and meaningful column. I would also like to add my praise for the excellent coverage of Choctaw happenings provided by BISHINIK. Thanks for the fine journalism.

Ward C. McCurtain
Beaumont, Texas

"Jimmy Houston Outdoors"

"Jimmy Houston Outdoors" on ESPN2 will feature Houston's fishing trip with Chief Gregory E. Pyle and Assistant Chief Mike Bailey on May 1. Times that "Jimmy Houston Outdoors" airs are: Saturdays at 7 a.m.; Fridays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (central time).

Family extends thanks

Dear Chief Pyle and Assistant Chief Bailey,

The family of Edward "Eddie" LeFlore would like to thank the following people for their kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity during our loss. We thank Jill Hutchinson, Sharon Clifton and the employees of the McAlester Choctaw Gaming Center.

Your employees came together to assist our family with food and emotional support that goes beyond any words we could express. Their kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Daniel and Carole LeFlore
Margarita Gates
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Kevin Paxton
Michelle Garvin
Thomas Melton LeFlore
Nancy Garcia
Sandra Address
Naomi Yother
Tina Luttrell
Leon and Anita LeFlore
Kristin LeFlore
Jimmie Dale Paxton
Brenda Broome
Thomas Edwin LeFlore
Kathy LeFlore
Eugene LeFlore

Choctaw Housing Authority hosts small business workshop

The Choctaw Housing Authority/ROSS Program will be hosting a workshop with OIO Women's Business Center for all Choctaw Housing residents interested in starting a business of your own or to help you in your existing business. Workshops will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 11 and 12 at the Choctaw Community Center in McAlester, Oklahoma. Workshops are geared toward helping the Choctaw Housing residents, however, everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Liz Lee at the Broken Bow Family Investment Center, 580-584-6372.

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from
Choctaw Nation Home Finance

It's so easy and convenient for you to apply online to purchase or refinance a home at
www.choctawhomefinance.web-loans.com

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
April 20	Durant	5:30 p.m.
May 4	Hugo	5:30 p.m.

From the desk of Chief Gregory E. Pyle ...

New head of BIA wants to help tribes have economic success

It was truly a pleasure to get to know our new Assistant Secretary of Interior, Dave Anderson, and it was an honor to offer the opening prayer at his installment ceremony. He took the oath of office from Secretary of Interior, Gale Norton, in Washington, D.C., with his hand on his personal Bible. It was apparent even before the ceremony that Anderson had brought his own Bible from home, because he held it in his right hand with a familiarity that only comes from frequent reading and studying.

As Assistant Secretary, Anderson is the top official in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and I am greatly encouraged by knowing he is comfortable with his relationship with God. In fact, much of his speech at the swearing-in

ceremony focused on the importance of God in everyone's life and the importance of helping youth by creating a lifestyle that includes faith.

The Choctaw Nation has supported Boys and Girls Clubs of America for several years, and Dave Anderson has founded a similar organization, LifeSkills Center for Leadership. This center was established with a \$1.4 million gift, and created to help disadvantaged Native American children. According to Anderson and his family, the program is a life-changing experience for at-risk youth and young adults.

Philanthropic efforts haven't stopped with the LifeSkills Center for Anderson. A little research into his background shows that he has donated all proceeds from

his cookbook, "Famous Dave's Backroads & Sidestreets," to help Native American children. The story of his success with Famous Dave's BBQ restaurants has been featured in many motivational books and stories, because great adversities were overcome in the process. Before the first restaurant had opened in 1994, Anderson had found the strength to rise above bankruptcy from a previously failed business. Anderson says that he firmly believes God has had His hand over his life. He also states that if it weren't for other people giving him second chances he would not be where he is today.

A favorite quote repeated by Dave Anderson is from Jim Rohn, "Don't wish it was easier; wish you were better. Don't wish for

fewer problems; wish for more skills. Don't wish for fewer challenges; wish for more wisdom." We would all benefit from remembering this advice each day. As Anderson reminds us, anyone can point out problems but the valuable person is the one who finds solutions and accepts the responsibility to implement the solution.

Years of dedication to making a positive difference in communities and the lives of others have prepared Dave Anderson for the awesome job he is undertaking as head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He has pledged to work diligently on behalf of tribes and tribal people. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma congratulates Dave Anderson on his appointment. We look forward to working with him.



Chaplain's Corner

By the Rev. Bertram Bobb, Choctaw Tribal Chaplain

A kána fehma ma! My dear friend! Again it is my privilege to share with you God's promises of gladness and blessings for His people from the Psalmist David.

In Psalm 32, David teaches man to repent and confess his sin to God. David, after his sin with Bathsheba, had kept his sin hidden. He had kept silent and he suffered. God's hand, usually so soothing and reviving, lay heavy on him day and night.

David decided to acknowledge his sin. God forgave him at once—freely, unconditionally, and lovingly. If sin had been just a disease to be healed, forgiveness would not have been needed. But sin requires a penalty that must be paid. And forgiveness is the payment of this penalty.

Though God is quick to forgive, we are slow to confess. If we sin, we ought to pour out our hearts to God, and then open our life to Him. God's grace is His merciful longing to forgive us, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, provides the payment required for Him to do.

David sinned, he said in verse 5 of Psalm 32, "I acknowledged my sin unto thee, ..." In verse 3 he said, "When I kept silence, ..." Yes, David sinned and he kept silent, night after night he tossed and groaned. David was unable to bear the weight of his sin and the pressure of God's hand. David wrote in verse 4, "For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me..."

Finally David confessed to God for mercy. He wrote in verse 5, "I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."

Yes, God forgave David. David then learned that the Man who confesses his sin is a happy man. David wrote in verses 1 and 2: "Blessed is he whose transgressions is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile."

David promised God in Psalm 51:12-13: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation ... then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." In Psalm 32 here, David does exactly this.

In verses one and two we see four words—transgression, sin, iniquity and guile—that describe man's badness. Transgression is violation of law. Sin is an offense against God. Iniquity is whatever is contrary to equity or justice, and guile is insincerity or deceit. In all these there is guilt, and penalty for guilt—but there is also the possibility for forgiveness.

During wartime, when David should have been on the battlefield, he tarried in Jerusalem. We read this record in II Samuel chapter 11.

One evening, David, from his roof top, noticed Bathsheba bathing. Though David's first look may have been innocent, his second look was not. He allowed his passion to become inflamed. Because he trifled with temptation, he committed adultery.

After enjoyment of sin came the fear of being found out. What he did had to be hidden. The last link in David's chain in trying to conceal his sin was the murder of Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, an honorable officer in his army.

Later, God covered David with righteousness. This was David's ground of happiness. All his sin had been atoned and canceled. He was forgiven.

David decided that he would confess his sin to God. In this Psalm we saw four descriptions of sin. And in verse 5 we find three expressions of penitence: acknowledge, reveal and confess. David acknowledged his sin, both the guilt and the fact. This was the very least he could do, and yet it was hard to do: but the one who is too proud to acknowledge his sin to God must bear his punishment. David's confession was genuine and moved God's heart.

Now there is another blessing we receive in this lesson. For the forgiven one there is also the benefit of guidance. David had spoken to God; now God speaks to David. David told his experience. God gave him a promise in verse 8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

Instruction is the giving of direction at the beginning, teaching is showing how to walk in the way, guidance means that a guide goes along and leads the way step by step.

We are not forgiven in order to continue in sin, but to walk in a right way, and God's will is to teach His children how to walk.

We notice also a negative exhortation is given concerning guidance in verse 9 of Psalm 32, "Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee."

We might say, don't be like a senseless horse or mule that must be bridled in order to be curbed, otherwise he might balk, or bolt rather than travel willingly. Some men, because of stupidity of heart, require a double-bit bridle to be held in check. Sennacherib, king of Syria, was such a man, that record is recorded in II Kings 19:28. Sennacherib required a nose hook in addition to a bridle.

Also a forgiven man has the benefit of God's loving care, we read in verse 10, "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about." There is a sharp contrast between a wicked one and one who trusts the Lord.

Psalm 32 concludes with verse 11, "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart."

David's experience and instruction in this Psalm ought to move the heart of any sinning man and lead you to admit your secret or open sin to God at once, and to feel and know all that is included in the joy God has for you.

If you don't know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you can receive Him today. You do this by faith.

Continue to pray for USA and Indian Nation leaders.



From the desk of Assistant Chief Mike Bailey ...

Legislative victory on compact belongs to all of us

The recent victory in the state legislature for the gaming compact comes after a hard fought battle. Four years of negotiations, first with Gov. Keating's office and then with Gov. Henry's office, resulted in a compact that is good for tribes, good for education, good for the horse industry, and good for Oklahoma.

In the last weeks before the vote, overwhelming support for the compact poured from all corners of Oklahoma. Groups from tribes, the horse industry and public education were unified in asking Senators and Representatives to pass the legislation on the gaming bill. Individuals from towns all over the state realized the benefit of having a new source of funding for education and they added their lobby to the effort. Each and every phone call, e-mail, letter and visit to the legislators played a part in their final decision at the vote. A heartfelt thank you goes out to every single person who worked to get the compact passed.

The Senate voted on February 18th, approving the legislation with a huge margin, 30-18. The House vote on the 25th was much closer—52-47. If you are interested in knowing how each Senator and Representative voted on the measure, please log on to our web site, www.choctawnation.com, and review the information.

Gaming dollars are very important to tribes. A few years ago, the

Choctaw Nation was more than 80% dependent on federal government funding for services. Today, the Choctaw Nation is more than 80% independent of federal government, with only about 17% of tribal programs funded federally. The other 83% are funded by tribal businesses, mostly gaming.

Thanks to gaming dollars, the tribe will send over 4,000 students to college this year, will continue to offer language classes and Adult Education classes, and continue to start new businesses across the Choctaw Nation, creating jobs for area residents. Many people rely upon the tribe for assistance with housing, health, and social programs, and we can continue to provide these, thanks to gaming. Tribal gaming has helped communities, not

only with jobs, but also by reinvesting dollars to improve quality of life.

Thank you to everyone who helped win the battle for a compact with the state—congratulations on a job well done.

On another gaming issue, General Counsel for the Choctaw Nation, Bob Rabon, has notified the tribe that the Supreme Court has decided not to hear a case involving two electronic games, Magical Irish and Lucky Tab II. Rabon said, "The Supreme Court made the correct decision. Federal law clearly allows Class II gaming and these were Class II."

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by observing and listening, especially while watching and traveling with his father in his ministry.

"My father was a spiritual leader among the Choctaw Tribe. Many came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and became lay leaders and pastors under his ministry. I have heard many testimonies of friends who became Christians under the preaching of my father," he said. "One testimony that surely stands out in my life is by Mrs. Ruby Lee Ward and her husband, Isom Ward, both born and raised in the vicinity of Idabel, Oklahoma. Ruby Lee expressed her love for the Lord Jesus Christ because she was converted. Her life was changed forever under the preaching of Johnson Bobb. There are many more who have told me about my father's preaching and leadership."

Bertram attended Jones Academy for three years. He went one year to Hugo school before enrolling at Goodland in Choctaw County, near Hugo, Oklahoma, an elementary and high school for Indian students. One of the school's requirements was for each student to memorize John 1:1-14. Those who did were awarded a Scofield Reference Bible.

Goodland was well-known for its athletic program. It attracted many students who wanted to play softball, football, basketball, wrestling or stickball (kapochi) games. It was also well-known for its band. The band members wore buckskin suits and were invited to many activities.

"We thought it was something to play football," said Bertram, who was the team's left guard. "On Fridays, the team would pile into a cattle truck, all eighteen of us, and travel all the way to Texas—Paris, Clarksville, Detroit—even to Horatio, Arkansas. Our first game would be the Hugo Buffaloes."

He is grateful for the instruction of Miss Sammy D. Hogue, a gifted Bible teacher. Miss Hogue was a graduate of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois, and the University of Texas in Austin. She taught the Bible, strengthening the foundation for Bertram's future spiritual life and service.

He was at Goodland when World War II broke out on December 7, 1941.

"Mr. Miller announced this attack at our breakfast of biscuits and gravy by Aunt Susie and Uncle Bud. Some of the students worked in the kitchen, too. Randle Durant learned to cook in the Goodland kitchen and later during World War II he became a cook in the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer."

Bertram also followed in family footsteps by serving his country. His father served in the U.S. Army in France during World War I and his mother's brother, James M. Edwards, was an original Choctaw Code Talker in World War I. Bertram served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from November 11, 1942, to November 18, 1945. He was trained in visual communication, maneuvering ships with light and flag signals. There could sometimes be as many as 50 ships in a group. Most of his time was spent at Pearl Harbor where one of the most memorable events was watching the Oklahoma being raised up from where it had rested on the ocean's floor since Japan's attack.

He remembers well the date he was sworn in—12 noon in Oklahoma City. He was discharged at 2:15 p.m. at Norman, Oklahoma.

"When I'm asked how long I served in the Navy, I answer, 'three years, two hours and fifteen minutes,'" he said.

"I was serving in the U.S. Naval Reserve in transit from Bremerton, Washington, to Miami, Florida, when my father passed away," Bertram remembers. "His body was held over until September 16, 1943, when he was buried at the High Hill Indian Methodist Church cemetery near Spencerville, Oklahoma."

Bobb earned 48 months of G.I. Bill of Rights for education, the most anyone could earn. With the encouragement of a Choctaw boxing coach and teacher, Arthur W. "Bois de Arc" Beames, Bertram enrolled in Murray State College in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. He excelled in football and boxing, but he learned that accounting was the field he wanted to major in.

"Coach Beames would repeat, 'People may take everything you

have but they can't take away your education. Get your education'."

After leaving MSC, Bertram worked in the accounting department of the Oklahoma State Highway Commission for three years. He then enrolled in Northeastern State Oklahoma University in Tahlequah, graduating in 1952 with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Business Education and Accounting. He attended Tulsa University until his education funds were all used.

Bertram was a member of High Hill Church until his graduation from Northeastern. He transferred his membership to the Witt Memorial Methodist Church in Tulsa. It was at Witt Memorial Church that Bertram was licensed to preach in 1954 and in 1956, he was ordained as an elder by Bishop Angie W. Smith.

"During this period it was my privilege to labor with a Cherokee preacher—the Rev. Jess McLemore," Bertram said. "Rev. McLemore and I organized a church in Collinsville, Oklahoma, north of Tulsa. It was a great experience and privilege to labor among the Cherokee people. Brother McLemore would say, 'Bobb, preach in English and I will interpret it in Cherokee'."

Bertram and Jess organized a church in Claremore, Oklahoma, where the Rev. Edgar Tims, a Choctaw who lived in Claremore with his family, joined them in weekly home Bible studies. This led to organizing the Claremore Community Methodist Church. The Rev. Tims was instrumental and active in the beginning and was active in the Claremore Church until he passed away. The church in Claremore is still active today.

"The Cherokee people are similar to the Choctaws in their spiritual and physical background and principles," the Rev. Bobb said. "They both have a rich heritage in Christian background and principles. I remember another Cherokee man, Alex Rider, who asked me, 'Brother Bobb, I would like for you to come and preach to our Cherokees "You must be born again"'. I was converted under your preaching "You must be born again" in Tulsa at the Witt Memorial Church'."

Brother Bertram Bobb believes that Native Americans are suspicious people. They learn by watching.

"You must win their trust or confidence," he said, "before they will follow you as you direct them to Jesus Christ. You have probably heard the saying, 'A missionary is like a fish in a fish bowl. You are being watched.' You win the Indian's trust and you will always have a friend."

There's never a day off in the ministry. Bertram stays busy with studying and visitation. He served as a Tribal Councilman for 18 years, one of those as Speaker of the Council. Bertram was also instrumental in starting a camping program in 1967 while living in Texas and working for a CPA firm in Dallas owned by Choctaw brothers Pushmataha and Sam Nelson.

After returning to Oklahoma, he leased 60 acres near Ringold on Pine Creek Lake to continue the camp ministry.

"It is the most effective way to reach young people," he said. "Most Indian churches are more geared toward adults. The camp has two good trained directors who like to work with young people."

The Bertram Bobb Bible Camps have 40 to 50 youth attending. A Spring Retreat is scheduled for one week every March and there are five weeks set aside in the summer to accommodate different age groups.

Bertram met Mary Ann Greenwood while at Goodland. They were married on September 8, 1950, and were blessed with three children, Johnson, Wesley and Frederick, and two grandchildren, Deborah Estell Bobb and Bertram Edward Bobb II. Deborah was also born on March 30, Bertram II on April 23. "They are both my lovely birthday gifts from God," Bertram says. They live about a block away. "Every morning I ask how my 'grand' children are when they join me for breakfast."

The two ask at night for Bertram to share his memories as their bedtime story. The time spent with his grandchildren is precious and the family history he shares with them is a heritage they will proudly be able pass on to their children and grandchildren.

Choctaw Nation GED Classes

SOUTH LEFLORE COUNTY

Beginning March 8, 2004
Mondays and Wednesdays
from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
at the Kiamichi Technology Center in Talihina

NORTH LEFLORE COUNTY

Beginning March 9, 2004
Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
at the Choctaw Nation
Family Investment Center in Poteau

BRYAN COUNTY

Beginning March 8, 2004
Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
at the Choctaw Nation Tribal Complex in Durant
(south building, downstairs)

McCURTAIN COUNTY

Beginning March 9, 2004
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m.
at E.T. Dunlap in Idabel

The class will meet 2 days each week for approximately 3 months. Books, supplies and testing fees are provided. In addition, a \$10 (per day) transportation stipend is paid to those who attend classes on a regular basis and attempt the GED test. If you have turned in an application with our Adult Education Program for GED classes and wish to attend the upcoming class, please contact our office. If you have not applied and wish to attend these or future classes, please contact Linda Tyler or Kathy Springfield at the Durant office, 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.

March is National Disabilities Awareness Month

The Choctaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation & Projects with Industry Programs would like to take the time to make everyone aware that March is National Disabilities Awareness Month. Of the more than 273,230 American Indians living within the State of Oklahoma, 30,299 reside within the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation. American Indians have become a major population of persons with disabilities. The higher incidence of disabilities stem largely from high rates of alcoholism, substance abuse, accidents and diabetes mellitus.

A study performed by the Northern Arizona University states that the American Indians are a population grossly underserved. The study emphasizes a need for the state governments to become more aware of the growing number of American Indians with disabilities. The government agencies have therefore began to enter into cooperative agreements with Native American Indian tribes in efforts to improve services for these individuals. The 1998 Amendments of the Rehabilitation Act has made it a federal requirement (Federal Regulation 34 CFR 371.21 (g)) requiring that cooperative working arrangements be developed with the designated state unit(s) which are providing vocational rehabilitation services to other individuals with disabili-

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND PROJECTS WITH INDUSTRY PROGRAM April Calendar

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

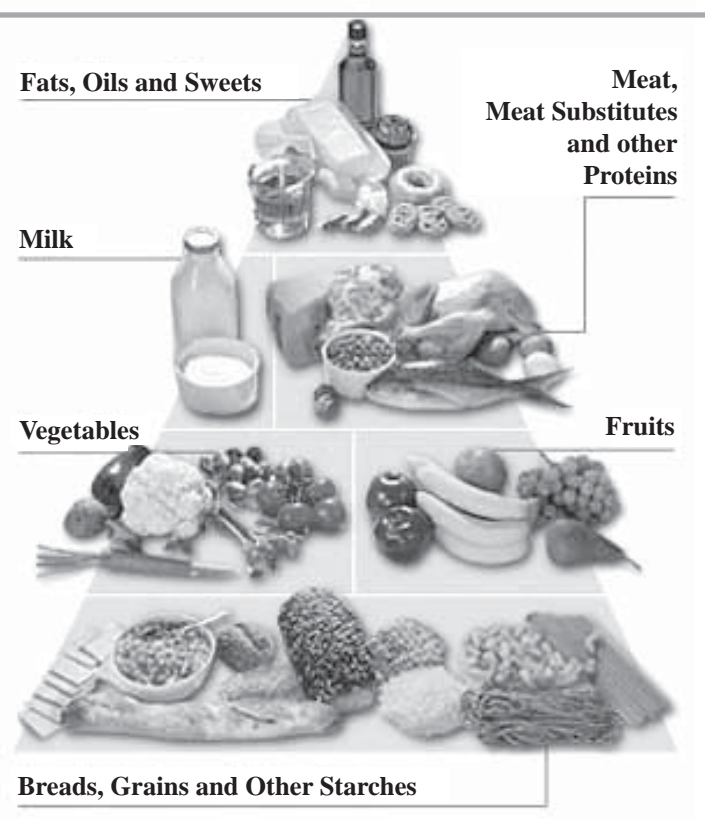
ties who reside in the state or states being served.

Disability data suggests that 26.9% of the 30,299 (2002 U.S. Census) American Indians who reside in the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation have disabilities as compared to only 19.4% of the general population, according to a survey of income and program participation conducted by the Disability Statistics Center of the University of California in San Francisco. The Survey examined the disability sta-

tus of individuals ages 15 to 64. The survey also proved that the American Indians have the highest rate of disabilities for all age groups. This is also established in Section 21 of the Rehabilitation Act identifying American Indians as having the highest disability rate yet they remain the most unserved/underserved population.

Choctaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the Projects with Industry Program have been very dedicated and will

continue to service Native Americans with disabilities who reside in the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation, assisting with seeking permanent employment. For more information concerning Native Americans with disabilities or services that may be available for Native Americans with disabilities contact Randy Hammons, Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, or Angela Dancer, Assistant Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, at 580-326-7758.



Using the Diabetes Food Pyramid

The American Diabetes Association

The Diabetes Food Pyramid has six sections for food groups. These sections vary in size. The largest group – grains, beans, and starchy vegetables – is on the bottom. This means that you should eat more servings of grains, beans and starchy vegetables than of any of the other foods. The smallest group – fats, sweets, and alcohol – is at the top of the pyramid. This tells you to eat very few servings from these food groups. Eat servings from all the food groups other than the fats, sweets, and alcohol, every day.

Eat the recommended number of servings on the pyramid within each food group. The exact number of servings you need depends on your diabetes goals, calorie and nutrition needs, your lifestyle, and the foods you like to eat. Divide the number of servings you should eat among the meals and snacks you eat each day.

The Diabetes Food Pyramid makes it easier to remember what to eat. For a healthy meal plan that is based on your individual needs, you should work with a dietitian with expertise in diabetes management.

The First Step

For most people, a great first step to healthier eating habits is to make a few simple changes. Perhaps you decide to eat more fruits and vegetables and to go lighter on the meats and sweets. If you make these changes and stick to them, pat yourself on the back. Before you make more changes, make sure you maintain the ones you have made. When you are ready, decide on the next change. Keep it easy to accomplish. As you continue to change your eating habits to manage your diabetes, the diabetes food pyramid can help you and your whole family eat healthier. Here are some more healthy eating tips.

Eat a wide variety of foods every day

Try new foods. Eating a wide variety of foods, even from the same food group, helps you get all the nutrients to be in good health. For example, within the fruit group, bananas are a good source of potassium and oranges are a good source of vitamin C.

Be physically active every day

Try to accumulate 30 minutes of physical activity each day. Start slowly, by taking the stairs and walking more, or doing more yardwork.

Eat high-fiber foods

High-fiber foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans are the foods you should primarily eat. They provide lots of vitamins, minerals, and fiber, yet they provide the least concentrated sources of calories.

Use less added sugar

Sugary foods, like jelly beans and regular soft drinks, and sweets, like ice cream and cookies, are not healthy for anyone. They provide a bunch of calories with little or no nutrients.

Use less added fat

It is well known that eating many foods that are high in fat, particularly ones with too much saturated fat and dietary cholesterol, can contribute to the development of clogged and narrowed arteries.

What can physical activity do for me?

Exercise is also known as physical activity and includes anything that gets you moving, such as walking, dancing, or working in the yard. You can earn the benefits of being physically active without going to a gym, playing sports, or using fancy equipment. When you're physically fit, you have the strength, flexibility, and endurance needed for your daily activities. Being physically active helps you feel better physically and mentally.

Physical activity can lower your blood glucose (sugar), blood pressure, and cholesterol. It also reduces your risk for heart disease and stroke, relieves stress, and strengthens your heart, muscles, and bones. In addition, regular activity helps insulin work better, improves your blood circulation, and keeps your joints flexible. If you're trying to lose weight, a combination of physical activity and wise food choices can help you reach your target weight and maintain it. All of these benefits can be yours even if you haven't been very active before.

These people with diabetes all decided to add physical activity to their daily routine. Here's why:

- Darlene S.: My little girl wanted me to walk with her to the playground. When I told her I couldn't walk that far, she started crying.
- Charlie M.: After my heart attack, I started walking almost every day but I didn't keep it up. I remember how great I felt – I had lots of energy. I'd like to get back into that so I can feel that great again.
- Rosita S.: The day I couldn't fit into my size 14 pants, I said to myself, "That's it! It's time for me to lose weight."
- Sadie F.: I want to set a good example for my grandson so he won't get diabetes. He's only 9 but he's already heavy and the kids make fun of him. Maybe we can go for walks together

Calling all parents: Wake up your kids to breakfast

Everyone knows eating breakfast is important. Breakfast fuels the body with energy and nutrients that help both kids and grown-ups meet the demands of a fast-paced lifestyle.

Breakfast-eating parents lead to breakfast-eating kids

It's especially important for parents to eat a good breakfast every day. Why? Because parents are role models for their children. Children who see their parents eat breakfast are more likely to eat breakfast, too. Getting the 40+ nutrients needed each day is more likely for those who eat a morning meal. Breakfast skippers may never make up the nutrients they miss.

Breakfast x kids = better school performance

Children who eat breakfast are

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

Quick + easy = breakfasts that please everyone

Everyone is short on time these days, but a healthy breakfast can be quick and easy to fix

Diabetes Wellness Center gym "athletes"



Matt Adams welcomes Martyne Caudell, 86, on her first day at the Diabetes Wellness Center gym. Exercise is a major weapon for all ages in the fight against diabetes.

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WOMEN, INFANT & CHILDREN

and eat. Try these breakfast-in-a-minute ideas:

- ready-to-eat cereal with fruit and milk
- toasted bagel with cheese
- fruit-filled breakfast bar and yogurt
- toasted waffle topped with fruit and yogurt
- fruit smoothie (fruit and milk whirled in a blender)
- peanut butter on whole-wheat toast

Making breakfast together is a fun activity for parents and children on days when they don't have to rush out the door. Some

easy breakfast meals can even be made the day before. Or, in the case of the following recipe, even a week ahead. Using a few creative ideas, basic French toast can form the basis for a variety of tasty, healthy breakfasts.

Eating breakfast as a family offers an opportunity to spend some quality time together. On busy mornings when it's impossible to eat together, encourage children to eat breakfast at school. Call your local school to find out more about the School Breakfast Program.

Breakfast feeds the brain as well as the body. Parents can create a positive attitude toward breakfast by showing children how much they enjoy a morning meal. Do it for your kids – and for yourself!

DAR American Indian Scholarships

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution have two scholarships available to Native Americans in financial need. Applicants must have a gpa of at least 2.75. Programs may be vocational training or college/university at the undergraduate or graduate level. Scholarship is a one-time award of \$500. Deadline for Fall Term is April 1, 2004; Spring Term, October 1. To receive an application, you must send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Committee Services American Indian Scholarship 1776 D Street NW Washington, DC 20006-5303

Choctaw Nation WIC

Serving the Choctaw Nation at 14 sites

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

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

April

April 1:	Broken Bow 9-2; Coalgate 9-12
April 2:	Poteau (A-L) 9-2
April 6:	Poteau (M-Z) 9-2; Stigler 9-2
April 8:	Talihina 9-12
April 9:	Holiday
April 12:	Wright City 9-10:30; Hugo 12-2
April 14:	Idabel 9-12
April 16:	Bethel 9-10:30; Smithville 12-2
April 26:	Holiday
April 29-30:	Closed for Inventory

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.

Frazier Memorial Gospel Singing

The Frazier Memorial Gospel Singing will be held at 7 p.m. March 26 at the First Freewill Baptist Church Family Life Center, 332 W. Carl Albert Parkway, McAlester, Oklahoma. Master of Ceremonies will be Joe Coley of Wilburton, Oklahoma, with special guests, the New Bhatti Indian Family of Hollywood, Florida, and Crossroads of Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Everyone is welcome.

Beading class meets at Atoka center

A beading class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays at the Choctaw Community Center in Atoka. Seventeen people are currently participating in the class. For information, please call Ruth Laws, 580-927-9957.

Crowder center plans Wild Onion Dinner

Everyone is invited to a Wild Onion Dinner at 6 p.m. April 6 at the Choctaw Community Center in Crowder, Oklahoma. Each family is asked to bring a dessert.

Hugo center plans Wild Onion Dinner

Everyone is invited to a Wild Onion Dinner at 6 p.m. March 16 at the Choctaw Community Center in Hugo, Oklahoma.

Choctaw shirt-making class to be held in Spiro

The Choctaw Craft Cooperative is sponsoring a Choctaw Shirt-making Class from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 26 at the Spiro Choctaw Center. The class will be taught by Juanita Jefferson, Tribal Judge. Fee is \$10. Please bring sewing machine and material for shirt and diamonds. For more information, call 918-962-3832.

Choctaw Tribal Club meets in Lawton

The Choctaw Tribal Club in Lawton, Oklahoma, will meet 6-8 p.m. on March 29 at the Lawton Public Library. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring a dish for dinner.

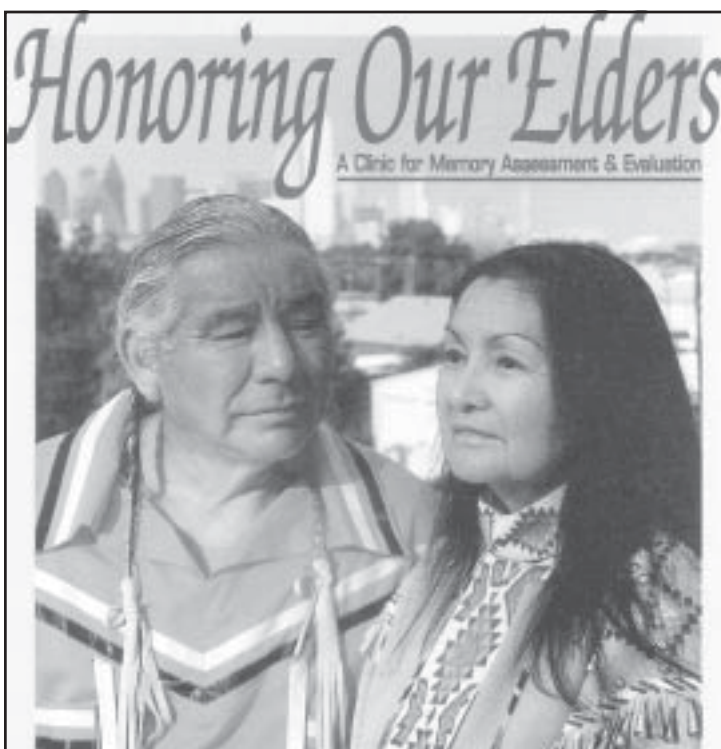
Signup under way for Bottomland Timber Program

Signup has begun for the Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands Program, a CRP initiative to restore bottomland hardwood trees on private lands.

Participants will receive 50% of the cost to establish the trees, an annual rental payment for 14 to 15 years and technical assistance to plant the trees. Participants will also retain their right to sell or market their carbon-sequestered gains (credits) that are produced from bottomland hardwoods, or other environmental credits. Bottomland hardwoods include oak, maple, ash, cypress and tupelo.

Land must be located within a 100-year floodplain, comprised of primarily wetland soils and adjacent to permanent rivers and streams.

In addition, the land must be cropland that was farmed in four out of the past six years. Land considered planted is land that may have been established in grass, land in a summer fallow rotation, during the past six years. If you have interest in the program contact your local Farm Service Agency office, or you can contact the FSA office in Durant at 924-4131 and they can refer you to the appropriate office.



Get a Free Memory Check-Up at Your Community Center!

The Honoring Our Elders Memory Clinic will offer individual, private, memory testing at your Community Center. If you or someone you know are currently experiencing problems with your memory, we encourage you to attend the free memory check-up. Senior citizens who are not having memory-related problems are also encouraged to participate. CDIB is required.

March 10: Atoka, OK April 2: Hugo, OK
 March 24: Poteau, OK April 14: Coalgate, OK
 April 1: Wright City, OK April 28: Antlers, OK

(Dates subject to change)

Choctaw Nation CARES Project conducts workshop



Choctaw Nation CARES Project conducted a workshop entitled "Healing Through Culture" at the January 2004 Systems of Care meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on Tuesday, January 13. The workshop covered topics on tribal traditions and wellness for young people. The CARES staff provided an overview of youth involvement in tribal communities, and led the youth through a healing group that addressed team building, substance abuse prevention, and cultural awareness.

University of Arkansas holding annual Horse Festival

The University of Arkansas is holding its 5th Annual Horse Festival, March 26-27, at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Arena, Fayetteville, Arkansas. This annual event shows

the vast variety of breeds, types and uses of horses. Nationally known equine clinicians, vendors, riding exhibitions and food are part of this event, as well as the popular "Silent Auction."

Returning this year is a World Champion Reining Demonstration by Jason Vanlandingham.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Meeting exceeds expectations

The Systems of Care (SOC) conference in San Antonio, Texas, January 11-16, exceeded expectations. The theme of the conference was sustainability. A positive relationship was formed between three Oklahoma grantee sites: the Oklahoma Department Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Choctaw Nation CARES Project, and the Hugo Safe School/Healthy Student Initiative.

In addition to the meetings, the Oklahoma delegation had two major planning sessions with the federal officers, national technical assistants, and major consultants. The partnerships that are forming at the state, tribal, and public school levels are exciting to the federal officers. One reputable individual at the national level said that there are many multiple grants in multiple sites but none that he was aware of that are trying to connect them all in a significant way. Oklahoma is one of the few states in the nation to include all three entities (state, tribal, and public school) in the endeavor of transforming mental health care for children, and could truly be a model for the nation.



Reunion

Moore family

There will be a family reunion on Saturday, May 22, for descendants of Joseph G. Moore. It will be held at the Little City Baptist Church in Little City, Oklahoma. It starts at 8 a.m. and lasts as long as folks want to stay. It is four miles to the cemetery and will be easy to visit throughout the day for those who want to go.

For more information, please call Ron Moore, 940-825-4046 or e-mail ronart24@aol.com.

FLYING SAFETY

- ▶ Allow extra time for special circumstances
- ▶ Do not leave your car unattended in front of the terminal
- ▶ Keep your photo identification handy
- ▶ Beware of unattended packages
- ▶ Know what you are carrying
- ▶ Humor is not an option
- ▶ Expect to have your bags searched
- ▶ Leave your firearms, knives, cutting instruments of any kind and composition, and hazardous goods at home

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	Chahta Anumpa Vmmona (First Choctaw Words) - by Choctaw Nation **NEW**	@ \$10.00	=
	The Choctaw of Oklahoma - by James Milligan **NEW**	@ 30.00	=
	Large Choctaw Hymnal - large print	@ 10.00	=
	Large Choctaw Hymnal - leather - large print	@ 15.00	=
	Small Choctaw Hymnal	@ 12.00	=
	The New Testament	@ 19.00	=
	Beginning Choctaw Grammar - by Choctaw Nation	@ 8.00	=
	Choctaw Language & Culture - by Marcia Haag & Henry Willis	@ 30.00	=
	Choctaw Language Workbook - by Choctaw Nation	@ 10.00	=
	Chahta Anumpa - two cassette tapes - by Choctaw Nation	@ 10.00	=
	Choctaw Dictionary - by Cyrus Byington	@ 25.00	=
	Choctaw Language Sampler - by Charley Jones	@ 18.00	=
	Foot Steps of a Durant Choctaw - by Randle Durant	@ 25.00	=
	Walking the Choctaw Road - by Tim Tingle **NEW**	@ 18.00	=
	Choctaw Traditional Hymns CD - by Choctaw Nation	@ 10.00	=
	Choctaw Traditional Hymns cassette tape - by Choctaw Nation	@ 10.00	=
	Choctaw Nation - by Allison Lassieur	@ 18.00	=
	Choctaw Social & Ceremonial - by Charles Eastman Brown	@ 15.00	=
	History of the Indians of the United States - by Angie Debo	@ 20.00	=
	American Indian Medicine - by Virgil J. Vogel	@ 26.00	=
	Choctaw Music and Dance - by James H. Howard & Victoria Lindsey Livine	@ 16.00	=
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People You Know

Twins are 12

Birthday wishes go out to Trent and Brent Bohanon of Broken Bow. The twins celebrated their twelfth birthday on February 10 with a cookout. Proud parents are Kenneth and Eunice Bohanon of Broken Bow. Grandparents are the late Anthony Cubby Bohanon and Rena Bohanon of Broken Bow and Robert and Melissa Bohanon of Bethel. Happy birthday from your big brother, Tyron, and family of Broken Bow, and your cousins, aunts and uncle.



Look who's one!

Marietta Frances Hamill celebrated her first birthday on January 16. She had an Elmo birthday party on January 17. Her grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends celebrated it with her. Marietta is the daughter of Marion "Junior" and Kelly Hamill of Norman, Oklahoma.



Terrible two!

Look who's turning terrible two – Colton J. Lewis. Happy birthday from mom; brothers, Gregg and Brandon, and Memaw.



Happy eighth birthday

Trent and Brent Bohanon would like to wish a happy birthday to their nephew, Kevin Bohanon of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, on February 4. He celebrated with family and friends at a cookout. Proud grandparents are Kenneth and Eunice Bohanon of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and mom, Kelly Bohanon of Oklahoma City. Kevin's grandma is the late Rhonda Peters of Oklahoma City. All his uncles, aunts, and cousin also send best birthday wishes.



Jessica turns 17

Happy birthday to Jessica Christina Cockrell who turned 17 years old on February 15. Jessica is a Junior at Haworth High School. Her parents; brothers, Chris, John Jr. and Dylan; sister, Angie; grandma, Olamae Satterfield of Atoka, Oklahoma, and numerous aunts and uncles all wish Jessica a very happy birthday. We love you very much and best wishes for the future.



Look who's three!

Happy birthday wishes go out to Brianna Elaine Spaulding of Fountain, Colorado, who turned three years old on February 21 from her grandparents; mom and dad, Angie and Jason, and numerous aunts and uncles. We wish her a happy birthday and we love her very much.



We would also like to announce the birth of Jason Dennis Spaulding, Jr., on January 19, 2004. He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 18 inches long.

Happy 76th, Vallie!

The family of Vallie (Jefferson) Taylor would like to wish her a happy 76th birthday on March 21. Enjoy your day, Auntie!



Happy birthday, Huck

Harold "Huck" Burris of Eufaula, Oklahoma, celebrated his "19th" (76th) birthday on February 29. His grandchildren enjoy being older than grandpa. His wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all hope he had a very happy birthday.



Nashoba turns 16

Watch out folks! He's going to be on the road! Happy 16th birthday to Nashoba Choate on March 14.



Happy 14th, Paula

Her grandparents, Billy and Lettie Moore, would like to wish Paula Hamilton a happy 14th birthday on March 25.



Birthday wishes

Wishes for a happy birthday on March 25 are being sent to Lucretia Johnson from all of her family.



Happy birthday

Happy birthday to you, Aunt Taters! Love, your nephew, Gregory.



Happy Valentine's Day

Melissa Gibson would like to wish her husband, Ronald "Ronnie" Gibson, pictured with his brother, a happy Valentine's Day and happy birthday on February 17. He's a special person and a great friend, husband, uncle and brother. Also, happy birthday to Jeremy McCain of Durant, Oklahoma, on February 23.



Happy birthday!

Kyle Meashintubby of Talihina, Oklahoma, would like to wish a happy birthday to his grandma, Mary Lou Meashintubby of Talihina, on January 10; his aunt, Brenda Medina of Poteau, on February 4; his uncle, Archie Meashintubby Jr. of Talihina, on January 31; cousins, Jalonda Balderas of Fort Smith, Arkansas, on January 28, Nakoma Meashintubby of Poteau on February 3, and Neville Meashintubby Jr. of Talihina who celebrated his first on February 5.

Happy birthday to the Felihkatubbes

Twins Robert and Roberta turned 44 on February 26. Robert lives in Monroe, North Carolina, and Roberta lives in Pinon, Arizona. Their mother, Eva Parish Felihkatubbe, of Riverside, California, also had a birthday on February 18. Their cousin, Tisha, of Long Beach, California, also celebrated a birthday in February. Happy birthday with love from Dinah and Brandon.



58th anniversary

Charles and Rexine Brewer of Roseville, California, will observe their 58th wedding anniversary on March 23. They were married in 1946 in the Methodist Church in Modesto, California. They have four children, John of Chico, California, and Donna, Wayne and Dorothy, all of Roseville, California.

Charles is a five-year veteran of World War II and was also employed by McClellan Air Force Base for 30 years as an industrial engineer. He now volunteers as a member of the Board of Directors at Carnegie Museum.

Rexine was a member of Roseville Senior Citizen Commission for eight years, and a member of the Charter Review Commission for two years. She also served on the Placer County Area 4 Agency on Aging, and was selected as one of four "heroes" by that agency.

50th anniversary

Edward and Mary (Gaspard) Goodman of Gore, Oklahoma, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 20 with a reception for family and friends at the Porter, Oklahoma, Civic Center. The event was hosted by their children and grandchildren.



They were married January 20, 1954, in Eunice, Louisiana. They have lived in Albany, Georgia, Eunice, Louisiana, Tulsa and Muskogee, Oklahoma, and in Gore for the last 20 years. Ed retired from Trailways Bus Lines, Inc., where he was a mechanic and bus driver. The couple have five children, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Happy birthday, Edith

Edith Marie Burke will celebrate her 83rd birthday on April 2. Her father, Julius Hogan, was an original Choctaw enrollee. She was born in Oklahoma, but is a long time resident of Phoenix, Arizona.



Your sister and niece wish you a very happy birthday.

Celebrating 79th

David Washington of Arlington, Texas, celebrated his 79th birthday on March 1. He was born and raised in rural Wister, Oklahoma. He then left and went to California and spent all of his adult years.



After retiring in 1989, he moved to Arlington and is enjoying retirement after 45 years of working. He is proud of his Indian heritage of his one-half blood Choctaw heritage.

Happy birthday, David! From your loving wife, Jackie.

Cameron turns five

Cameron Blake Ludlow celebrated his fifth birthday on January 29 with a party and a Finding Nemo cake with all the trimmings. Cameron's parents are Terry and Kimberly Ludlow of Antlers, Oklahoma. Along to celebrate with him were his cousin, Wesley, Uncle Jason Hunsucker; Nannie Cheryl Hunsucker, and Grandma Margaret and Grandpa Roy Ludlow, all of Antlers.



Happy birthday, Daddy!

Cameron Ludlow would like to wish his daddy, Terry Ludlow, a happy birthday on February 25. Terry lives in Antlers, Oklahoma, with his wife, Kimberly. He is the son of Roy and Margaret Ludlow, also of Antlers.



Irene celebrates third

Irene Leonor Flores turned three years old on February 21. She loves to play with her four sisters, Cierra, Dina, Katie and Kellie. Irene loves Dora the Explorer. Her parents are David and Brenda Flores of Owasso, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Pam Wright of Palm Desert, California, Jo Flores of Fantana, California, and Robert and Mickey Caldwell of Cleburne, Texas.



Happy anniversary

Happy anniversary to Darrell and April Burris. They were married three years on March 1.

Darrell also celebrated his 35th birthday on February 23. The family would like to wish them all the best in years to come.



Happy birthday

We wish a late happy birthday to Ahston on February 3, Blaine on January 18 and Garrett a first birthday on February 4. Happy 84th birthday to Klanycya Tiner on April 2.



Jeannie turns three

Jeannie Marie Robertson, daughter of J.D. and Carmen Robertson, turned three on February 23. She will be celebrating her birthday on April 10 with all of her friends and family. Her brother, Luke, and sister, Lisa, are coming from California. Happy birthday! We love you - Mom and Dad.



Morgan celebrates second

Morgan Alexis Connell will celebrate her second birthday on March 19. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Dustin Connell of Grove, Oklahoma. Her grandparents are Don and Darlene Connell of Seneca, Missouri, and Leisha Young of Springfield, Missouri. Great-grandparents are Cheril Smith of Grove and Adam Betsey of Atoka, Oklahoma.



Also, happy birthday to Dustin who will celebrate his birthday on March 13; a belated happy birthday to Jennifer who celebrated her birthday on January 2, and happy birthday to Emily Kay and T.J. with love from Papa Don and Granny.

Happy 17th to Brock Jefferson

Happy birthday wishes are sent to Brock Jefferson of Bel-Town, Oklahoma, who turned 17 years old on February 15. Brock is the son of Priscilla Wallace of Bel-Town and the grandson of Truman and Bertha Jefferson of Idabel, Oklahoma. The family loves you!

Happy 13th, Talesa

Happy belated 13th birthday on January 26 to Talesa Jefferson. Talesa is the daughter of Vicky Bailey of Idabel, Oklahoma, and granddaughter of Truman and Bertha Jefferson of Idabel. We love you!



Celebrating first year

Jimmy Battiest and Heather Baker celebrated their first year together on December 21.



Laynee Jo Morning Star Lingo

Joe Wilson and LaFonda Lingo would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Laynee Jo Morning Starr Lingo. She was born at Kings Daughter Hospital in Temple, Texas, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and measuring 18.25 inches long.



Grandparents are Carmen Lingo and the late Billy Joe Tuska-Chito Lingo and Marie Altum and the late Billy Clyde House.

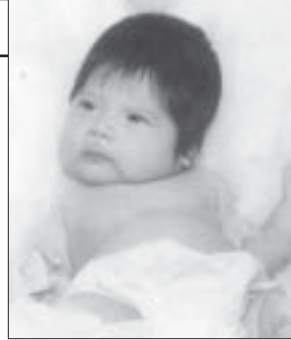
Shelby Grace Perry

Shelby Grace Perry was born November 7, 2003, in Garland, Texas. She weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18.75 inches long. Proud parents are Chris and Julia Perry of Garland. Grandparents are Eddie and Allison Perry of Sachse, Texas, and Terry and Jill Busha of Garland, Texas. Great-grandparents are Twyla Busha and the late Dorwin Busha of Bay City, Texas. Great-great-grandmothers are full-blood Choctaw Julia Cunningham of Braggs, Oklahoma, and Ruth Busha of Council Hill, Oklahoma.



McKenzie Nevaeh Noahubi

McKenzie Nevaeh Noahubi was born April 19, 2003, at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. Proud parents are Robin Baker and Jerome Noahubi of Bethel, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Emilou Bohanon of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, Ray Baker of Battiest, Oklahoma, and Andres and Selina Martinez of Broken Bow. Great-grandparents are Robert and Melissa Bohanon of Bethel and the late Battiest and Mary Noahubi of Bethel. Many aunts, uncles and cousins are also very proud to have her in the family.



Caitlin Susan Ruth Anderson

Tallie and Christian Anderson would like to announce the birth of their new baby sister, Caitlin Susan Ruth Anderson. Caitlin was born on January 9, 2004, at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada, Oklahoma. She weighed 9 pounds, 12.8 ounces and was 20.9 inches long.



Proud parents are Roger and Leslie Anderson of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Clara Battice and Papa Vic of Antlers, Oklahoma, the late Delta "Andy" Anderson and the late Susan Anderson of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

We welcome our newest addition to our family and wish happiness and love to our sweetest blessing from heaven above. We love you baby Caitlin.

Salem Rae Brewer

Vincent and Dawnette (Parkson) Brewer are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Salem Rae Brewer was born at Madera Community Hospital in Madera, California, on September 29, 2003. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 17 inches long.



Grandparents are Willard Sr. and Nancy V. Parkson of Raymond, California, Donald D. Smith of Big Timber, Montana, and Dodie Harris of Woodlake, California. Salem's great-great-grandmother, Ethel Viola Hoover, was an original Choctaw enrollee and we know Salem will be proud.



World Champion Hoop Dancer

Jace "Peanutt" Roberts, a member of the Choctaw Nation from Shawnee, Oklahoma, was crowned the World Champion Hoop Dancer in the youth division in Phoenix, Arizona, on February 8. There were over 19 contestants competing for the title in the youth division. He won with 210 points. Second-place came in at 196 points.

Peanutt is ten years old and in the fifth grade at Horace Mann Elementary. He is the son of Dale and Rowena Roberts and the grandson of Wilson and Sharon Roberts of Ada, Oklahoma.

His mom and dad and his grandparents want to say a big congratulations and a job well done.

American Indian filmmakers premiere movie at Oklahoma gallery

A pair of American Indian filmmakers from Oklahoma premiered their latest feature, "American Indian Graffiti: This Thing Life," on February 20 at the Individual Artists of Oklahoma Gallery in Oklahoma City.

The film was written and directed by Oklahomans Tvli Jacob, Choctaw, and Steve Judd, Choctaw/Kiowa. The two say the objective of the film is to show American Indian people in a realistic light.

"We formed Restless Natives Motion Picture Production Company to make movies about, for, and featuring American Indians," Jacob says. "We feel there's a lack of representation of Indians in the entertainment industry and hope that our stories will be a step in resolving these problems."

The film tells the story of four people in contemporary Oklahoma struggling with guilt, loss, success and death.

The filmmakers have been invited to show the movie and discuss it on April 15 at the Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota.

More information about Restless Natives Motion Picture Productions, as well as a trailer for the movie, is available online at www.restless-native.com.

Choctaw artist headed for Cheyenne



Choctaw artist Ron Moore's painting, "When There Were Only The People," has been accepted into the Western Spirit Show and Sale held by the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The painting is an oil, 36"x48", depicting two Indian women and their pack horses getting water at a beaver pond. The scene is set in a majestic mountain panorama. Four-hundred

eighty-two pieces were submitted by 153 artists. Only 100 were selected. The jury is made up of prominent professional artists.

Making it into the show also presents the opportunity to be selected for the Wyoming Governors Invitational Show. The show opened March 6 and will last through March 28. The exhibition will hang in the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum at 4610 N. Carey Ave. in Frontier Park at Cheyenne.

Ron Moore is a Choctaw artist living in Nocona, Texas.



Brothers are serving the people

Gary Don French, 22, has been appointed as deputy with the Lake County Sheriff's Department. He lives in Mt. Dora, Florida, with his wife, Sarah (Santiago), and daughter, Madalyn.

John Robert French, 20, has joined the Army. He is doing his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and will graduate on May 20, 2004.

They are the sons of Elizabeth Ann (Tonihka) McKinney and step-father, Cyrus McKinney, of Fort Worth, Texas, and father, Gary French of Orlando, Florida. Their grandparents include the late Wilson and Bertha (Ward) Tonihka. Great-grandmother is Lena Minnie (Bohanon) Hicks of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.



Sweet 16

Logan would like to wish her big sister, Jessica Polk, a happy Sweet 16 birthday on March 5. They are the daughters of Julie Polk of Durant, Oklahoma. Also wishing Jessica a happy birthday are her grandmother, Ruth Polk, and aunt and uncle, Leshia and Tommy Tucker.



Stuart turns three

Derrick and Dustin Vanderveen are wishing their little brother, Stuart, a happy third birthday on March 14.

The boys are the sons of Dwight and Wanda Vanderveen and they have a sister, Erica, all of Durant, Oklahoma.



Pow Wows

American Indian Leadership Youth Council of Broken Bow Schools

8th Annual Spring Pow Wow

April 3, 2004

McCurtain County Sports Complex

- Head Staff -

M.C.: Sammy "Tone'kei" White (Kiowa), Anadarko, OK
Arena Director: Micky Weryackwe (Comanche), Broken Bow, OK

- Contest -	- Program -
<u>Men's</u>	Must be in Grand Entry to compete
Traditional/Straight	6:30 p.m. Grand Entry
Fancy/Grass	2-5 p.m. Gourd Dancing
<u>Women's</u>	<i>Special invitation to all princesses, drums and Indian clubs</i>
Buckskin/Cloth	
Fancy/Jingle	
<u>Teen Girls'</u>	
Buckskin/Cloth	
Fancy/Jingle	Arts & Crafts spaces available
<u>Jr. Boys'</u>	5 ft. by 7 ft. - \$25
Traditional/Straight	Contact Sarah Davis at 580-584-6372
Fancy/Grass	
<u>Jr. Girls'</u>	
Buckskin/Cloth	For more information call
Fancy/Jingle	Curtis Billy 580-584-2876
<u>Tiny Tots</u>	or Sandra Frazier 580-420-7162

The public is invited
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No political soliciting • no videotaping
No drugs or alcohol allowed • Security provided



Red Warrior Society Inter-Tribal Pow Wow

April 20, 2004

Hugo Agriplex, Hugo, Oklahoma

- Head Staff -

Head Man: Joe Noah
Head Lady: Debbie Garcia
Head Gourd: Dutch Crews
Head Singer: "Kiowa Jim"
Honor Guards: Red Warrior Society
M.C.: Perry Aunko
Arena Director: Willie Gallant

Time:
1 p.m. to 11 p.m.
(Host Concession Only)
Vendors 10x10
Booth space: \$20
Plus donations
Bring your own lawn chair!!!

All dancers, princesses and other drums are welcome!
For more information contact:
Pete Noah Jr. 580-317-6871 or Debbie Osage 903-572-2241
This is an alcohol and drug free event!
Not responsible for any thefts or accidents.



11th Annual Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow

April 17, 2004

Southeastern Oklahoma State University Activity Building North First & Dunlap in Durant, Oklahoma

- Head Staff -

M.C.: Tim Tallchief (Osage), Jones, OK
Head Singer: Pat Oyebi (Kiowa), Stillwell, OK
Head Lady Dancer: Sharon Roberts (Chickasaw), Ada, OK
Head Man Dancer: Wilson Roberts (Choctaw), Ada, OK
Head Gourd Dancer: Jimmie Johnson (Kickapoo/Shawnee), Dustin, OK
Honor Guard: Seminole Nation Color Guard
Arena Director: Bill Takes Horse (Crow), Colbert, OK
Co-Host: Native American Council of SOSU
Inter-Tribal Princess: Tana Takes Horse, (Choctaw/Chickasaw/Crow)

- Contest -	- Program -
<u>Man 1st, 2nd, 3rd</u>	3:30 p.m. Gourd Dancing
Traditional	5:30 p.m. Supper
Straight	7:00 p.m. Gourd Dancing
Grass	8:00 p.m. Grand Entry
Fancy	Inter-Tribal Dancing
<u>Women 1st 2nd 3rd</u>	11:30 p.m. Closing Song
Buckskin	<i>Arts & Crafts open at 10:00 a.m.</i>
Cloth	<i>Food Concessions open at 11:00 a.m.</i>
Jingle	
Fancy	

Free and open to the public
Bring your pow wow chairs
For more information, call 580-924-9411 or 580-434-5875
Special invitation to all princesses, clubs and drums
No alcoholic beverages or drugs permitted on the premises
Not responsible for theft, injury, accidents, lost or stolen items



36th Annual Talihina Indian Festival Pow Wow

April 24, 2004

Old School Gym, located on Hwy. 1 and 271 in Talihina

- Head Staff -

M.C.: Eddie Wilson (Cheyenne), Norman, OK
Head Singer: Reuben Tehauno (Comanche/Choctaw), Shawnee, OK
Honor Guard: Choctaw Nation Color Guard
Head Gourd Dancer: Dusty Billie (Seminole), Tulsa, OK
Head Man Dancer: Terry Geimausaddle (Comanche), Walters, OK
Head Lady Dancer: Ann Geimausaddle (Comanche/Choctaw), Lawton, OK
Arena Director: Derek Reeder (Kiowa/Caddo), Oklahoma City, OK
Club Princess: Lindsay Renae James (Choctaw/Caddo/Potawatomie) Talihina, OK

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Not responsible for theft/accidents
Firearms, alcohol, drugs prohibited

Bacone hosts Native American Festival

Bacone College, Muskogee, will host a Native American Multi-Cultural Festival March 26-27. Activities will begin at 9 a.m. in the Palmer Center on the campus and will feature tours of the Ataloa Lodge Museum, exhibits and demonstrations, poetry reading, Hispanic and Vietnamese dancers, and Native American games.

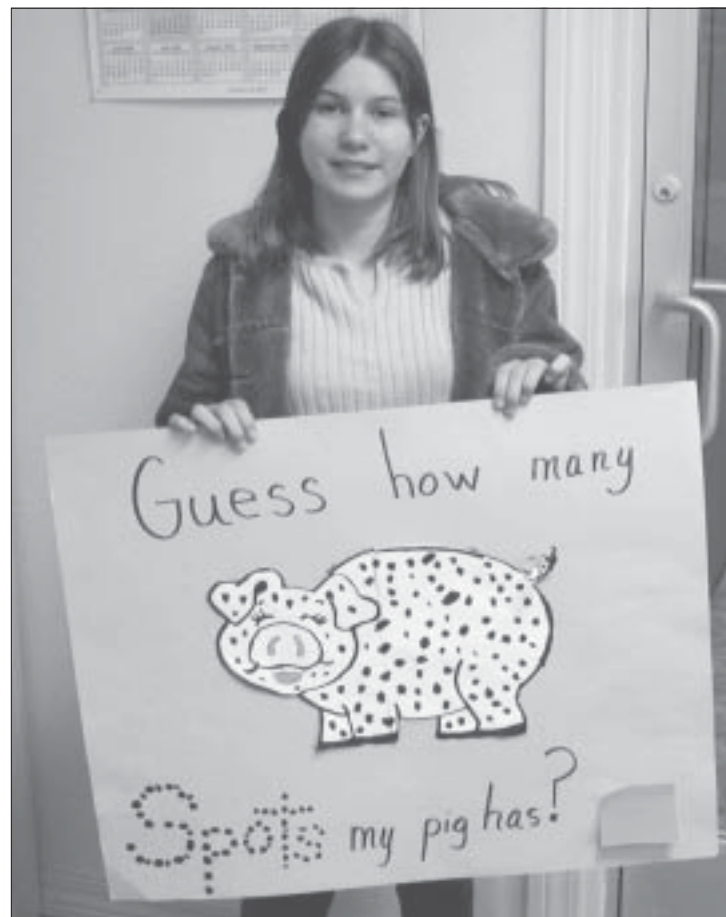
Saturday, March 27, will be a day of dancing and singing beginning at 1 p.m. and lasting into the night. Vendors are welcome.

For more information, contact Larry Daylight at 918-683-4581, ext. 7278.

Winning students



Ruben Kauley, a fourth-grader at Jones Academy, placed third in the research category at the Hartshorne Grade School Science Fair on February 5. Ruben's entry showed how to turn river cane into a Native American flute. Ruben is the son of Johanna Bernal of Tulsa.



Cheyenne Barker, a Jones Academy student, received second place in the fourth grade at Hartshorne Elementary School's "100 Days of School" promotion. A spotted pig illustrated the theme.

Pickens pursuing dual degree

John Pickens, Choctaw-Chickasaw, is attending Blackfeet Community College in Browning, Montana. John is pursuing a dual degree in Human Services and Natural Resources.

"I plan to use these degrees and tools to help my people," he says. "My intentions are to work at a youth ranch. The environment and animals can teach children responsibility, respect, trust, unconditional love and skills of the trade. I like to help people live a more adequate and rewarding life."

John is receiving help with college expenses through the Choctaw Nation. He has maintained a 4.0 grade point average during the past semester. He also represented the Choctaw Nation in 2003 at the Indian Finals Rodeo held in California.

He is the son of Josh and Bert Pickens of McAlester, Oklahoma.

Sisters compete in state swim meet

Eve Stevens, 16, and Lee Stevens, 10, of Anderson, South Carolina, qualified to compete in the 2004 SC State Championship Swim Meet. In Lee's first state championship meet, she raced the 200-yard Individual Medley and the 200-yard Freestyle Relay, capturing fifth place. Eve competed in the 100- and 200-yard Breaststroke, finishing seventh in the 100. In addition to her athletic achievements, Eve was selected to attend the South Carolina Governor's School for Arts and Humanities. One of her short stories was chosen for publication in a national magazine. Eve is active in community service organizations and serves on the Governor's School Honor Council. Congratulations!

Student of the Month at Battiest

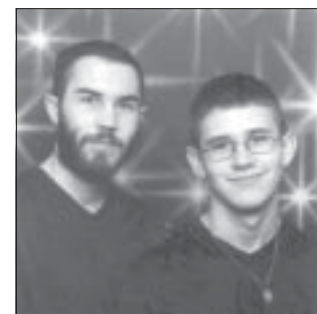
Tyler Cusher, 6, son of Gayle and Joe Cusher, was named Student of the Month for January. He is in Kindergarten at Battiest Elementary School in Battiest, Oklahoma.

Congratulations, Tyler, from all of your family.



Soper brothers on honor roll

Anthony and Bill Moore have both been honored as good students. Anthony is a junior at Soper High School. He has a 4.0 grade point average and is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll. He is an officer of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and a member of the National Honor Society. Bill attends Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. He has received an Honor's Scholarship from SOSU and a scholarship from the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. He was on the President's Honor Roll the last two semesters. Their parents are Shirley and Eddie Moore of Soper. Their grandparents are Melvin Roebuck and the late Fay Roebuck and Doris Moore and the late L.B. Moore of Soper.



First deer

Cristina Eve Folsom, 10, is pictured with her first deer, killed in December 2003.

Cristina is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Peter Ward Folsom. She lives in San Antonio, Texas, with her three younger sisters and her parents.



13th Annual Choctaw Nation Swine/Beef Show

The annual livestock show was held Saturday, February 7, at Eastern Oklahoma State University in Wilburton. The swine judge was Red Goodson of Yukon, Oklahoma and beef judge was Bret Develbiss, Lawton, Oklahoma.



Breed Champion Berk: Rusty Phillips, Heavener, with Councilman Ted Dosh.



Reserve Breed Champion Berk: Toby Bean, Battiest.



Breed Champion Chester: Taletha Taylor, Jones Academy, with Tribal Councilpersons Ted Dosh, Mike Amos, James Frazier, Delton Cox, Jack Austin, Charlotte Jackson and Perry Thompson.



Reserve Breed Champion Chester: Chelsea Coffman, Valliant, with Tribal Councilpersons Mike Amos, James Frazier, Delton Cox, Jack Austin, Charlotte Jackson and Perry Thompson.



Breed Champion Duroc: Kaitlin Rogers, Calera, with Tribal Councilmen Jack Austin and Perry Thompson.



Reserve Breed Champion Duroc: Whitlee Curliss, Haileyville, with Tribal Councilmen Jack Austin and Perry Thompson.

SWINE

Grand Champion Swine – Stephanie Gay, Eagletown.
Reserve Grand Champion Swine – Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville.
Senior Swine Showmanship – Caitlin Rogers, Calera.
Junior Swine Showmanship – Derrick James, Jones Academy. Derrick has won the showmanship for three straight years.

Berk

Breed Champion – Rusty Phillips, Heavener.
Reserve Breed Champion – Toby Bean, Battiest.
Class I first: Rusty Phillips, Heavener; second: Toby Bean, Battiest; third: Timer Lawless, Valliant; fourth: Colton Baker, Hartshorne; fifth: Ace Lee Pittman, Valliant; sixth: Ryan Short, Eagletown.

Chester

Breed Champion – Taletha Taylor, Jones Academy.
Reserve Breed Champion – Chelsea Coffman, Valliant.
Class I first: Taletha Taylor, Jones Academy; second: Jeremy Pogue; third: Courtney Duggan, Wilburton; fourth: Chris Johnson, Hugo; fifth: Chance Hensley, Battiest; sixth: Jeromy Teal, Bennington; seventh: Tyler Taylor, Wright City; eighth: Emmilie Scroggins, Valliant.

Class II first: Chelsea Coffman, Valliant; second: Jessica Blankenship, Jones Academy; third: Tiler Savage, Hartshorne; fourth: Sara Jane Smallwood, Clayton; fifth: Tara Guinn, Coalgate; sixth: Megan Lewis, Kiowa; seventh: James Roubidoux, Jones Academy; eighth: Braden Kerns, Haywood; ninth: Bo Lewis, Kiowa; tenth: Chock Mullins, Broken Bow.

Duroc

Breed Champion – Kaitlin Rogers, Calera.
Reserve Breed Champion – Whitlee Curliss, Haileyville.
Class I first: Mark McManua, Hartshorne; second: Jeremy Pryor, Savanna; third: Kyle Brown, Savanna; fourth: Cherish Timmons, Haileyville; fifth: Kaci Trentham, Coalgate; sixth: Spencer Morris, Clayton; seventh: Ross Lee Phillips, Whitesboro; eighth: Lindsey Polk, Valliant; ninth: Dustin Hodges, Crowder; tenth: Kiley Russell, Caddo.

Class II first: Whitlee Curliss, Haileyville; second: Jodi Nichols, Haileyville; third: Micah Tiger, Jones Academy; fourth: Thad Hairrel, Cameron; fifth: Aaron McClain, Buffalo Valley; sixth: Joe Paxton, Calvin; seventh: Chad Twaddle, Buffalo Valley; eighth: Rachel Smith, Heavener; ninth: Jeremy Pryor, Savanna; tenth: Roxanne Prater.

Class III first: Caitlin Spears, Wilburton; second: Johnny Cervantes, Jones Academy; third: Daniel Burns, Coalgate; fourth: Emilia Lopez, Hugo; fifth: Derek Anderson, Battiest; sixth: Johnny Cervantes, Jones Academy; seventh: Jeremy Bigbe, Atoka; eighth: Katie Cox, LeFlore; ninth: Kyle Self, Rattan; tenth: Neal Hayes, Spiro.

Class IV first: Hillaree Cox, Spiro; second: Keith Ketcher, Panola; third: Tamra Bell, Wilburton; fourth: Colby Skelton, Panama; fifth: Rachel Norris, Tushka; sixth: Dillon Burns, Coalgate; seventh: Tandra Elkins, Coalgate; eighth: Michael Maxwell, Durant; ninth: Jessica Dunlap, Rattan; tenth: Monica Fields, Valliant.

Class V first: Kaitlin Rogers, Calera; second: Jana Chancellor, Whitesboro; third: Casey Jones, Bennington; fourth: Charlee Goodwin, Caddo; fifth: Todd McGee, Red Oak; sixth: Tad Holt, Bennington; seventh: Rhiannon Bean, Lufketa; eighth: Keaton Womack, Clayton; ninth: Chance Freeman, Hugo; tenth: J.D. Chancellor, Whitesboro.

Class VI first: Derek Bowen, Silo; second: Shawn Kinser, Boswell; third: Kirsten Rogers, Calera; fourth: Casey Jones, Bennington; fifth: Kelbie Kennedy, Albion; sixth: Joey Baker Scott, Antlers; seventh: Jeremy Pogue, Hartshorne; eighth: Blair Smallwood, Clayton; ninth: Jacob Peters, Clayton; tenth: Jessica Collins, Milburn; eleventh: Andrea Pierce, Wister.

Hampshires

Breed Champion – Laramie Nichols, Haileyville.
Reserve Breed Champion – Jonathan Colungo, Jones Academy.

Class I first: Laramie Nichols, Haileyville; second: Derek Anderson, Battiest; third: Whitlee Curliss, Haileyville; fourth: Richard Kendrick, Caney; fifth: Courtney Coffman, Valliant; sixth: Lacey Jackson, Panola; seventh: Jessica Smith, Heavener; eighth: Shane Peace, Hartshorne; ninth: Kaitlyn Beaty, Achille; tenth: Tyler Self, Rattan; eleventh: Jacob Stacey, McAlester; twelfth: Sasha Morris, Tuskaoma.

Class II first: Brittanie Williams, Tupelo; second: Luke Serner, Durant; third: Daniel Burns, Coalgate; fourth: Dustin Ward, Wister; fifth: Cody Edmondson, Idabel; sixth: Hannah Cherry, Red Oak; seventh: Shane Smith, Quinton; eighth: Taylor Cannady, Talihina; ninth: Tanner Ward, Wister; tenth: Drew Parker, Tupelo.

Class III first: Ashton Thompson, Bennington; second: Candice Baker, Hartshorne; third: Devan Midgley, Buffalo Valley; fourth: Codi Conn, Tushka; fifth: Damion Zaste, Panola; sixth: J.W. Elrod, Stringtown; seventh: Katie Cox, LeFlore; eighth: Jeremy Pryor, Savanna; ninth: Dylan Pitchford, Hartshorne; tenth: Matthew Gabbart, Caddo.

Class IV first: Jennifer Williams, Idabel; second: Jacob Ade, Jones Academy; third: Tyler Pogue; fourth: Brittanie Williams, Tupelo; fifth: Kristin Hedge, Rattan; sixth: Briana Ketcher, Panola; seventh: Drew Parker; eighth: Cherish Timmons, Haileyville; ninth: Blake Jackson, Hartshorne; tenth: Jared James, Wilburton.

Class V first: Brittny Doyle, Buffalo Valley; second: Chance Hensley, Battiest; third: Casey Jones, Bennington; fourth: Cory Traylor, Talihina; fifth: Caitlin Spears, Wilburton; sixth: Cody Dosh, Bennington; seventh: Blake Ardese, Hartshorne; eighth: James Clark, Hartshorne; ninth: Jeremiah Colbert, Battiest; tenth: Jessica Collins, Milburn.

Class VI first: Justin Hamer, Caney; second: Will Ardese, Hartshorne; third: Chad McGirt, Jones Academy; fourth: Brian Blankenship, Hartshorne; fifth: Joseph Phillips, Boswell; sixth: Jeromy Teal, Bennington; seventh: Jeremy Bigbe, Atoka; eighth: Keith Ketcher, Panola; ninth: Railey Gardner, Antlers; tenth: Courtney Duggan, Wilburton.

Class VII first: Daniel Lawson, Canadian; second: Tyler Taylor, Wright City; third: Seana Garrison, Fort Towson; fourth: Pady Hobgood, Colbert; fifth: Tyler Shann, Haileyville; sixth: Tristen Noble, Quinton; seventh: Bo Lewis, Kiowa; eighth: Brandon Vanhook, Red Oak; ninth: Natasha Dunlap, Rattan; tenth: Kelsie Meek, Colbert; eleventh: J. J. Bull, Panola; twelfth: Megan Garside, Stringtown.

Class VIII first: Megan Jones, Bennington; second: Morgan Mings, Whitesboro; third: Gary Dewitt, Wapanucka; fourth: Luke Serner, Durant; fifth: Jett Gardner, Antlers; sixth: Callie Grey, Buffalo Valley; seventh: Molly Sanders, Rock Creek; eighth: Kolton Mussett, Wright City; ninth: Bryan Flener, Wilburton; tenth: Joseph Cox, LeFlore; eleventh: Joseph Morgan, Hartshorne.

Class IX first: Laramie Nichols, Haileyville; second: Jonathan Colungo, Jones Academy; third: Bradley Breshears, Antlers; fourth: See **LIVESTOCK** on Page 9



**Senior Swine Showmanship
Caitlin Rogers, Calera**



**Junior Swine Showmanship
Derrick James, Jones Academy**



Breed Champion Poland: Alecia Moore, Jones Academy, with Tribal Councilmen Mike Amos and Perry Thompson.



Reserve Breed Champion Poland: Cherish Timmons, Haileyville, with Sophia Bullard and Councilmen Mike Amos and Perry Thompson.



Breed Champion Spot: Jonathan Colungo, Jones Academy, with Councilmen Mike Amos and Perry Thompson.



Reserve Breed Champion Spot: Jacob Ade, Jones Academy, with Councilmen Mike Amos and Perry Thompson.



Breed Champion Hampshire: Laramie Nichols, Haileyville, with Councilmen Mike Amos and Perry Thompson.



Reserve Breed Champion Hampshire: Jonathan Colungo, Jones Academy, with Councilmen Mike Amos and Perry Thompson.



Breed Champion York: Stephanie Gay, Eagletown, with Tribal Councilman Ted Dosh.



Grand Champion Steer: Cody Dosh, Bennington, with stepdad Russell Thompson.



Reserve Steer: Ashton Thompson.



Supreme Heifer: Kendall Gibson, Crowder, with Tribal Councilman Perry Thompson.



Reserve Heifer: Taylor Payne, Soper, with Tribal Councilman Perry Thompson.

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Chrissy Dill, Rock Creek; fifth: Stephanie Gay, Eagletown; sixth: Bobby Lee England, Panama; seventh: Joey Scott, Antlers; eighth: Robert Garside, Stringtown; ninth: Hailey Raines, Fanshawe; tenth: Ryan Marrow, Buffalo Valley; eleventh: Daniel Pace, Antlers; twelfth: Kelsey Crane, Wister; thirteenth: Jayce Galloway, Haworth; fourteenth: Tyler Hardin, Heavener.

Polands

Breed Champion – Alecia Moore, Jones Academy.
Reserve Breed Champion – Cherish Timmons, Haileyville.
Class I first: Alecia Moore, Jones Academy; second: Cherish Timmons, Haileyville; third: Chad McGirt, Jones Academy; fourth: Bryce Killingsworth, Hartshorne; fifth: Darylene Blaine, Jones Academy; sixth: Linsey Duggan, Panola; seventh: Ace'Lee Pittman, Valliant; eighth: Logan Byrd, Hartshorne; ninth: Cameron Teal, Bennington; tenth: Chad Sinclair, Calvin; eleventh: Thad Hairrell, Cameron.

Spots

Breed Champion – Jonathan Colungo, Jones Academy.
Reserve Breed Champion – Jacob Ade, Jones Academy.
Class I first: Jonathan Colungo, Jones Academy; second: Jacob



Reserve Breed Champion York: Derek Bowen, Silo.



Breed Champion Cross: Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville, with Judge Bret Develbiss and Tribal Councilman Ted Dosh.



Reserve Breed Champion Cross: Derrick James, Jones Academy, with Judge Bret Develbiss and Tribal Councilman Ted Dosh.

Ade, Jones Academy; third: Chock Mullens, Broken Bow; fourth: Derrick James, Jones Academy; fifth: Cody Laster, Eagletown; sixth: Jenna Garrison, Fort Towson; seventh: Andrea Pierce, Wister; eighth: Brittany Compton, Eagletown; ninth: Sharla Dewitt, Wapanucka; tenth: Tyler Pogue, Hartshorne; eleventh: Clay Phillips, Heavener; twelfth: Bransen Shelton, Wright City; thirteenth: Clay Phillips, Heavener.

Yorks

Breed Champion – Stephanie Gay, Eagletown.
Reserve Breed Champion – Derek Bowen, Silo.
Class I first: Laci Hammons, Wilburton; second: Tyler Shann, Haileyville; third: Laci Hammons, Wilburton; fourth: Linsey Duggan, Panola; fifth: Monica Fields, Valliant; sixth: Spencer Morris, Clayton; seventh: Ross Lee Phillips, Whitesboro; eighth: Lacie Duggan, Wilburton; ninth: Lindsey Shelton, Stuart; tenth: Jacob Stacey, McAlester; eleventh: Kayla Hollan, LeFlore.
Class II first: Kelbie Kennedy, Albion; second: Charlie Clairemont, Jones Academy; third: Cody Dosh, Bennington; fourth: Tandra Elkins, Coalgate; fifth: Courtney Coffman, Valliant; sixth: Ricky Morgan, Hartshorne; seventh: Jennifer William, Idabel; eighth: Lonnie Hedrick, Canadian; ninth: Randy Bean, Lukfata; tenth: Justin Haner, Caney; eleventh: Matt Effinger, Canadian; twelfth: Shyla Ludlow, Whitesboro.
Class III first: Chelsea Coffman, Valliant; second: Thomas Phillips, Jones Academy; third: Heather O'Neal, Tuskahoma; fourth: Pady Hobgood, Colbert; fifth: Jared Elrod, Stringtown; sixth: Brent Anderson, Pocola; seventh: Clint Crane, Wister; eighth: Michael Dunn, Soper; ninth: Keaton Womack, Clayton; tenth: Jacob Peters, Clayton; eleventh: Bransen Shelton, Wright City.
Class IV first: Stephanie Gay, Eagletown; second: Derek Bowen, Silo; third: Madison Rogers, Calera; fourth: Jonathan Colungo, Jones Academy; fifth: Stephanie Gay, Eagletown; sixth: Brittan Raines, Fanshawe; seventh: Thomas Phillips, Jones Academy; eighth: Danion Zaste, Panola; ninth: Macy Roebuck, Coalgate; tenth: Cliff England, Panama; eleventh: Justin Vaughn, Eagletown.

Cross

Breed Champion – Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville.
Reserve Breed Champion – Derrick James, Jones Academy.
Class I first: Joseph Morgan, Hartshorne; second: Colton Baker, Hartshorne; third: Kaci Trentham, Coalgate; fourth: Jennifer Williams, Idabel; fifth: Justin Pebsworth, Coalgate; sixth: Krystal Raines, Red Oak; seventh: Mark Goodrich, Talihiina; eighth: John Holcomb, Durant; ninth: Josh Morgan, Red Oak; tenth: Justin Ward, Wister; eleventh: Jenny Morgan, Red Oak.
Class II first: Patrick Wyrick, Jones Academy; second: Justin Landreth, Antlers; third: Chelsea Coffman, Valliant; fourth: Donovan Morris, Spiro; fifth: Chris Hider, Caddo; sixth: Dillon Burns, Coalgate; seventh: Dillon Munholland, Coalgate; eighth: Deston Moore, Wright City; ninth: Derek Kelso, Broken Bow; tenth: Evangelina Morgan, Red Oak.
Class III first: Justin Haner, Caney; second: Laramie Beal, Coalgate; third: Marvin Shewmake, Jones Academy; fourth: Ashton Thompson, Bennington; fifth: Jacob Stacey, McAlester; sixth: Kendra Seely, Jones Academy; seventh: Jerry Alexander, Clayton; eighth: Justin Pebworth; ninth: Chad Twaddle, Buffalo Valley; tenth: Rachel Reynolds, Soper; eleventh: Sarah Thompson, Hugo.
Class IV first: Tandy Dunn, Soper; second: Tad Holt, Bennington; third: Morgan Mings, Whitesboro; fourth: Katey Johnson, Whitesboro; fifth: Lucas Freeman, Hugo; sixth: Jeremiah Morgan, Red Oak; seventh: Sarah Smith, Caddo; eighth: Molly Sanders, Rock Creek; ninth: Megan Marrow, Buffalo Valley; tenth: Cameron Clark, Haworth; eleventh: Jena Rae Kellum, Fort Towson; twelfth: Sharla Bullard, Red Oak.
Class V first: Courtney Coffman, Valliant; second: Ben Blankenship, Hartshorne; third: Blair Jackson, Panola; fourth: Jaelon Kerns, McAlester; fifth: Pady Hobgood, Colbert; sixth: Jessica Smith, Heavener; seventh: Johnny Cervantes, Jones Academy; eighth: Nicole Robertson, Hugo; ninth: Eric Knight, LeFlore; tenth: Shelby Johnson, Hugo; eleventh: Rusty Phillips, Heavener; twelfth: Cory Traylor, Talihiina; thirteenth: Amanda Cox, Spiro; fourteenth: Lacey Jackson, Panola.
Class VI first: Brittny Doyle, Buffalo Valley; second: Hannah Cherry, Red Oak; third: Emmlie Scroggins, Valliant; fourth: Bradley Hutson, Clayton; fifth: Chelsea Wade, Soper; sixth: Tamra Bell, Wilburton; seventh: Heather O'Neal, Tushka Homma; eighth: Krystal Raines, Red Oak; ninth: Cogan Byrd, Hartshorne; tenth: Briana Ketcher, Panola; eleventh: Drew Parker, Tupelo.
Class VII first: Jared James, Wilburton; second: Shawn Kinsler, Boswell; third: Tyler Hardin, Heavener; fourth: Richard Kendrick, Caney; fifth: Freddy James, Wilburton; sixth: Bryan Glener, Wilburton; seventh: Toniha Scott, Jones Academy; eighth: Travis Hardin, Heavener; ninth: Josh Williams, Rock Creek; tenth: Braden Kerns, Haywood; eleventh: Grant Phillips, Smithville.
Class VIII first: Keiko Stebbins, Haileyville; second: Tyler Shann, Haileyville; third: Monica Fields, Valliant; fourth: Ashlynn Scott, Soper; fifth: Bradley Williams, Stuart; sixth: Angela Robinson, Soper; seventh: Colby Moffatt, Soper; eighth: Janica Williams, Rock Creek; tenth: Madelyn Guadauskus, Wilburton; eleventh: Anthony Doyle, Buffalo Valley.
Class IX first: Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville; second: Ashton Thompson, Bennington; third: Dakota Knight, Buffalo Valley; fourth: Kelsie Meek, Colbert; fifth: Brice Carter, Soper; sixth: Kacee Knight, LeFlore; seventh: Lacie Duggan, Wilburton; eighth: Hillary Jernigan, Tannehill; ninth: Robert Garside, Stringtown; tenth: Kristin Magby, Fort Towson; eleventh: Kyle Brown, Spiro.



Senior Beef Showmanship
Shayne Shoopman, Colbert



Junior Beef Showmanship
Kyle Pingleton, Hartshorne

Class X first: Shelby Gallant, Soper; second: Justin Knight, Buffalo Valley; third: Justin Bush, Wilburton; fourth: Freddy James, Wilburton; fifth: Jay Carter, Soper; sixth: Toby Bean, Battiest; seventh: Richard Flatt, Soper; eighth: Jeffrey Roebuck, Coalgate; ninth: Katie Cox, LeFlore; tenth: Joseph Cox, LeFlore; eleventh: Bobby Garrett, Hugo.

Class XI first: Bradley Breshears, Antlers; second: Candy Bacon, Soper; third: Patsy Hedge, Jones Academy; fourth: Cody Wilson, Hartshorne; fifth: Tara Guinn, Coalgate; sixth: Kaylee Rodgers, Spiro; seventh: Matt Wallis, Talihiina; eighth: Jessica Collins, Milburn; ninth: Cody Laster, Eagletown; tenth: Keith Ketcher, Panola; eleventh: Kami Willis, Caney; twelfth: Roger Garrett, Hugo.

Class XII first: Derrick James, Jones Academy; second: Derek Bowen, Silo; third: Travis Cox, Silo; fourth: Sara Jane Smallwood, Clayton; Kayla Taylor, Jones Academy; sixth: Jayce Galloway, Haworth; seventh: Tabitha Barnhouse, Haileyville; eighth: Tamra Bell, Wilburton; ninth: Rachel Smith, Heavener; tenth: Charlee Goodwin, Caddo; eleventh: Megan Garside, Stringtown; twelfth: Dedrick Archey, Soper.

BEEF

Beef Senior Showmanship – Shayne Shoopman, Colbert
Beef Junior Showmanship – Kyle Pingleton, Hartshorne

Supreme Champion – Cody Dosh, Bennington.
Reserve Supreme Champion – Ashton Thompson, Bennington.
Class I first: Deston Shaw, Buffalo Valley; second: Derek Shaw, Buffalo Valley.

Class II first: Kelbie Kennedy, Albion; second: Sarah McGee, Wilburton; third: Errod Terrell, Stigler.

Class III first: Ashton Thompson, Bennington; second: Leslie Carter, Calera; third: Clint Crane, Wister; fourth: Trae Smallwood, Antlers.

Class IV first: Kelsey Crane, Wister; second: Lauren Thomas, Calera; third: Dylan Reasner, Stigler; fourth: Shayne Shoopman, Colbert; fifth: Ethan Purkins, Caddo.

Class V first: Cody Dosh, Bennington; second: Tara Guinn, Coalgate; third: Dusty Newberry, Coalgate; fourth: Mason Jones, Calera; fifth: Matt Jones, Calera.

Class VI first: Kylie Pingleton, Hartshorne; second: Gail Jones, Keota; third: Taylor Reasner, Kinta; fourth: Courtney Kendrick, Wilburton; fifth: Emilia Lopez, Hugo.

Class VII first: Brent Spencer, Poteau; second: Randi Staton, Hugo.

Heifers

Supreme Champion – Kendall Gibson, Crowder.
Reserve Supreme Champion – Taylor Payne, Soper.
Class I first: Kendall Gibson, Crowder; second: Leah O'Kelley, McAlester; third: Eric Shaw, Antlers.

Class II first: Morgan Ray, Hugo; second: Ashley Edmondson, Idabel; third: Augia Powell, Fanshawe; fourth: Eric Shaw, Antlers; fifth: Chuck Mullins, Antlers; sixth: Trey Sanders, Heavener.

Class III first: Kagny Scarberry, LeFlore; second: Tyler Powell, Atoka; third: Luke Forwoodson, Wilburton; fourth: Chasity Austin, Talihiina; fifth: Tanya Smith, Talihiina; sixth: Paden Stanley, Tushka; seventh: Lindsey Polk, Valliant.

Class IV first: Brent Spencer, Poteau; second: Keenan Gibson, Quinton; third: Tiffany Newkirk, Haileyville; fourth: Kindra Smith, Talihiina.

Class V first: Timber Stephens, Atoka; second: Leah O'Kelley, McAlester; third: Zach Kennedy, Atoka; fourth: Caleb Eaves, Atoka; fifth: Lauren Polk, Valliant.

Class VI first: Shayne Shoopman, Colbert; second: Leslie Harp, Kinta; third: Cody Ott, Hartshorne; fourth: Daniel Burns, Coalgate.

Class VII first: Sarah Thompson, Hugo; second: Cord Forwoodson, Wilburton; third: Luke Serner, Durant; fourth: Sarah McGee, Wilburton.

Class VIII first: Timber Stephens, Atoka; second: Dusty Newberry, Coalgate; third: Cole Smith, Boswell; fourth: Ramey Jernigan, Tannehill; fifth: Caleb Eaves, Harmony.

Class IX first: Jerrod Long, Stigler; second: Cody Ott, Hartshorne; third: Dalton Smith, Boswell; fourth: Josie Redwine, Boswell; fifth: Ethan Purkins, Caddo.

Class X first: Taylor Payne, Soper; second: Dalon Gibson, Crowder; third: Shayne Shoopman, Colbert; fourth: J.W. Stanley, Tushka; fifth: Kyle Pingleton, Hartshorne.

Class XI first: Benton Ray, Hugo; second: Amanda Allen, Hugo.
Class XII first: Hollye Jernigan, Indianola; second: Cody Eaton, Heavener.

Class XIII first: Kelbie Kennedy, Albion; second: J.J. Bull, Panola; third: Jenna Kuhlman, Calvin; fourth: Ashley Edmondson, Idabel; fifth: Deston Shaw, Buffalo Valley; sixth: James Marshall, Jr., Idabel; seventh: Eric Shaw, Antlers.

