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Health representatives visit Choctaw Nation Health Care Center



Chuck Grim, Loretta Beaumont, Chief Gregory E. Pyle, Gary Hartz and Gary Batton discuss daily operations of the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center.

Indian Health Service leaders Gary Hartz and Chuck Grim joined Loretta Beaumont, who serves on the House of Representatives Committee for Appropriations of the Department of Interior and related agencies, for a site visit to the Choctaw Nation Health Center in Talihina. Dr. Grim is the Area Director of the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service, which oversees the direct care of more than 310,000 active users in the service area. Mr. Hartz represents the Office of Public Health with IHS.

Information presented by Executive Director of Health Gary Batton and Choctaw Chief Gregory E. Pyle included how many people were seen through the Choctaw Nation Health Services on an average day. A typical day would provide 3,734 services at the hospital and clinics located throughout the Choctaw Nation. This includes office visits, registrations, pharmacy, labs and X-rays.

The Choctaw Nation operates four health centers other than at Talihina. These clinics are located at Poteau, Broken Bow, Hugo and McAlester. The tribe has also been approved for a small ambulatory grant from Indian Health Service for a new facility to be located in Stigler, which is one of the

service areas in the tribal boundaries that lacks access for full-time ambulatory care.

The critical problem of diabetes in the Native American population was discussed among the health professionals gathered for the site visit at the Talihina facility.

"Diabetes in our population is one of the most destructive, costly and perplexing maladies imaginable," said Batton. "A large portion of our primary health care budget is used in the treatment and care of patients with diabetes."

The Choctaw Nation is investing tribal resources for the prevention and treatment of the disease and will soon begin construction on a new Diabetes Wellness Center adjacent to the hospital in Talihina. According to the Director of the Diabetes Wellness Center, Sharon Maddox, 831 new cases of type 2 diabetes were diagnosed in the year 2001, bringing the total of diagnosed cases in the service area to 3,800. Staff members estimate that an equal number of people may have type 2 diabetes and not know it, which is why it is so important to become educated on the symptoms and be tested if someone suspects they may have diabetes.

Tribal officials tour CM/SE offices



CM/SE employee John Keith explains the many functions fulfilled at the San Antonio offices. Tribal officials who visited the site included former Councilperson Lois Burton and Councilpersons E.J. Johnson, James Frazier, Ted Dosh, Charlotte Jackson, Jack Austin and Bob Pate.

Tribal Councilmembers joined Chief Gregory E. Pyle and Assistant Chief Mike Bailey for a tour and update at the Choctaw Management/Services Enterprise office in San Antonio.

CM/SE specializes in fulfilling unusual or scarce personnel requirements. CM/SE staffs numerous health, social, mental health and dental health services at military and other federal government treatment facilities and clinics worldwide. Staff are located in Japan, Korea, Cuba, Guam, Singapore, Hawaii, Panama, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Portugal, Turkey and throughout the U.S.

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The full spectrum of information management/information technology support services is provided, including conception design, implementation and conclusion, for all aspects of systems implementation. CM/SE provides turnkey management of records and other administrative functions, employing multifaceted managers, data entry clerks

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CM/SE joins forces with Anteon

Choctaw Mangement/Services Enterprise (CM/SE) has joined forces with Anteon Corporation, a leading information technology and engineering solutions company, to provide services to the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia's TRICARE Regional Standardization Program. The agreement is to provide logistics and analysis services as support in a five-year contract with a potential value of \$16.8 million.

Anteon's Information Systems Group was contracted to perform the work, and Anteon contracted with CM/SE to provide people to work in Georgia and Germany. The primary objective of the contract effort is to drive down the cost of medical surgical supplies and

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Wheelock retained on endangered list



Wheelock Academy was one of five sites retained on Preservation Oklahoma's 2002 list of Most Endangered Historic Properties in the state. Jerri Downs, administrative assistant, Jack Pate, special programs executive director, Barbara Asbill, Wheelock site manager, and Louis Coleman, Wheelock volunteer, are pictured with Trent Margrif, executive director of Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. at the Carnegie Library in Ardmore where the announcement was made. Historic Wheelock Academy was also included by the National Trust for Historic Preservation on its list of the 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in America for 2001.

Choctaw Heritage Day

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Historical Museum Committee would like to announce its plans to have a Choctaw Heritage Day, Saturday, April 20, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Capitol grounds at Tushka Homma.

Plans for the event include Choctaw dancing exhibits and lessons, storytelling, Choctaw singing, a wagon/mule exhibit and contest, a fry-bread cook-off, stickball exhibition, nature walk and a Light Horseman re-enactment. A free traditional meal will be served in the late afternoon followed by a bonfire at dusk. Plans include having a re-enactment of Choctaw Chief Pushmataha's response to Shawnee Chief Tecumseh when Tecumseh wanted to form a confederation to go to war against the Americans.

Those wishing to attend are encouraged to wear dress that might be common to the mid to late 1800s. There will be no concessions or vendors so visitors may want to bring a cooler for their personal needs.

EMT staff will be available and will provide drinking water and, as always, alcohol will not be permitted on the sacred Choctaw Capitol grounds. Also, anyone who may have an item of historical significance they would like to "show and tell" are encouraged to bring items to share. Those wishing to bring items,

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Kyle Alderson

Muldrow teen carries Olympic torch

Muldrow, Oklahoma resident Kyle Alderson was recently one of 65 Olympic Torchbearers selected by the Coca-Cola Company from the 11,500 people who carried the flame to be profiled nationally on NBC during the Olympic Torch Relay. On each night of the 65-day relay, a new sketch featuring a torchbearer who has run with the flame that day aired during NBC primetime. Kyle's sketch was shown on Thursday, December 13, which was the day he carried the flame in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They may also be viewed by visiting the Coca-Cola web site, www.cocacola.com.

"It was overwhelming ... indescribable," Kyle, a Choctaw tribal member, said of carrying the torch. "There were all these people cheering and waving flags - people I've never met before and might never see again in my life, but they're cheering for me. That really got to me."

Kyle lives by the motto, "People need to help other people." When he was six years old, Kyle joined the local Boy Scout organization with his sights set on becoming an Eagle Scout. Years

later, after spending hours in volunteer work and coordinating a blood drive, Kyle achieved his goal. In 1999, Kyle was awarded the highest honor in the Boy Scouts organization and became an Eagle Scout.

Soon after earning his Eagle Scout award, Kyle heard that 42 percent of Muldrow residents do not have a high school diploma. He immediately thought about ways he could start tackling the problem. His solution was to recruit high school students to mentor elementary school kids. Kyle named the program READ: Reading Encourages All Dreams and in its first year, 20 high school volunteers mentored 30 younger students. In its second year, the program has grown to include 45 mentors.

Kyle was nominated by many friends and family members to carry the Olympic Flame for his generosity and for the positive role he plays in the Muldrow community.

He is the son of Bob and Niki Alderson and the grandson of O.C. and Sandy Adcock of Quinton and Larry and Billie Hall of Tulsa.

REACH 2010 accomplishes goal of 333 participants

The REACH 2010 federal grant program at Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina, Oklahoma has reached its goal of registering 333 participants. Three-hundred thirty-three (333) is the number required in the grant contract.

"The article in last month's BISHINIK helped put us over the top," said Nancy Clark, project director. "The response was overwhelming. It's not possible to register everyone who calls due

to the limited resources of the grant and that's unfortunate. The large number of people who called reveals the interest people have in becoming healthier."

The REACH program wishes to thank everyone who has expressed an interest in the program.

Even though the REACH program is no longer accepting new registrations (except for previously scheduled areas and persons on the list), persons inter-

ested in receiving the information on physical activity and nutrition can call the REACH office and the materials will be sent to them.

If registration is reopened in the future, an announcement will appear in the BISHINIK newspaper and in Choc-Talk, the newsletter for the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center. New registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until the required number is met.

"No one has to wait to start being physically active," Clark said. "A person can do this on his or her own. It is recommended that you talk to your physician before starting an exercise program but most people can start a walking program to be on their way to better health."

"Most health experts recommend being active at least three times a week for 30 minutes at a time at a moderate level of intensity," she said.

**Congratulations
to Blair Burk
of Durant, Oklahoma
Blair is bringing home the Silver
from the 2002 Olympic
Command Performance Rodeo's
Calf Roping event**

Class of '54 reunion

Dear Editor,

As a former student of Sequoyah Vocational School near Tahlequah, I am assisting a friend, Bill Baker, who was a classmate of Roseanne and Ruth Taylor, Henry Wilson, Virgil James and Lanella Vann. They graduated in the class of 1954.

Bill believed that these people were of the Choctaw Tribe. I thought perhaps they might be receiving your paper and contact Bill as he is planning a class reunion. Thank you for any help that you can give him and may I say how impressed that I am with your Bishinik publication.

They might remember me too, Bernice "Bea" Sweet, class of 1953. Please contact Bill Baker, 318 E. Breckenridge, Bixby, OK 74008 or Bernice Robertson, 734 Snowden Dr., Richardson, TX 75080.

Fascinated with ancestry

Dear Editor,

My name is Janine Ralston Blaz, I am from Guam and currently residing in California. I have been fascinated with my ancestry. My father is Scottish/Choctaw and German/French. My mother is part Guamanian and maybe Spanish.

I am proud of my heritage as my children are, but I would like to know more of my great-grandmother's heritage. I was told that she was Choctaw and her name was Scar. It would be great to get in touch with anyone who might know of my great-grandmother or her family. She had married my great-grandfather, Ralston. I can be reached by e-mail: jrblaz60@aol.com. Thank you.

Searching for descendants of Jeremiah Carney

Dear Editor,

I am seeking descendants of half-Choctaw Jeremiah Carney, signer of Doak's and Dancing Rabbit Creek treaties. He lived on Robinson Road, Madison County, Mississippi and served in the War of 1812 as corporal and captain. His father was Irishman Kearney who came in with the French troops in 1730 to occupy Mississippi Valley. His wife was Em-mak-ka and children, Harris, Martha, David, Jemimah "Mima" who married white man Taylor, Daniel (EM in 1848), Jonas and Lila. All children migrated but unsure about Jemimah who may have died in 1848. Especially interested in line of daughter Martha. Will share data I have and will reimburse postage/copying costs.

June Carney Pollard
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Seeking information on maternal grandparents

Dear Editor,

I am looking for information about my mother's parents. My mother's name was Melinda Mae Foster. Her married name was Sherrill. Mother was born November 14, 1917 in Redden, Oklahoma. She passed away May 1980 and was laid to rest in Redden Cemetery.

My mother's mother was Bessie Phillips. The only thing I know is Grandmother Bessie's father was a full-blood Choctaw. He either owned or managed a jewelry store in Coalgate, Oklahoma. I know absolutely nothing about his wife.

Grandmother Bessie married my grandfather, Thomas Andrew "Tom" Foster, when she was very young, probably in her early teens. Grandmother Bessie and Grandfather Tom settled in Redden. Grandfather's brother, Richard "Rich" Foster, moved in with them as well as their father, George Dallas Foster.

Together, the four of them owned and managed Redden's only store/post office. The store was located east and across the road from Redden Cemetery. The Foster homeplace was west of the Redden Cemetery on the same side of the road.

Grandmother and Grandfather had three children, Dee, my mother; Mae and Vinita, who was nicknamed "Cute." Grandmother Bessie died after being gored by a cow. She was approximately 21 years old at the time. For some reason, Grandmother Bessie's parents were not a part of her life after she married Grandfather. My mother recalled only seeing them twice in her life, both times when she was very young.

If anyone has any information to share with me, please let me know. I would love to hear from them! Thank you very much.

Frances C. Higgins
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McAlester, OK 74501

Student appreciates help with education

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank the Choctaw Nation for the financial help I received for the 2001-02 school year. Being at OU, it has helped my family and me out a great deal. Thank you for allowing me to continue my education.

Leslie Bayouth

Writer wants to know about "Haskell Babies"

Dear Editor,

I am a writer and looking for any information about "The Haskell Babies." My Aunt Goldie, who is 84 years old, went to Haskell but doesn't remember hearing anything. Thank you.

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Chief Gregory Pyle, Assistant Chief Mike Bailey and Choctaw Tribal Council members were presented plaques of appreciation during their visit to the CM/SE San Antonio offices.

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and related support staffs at major federal government offices throughout the U.S.

CM/SE has experienced spectacular growth since its inception in 1997. On a typical day, CM/SE has full-time employees in 58 professions at more than 215 locations in 13 time zones worldwide. Clients include the Department of Defense, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, the Indian Health Service and the Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service. Profits generated from CM/SE are allocated by the Tribal Council to enhance economic development, health care services, social programs and educational op-

portunities for Choctaw people.

A sampling of the staffing positions available through CM/SE include physicians, anesthesiologists, radiologists, ophthalmologists, dentists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, physician assistants, RNs, community health nurses, social workers, counselors, licensed vocational nurses, certified nursing aides, operating room techs, anesthesia nursing assistants, dental hygienists and assistants, dental lab technicians, cardiac perfusionists, physical therapists, physical therapy technicians, quality control technicians, administrative assistants, clerical, facility managers and files managers.



CM/SE employees Ameer Cole, Jeremy Woodruff and Amy Humphry.



Matt Novick, Steve White and Council Speaker Kenny Bryant discuss the needs of the Choctaw Nation.



Tribal Council members enjoyed touring the CM/SE offices.



Steve White talks to members of the Tribal Council about some of the 21 contracts CM/SE administers.

Council approves grant applications for Wheelock restoration

During Regular Session on February 9, the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council agreed to submit grant applications for funds to assist in the restoration of two buildings at Wheelock Academy. If funded, the project would include the architectural consultation necessary to accomplish restoration of LeFlore Hall and Wilson Hall.

Language Teaching Certificates were presented to Anna Carlile of Talihina, Pamela Sue Jefferson of Wilburton, Theresa Maytubbe of Battiest and McKinley Taylor, Jr. of Wilburton.

The Council approved the budget for the first annual Choctaw Heritage Day, which is scheduled for April 20, 2002. The event will begin at 1 p.m. and will include a variety of traditional activities and exhibitions.

Supplemental funding for LIHEAP was approved by the Tribal Council. The needs of the applicants to the program exceeded the federal funding that was possible, so councilmembers agreed provide the additional dollars. A grant application for the Recovery Center and a budget for the WIC program were also approved by the Council.



Councilpersons Billy Paul Baker and Randle Durant, language teachers Anna Carlile, Pamela Sue Jefferson, Theresa Maytubbe and McKinley Taylor, Jr., Council Speaker Kenny Bryant and Language Director Richard Adams.

Bennington Pow-Wow
Saturday, March 30
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5 p.m.	Supper
6 p.m.	Gourd Dancing
7 p.m.	Grand Entry

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Spring activities highlight Choctaw heritage



Volunteers are already planning for spring activities that will highlight Choctaw heritage. These special tribal events will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the history of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Saturday, April 20th will be Choctaw Heritage Day at Tushka Homma, our Tribal Capitol. This will be a day of Choctaw culture, with traditional food, dancing and storytelling. Songs will be sung in the native language of our tribe, and a re-enactment of a speech by Chief Pushmataha

April 20.....Choctaw Heritage Day, Tushka Homma
May 4-5.....California Choctaw Gathering, Bakersfield
May 18.....Trail of Tears Walk, Wheelock

will highlight events.

The first weekend in May, on the 4th and 5th, the annual gathering of California Choctaws will be held in Bakersfield. This yearly festival features arts and crafts, a princess contest, storytelling, and lots of enjoyable visitation.

The 2002 commemorative Trail of Tears Walk is scheduled for May 18 at Wheelock Acad-

emy in Millerton, Oklahoma. Wheelock is one of the earliest settlements of Choctaws. An early school and mission were set up at Wheelock in the early 1830s, and remained an institute of learning until 1955.

I encourage you and your family to attend these activities. All three occasions will enable everyone to increase their knowledge of the rich heritage of the

Choctaw people.

The Tribal Council has been very supportive of funding programs that promote Choctaw culture. The Choctaw Language Program has grown rapidly over the past few years, with classes in many communities, Internet classes broadcast all over the world, and satellite classes now in four public schools.

The classes in public school

are accredited courses for the students. We expect to expand to schools all over the Choctaw Nation boundaries next year. It is extremely important that we teach the generations to come about the history of the tribe.

The Rev. Billy Graham once said, "We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing."

Tribal people who can teach others the culture and language are very valuable. The legacy of Choctaw history must not be hoarded - it must be shared in order to stay alive.

From the desk of Assistant Chief Mike Bailey

Choctaw youth reach for the stars

It is very exciting to see all of the young Choctaw people who are striving for a higher level of education and experience through institutions of learning and extracurricular activities. I have always been a proponent of sports activities, and feel that participation in sports increases self-confidence and leadership, as well as create opportunities to improve social skills. Many of our tribal members have furthered their career with their skill and interest in sports.

The Choctaw Nation offers a

special congratulations to Blair Burk, a young Choctaw man from Durant, Oklahoma who won a silver medal in the 2002 Olympics at Salt Lake City in the roping event of the rodeo competition. A young Choctaw lady, Brenna Winship, recently won the title of World Champion in Ladies Breakaway Roping in the National Indian Rodeo Finals. Both she and Blair have spent many years of training and discipline to reach their level of expertise.

A seventh-grade Choctaw from

Nashville, Tyler Acker, won the 2001 World Series Homerun Competition in his age group, hitting four home runs out of eight balls. Kathleen Carnes is a 14-year-old Choctaw from Madill who won the State Cross Country race in 2001.

These four athletes I have mentioned are only a small percentage of the many young people who are following their dreams, and I am sure their stories encourage others to work for the best they can do.

Each year, the tribe hosts a

huge stock show at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton. Students from elementary school, junior high and high school bring in their animals for the one-day competition and are guaranteed prize money for their participation. Awards are given to winners of swine and cattle. The students take great pride in showing their animals in the arena and the judges have a difficult job in choosing the best of so many great competitors. The young people display a huge amount of dedication to their animal to train

and groom it so that it is able to successfully compete in such an event.

It is my belief that the only sure way out of poverty is education. It gives me great pride to be able to work with a Chief and Tribal Council who have proven their commitment to improving educational opportunities for our tribal members. In the past five years, the number of scholarships given for college education has nearly tripled. Robert Shaffer once said, "We must view young people not as empty bottles to be



filled, but as candles to be lit." The Choctaw Nation wants to help the light shine from all the young members of the tribe. Education and positive experiences are tools they can use for the rest of their lives.

Choctaw teen's award-winning work to represent 2002 JOM Conference

Kevin E. Tushka, the first-place winner of the 2002 Johnson O'Malley Art Competition, will be able to see his artwork used throughout the Oklahoma State JOM Conference. The conference is scheduled for March 25 through 28 at the Clarion Meridian Hotel and Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

Approximately 45 contestants won in their regions before advancing to the state level in the art competition. Kevin describes his entry as a "symbol of the sharing of generations of knowledge. The link from childhood to adulthood is what you've learned from what was passed down to you and what you will pass down to generations succeeding you. Sharing of our education is the link that will keep the circle going."

The drawing will become the official logo of this year's JOM Conference.



Kevin is the 16-year-old son of Gary and Adrienne Tushka of Broken Bow, Oklahoma. He is a junior at Broken Bow High School.

Kevin serves as the Junior Class Secretary and is a member of the Art Club, Spanish Club and Gifted and Talented. He was also chosen as the 2000-01 Mr. Broken Bow. He enjoys drawing, playing his guitar, fastpitch softball, eating pizza, watching television and listening to music. He is an active member of Friendship Baptist Church in Idabel,

Oklahoma.

He has received many awards for his artwork including the JOM/AILYC Cultural Awareness Week Art Show's Best of Show while in the seventh grade, First Place in the eighth grade, and Best of Show in the ninth grade. Also while in the ninth grade, Kevin represented Broken Bow High School at the Carl Albert Scholastic Meet in Art, winning First Place. He is currently preparing to audition for the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute.

After graduating high school, Kevin plans to continue his education. His ultimate goal is to attend the University of Texas at Austin and to meet Major Applewhite.

Another Choctaw student, Amanda Garman, received Fourth Place in the art contest for her entry, "Link of Power." Amanda, 14, attends Hugo High School.



Chaplain's Corner

By the Rev. Bertram Bobb, Choctaw Tribal Chaplain

It is always a blessing to share with you something from God's Word. I am thankful for a Sovereign God. He is in complete control of everything.

The first eleven verses of the Gospel of John chapter 8 gives us one of the most touching pictures of Compassion and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1. Jesus went unto the Mount of Olives.
 2. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down and taught them.
 3. And the Scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,
 4. They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.
 5. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned; but what sayest thou?
- The Scribes and the Pharisees who wanted to tempt Jesus asked him this question: "What sayest thou?"

Now, the Law of Moses was very severe, so, knowing the gentleness and graciousness of Jesus, the leaders of the Jews wanted to condemn Jesus by making Him oppose the Law of Moses.

The woman was a sinner under the Law, and there was no use denying it. She was taken in the very act. The leaders must have set a trap for her. Probably they even hired the man who betrayed her. She was to be the scapegoat for their evil plans to destroy the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Law according to Leviticus 20:10 commanded the woman to be stoned. "And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." You see that as far as the Law was concerned, that woman was without hope. Where there is guilt, the Law can do nothing but condemn. The Law has no mercy, the Law will never have mercy, it cannot have mercy.

The accusers were wanting this woman to die. According to the law she should be stoned to death. But what about the man? According to the Law both the man and the woman were to be put to death. Where was the man? Why did they release the man and bring the woman before Jesus with the question, "What sayest thou?" This is the reason why I believe the woman was framed. They were not interested in Righteousness and Justice, they only wanted an incident whereby to trick the Lord Jesus.

Let us look at another picture. Let us look at the sinner under Grace. The Bible teaches that the Law came by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ. Here we see Law against Grace, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Law says condemn her; but "What sayest thou?" Can the Lord Jesus say let her live when the Law says that she must die?

The way Jesus treated this woman is of importance and should be of greatest interest to us. The Bible says we are all sinners. (Romans 3:23). You and I stand before the Law guilty, condemned, and the outcome of our being sentenced to death is in Jesus' answer to the question, "What sayest thou?"

In answering that question, Jesus stooped down and wrote upon the ground, as though He did not hear them in verse 6: "This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not." Jesus said nothing, but did something. What Jesus wrote on the ground, no one knows.

We know that the woman had sinned. The law said she must die for her sins, for the Law said that death was the penalty. With these facts, Jesus may have written on the ground, "I will die for her. I am the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. I will take the sinner's guilt, I will die in her place."

Jesus could not answer their question fully with words. He could only answer their question by dying for her, by taking her place. His death had to satisfy the Law. Not long after that He bore the sin of every sinner on the cross. He Who came into the world from God the Father had to die on the cross, for you, and for me.

But the Pharisees continued to ask their question, "What sayest thou?" Jesus read their guilty hearts, so He replied in verse 7: "So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, 'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a

stone at her'."

Those Pharisees, those hypocrites, every man among them, had sinned far worse than that poor woman, whom they had trapped. Jesus knew that every man that accused her was a thousand times more guilty than she was. Those legalists saw the mote in the woman's eye, but they failed to see the beam of hypocrisy in their own eyes. Their secret sins were just as damnable as the woman's sin which had been discovered. How many times religious people will condemn in another what they overlook in themselves. Now for verses 8-11:

8. And again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.
9. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest even unto the last; and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
10. When Jesus had lifted up himself and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?
11. She said, no man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more.

Here we see the Grace of Truth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the matchless love of Jesus. Jesus came not to condemn but to save. The woman was saved from the condemnation of the Law, from the accusations of the men, but she was also saved from the power of sin. Having saved her, he said, "Go and sin no more." The holy life is the evidence that our sins have been forgiven.

As you read this message of the Compassion and the Love of the Son of God and you have never trusted Jesus as your own personal Savior, you can do so today.

Remember to pray for our Nations, the USA and Indian America and their leaders. Remember to pray for our spiritual leaders, also pray for our Choctaw Nation program directors and staff.

Okla Chahta Clan of California announces the 7th Annual California Choctaw Gathering

May 4 and 5, 2002
Camp Okihi in Choctaw Valley, Bakersfield, California

Highlights include:

Bake-Off Contest

Dress Making

Choctaw Social Dancing

Beading Classes

Choctaw Games

Choctaw Arts & Crafts

Hunting Contest

Health Screening

Horse Shoe Competition

Storytelling

- PRE-REGISTER FOR THE GATHERING -

Please pre-register for the FREE Saturday meal. Again this year, there will be a Special Prize given away. Only those who pre-register will be in the drawing. Only one entry per household. Each address should register separately to enter in the drawing.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____ Are you a tribal member? _____

Do you wish to camp? Number of Tents _____ RV _____ Size _____
 Must register early for RV camping - limited space available.

Those who are attending with you:

Name _____	Adult/Teen/Child _____	Tribal? _____
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\$5 fee per tent or \$10 per unit RV fee will be charged and pays for the entire weekend.

Mail to: Okla Chahta Clan, P.O. Box 42112, Bakersfield, CA 93384
 For more information call 661-836-8270 or e-mail oklachahta@igalaxy.net
 You may also visit our website for more information and a map:
www.oklachahta.org

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 or visit the website www.oklachahta.org

BAKE-OFF CONTEST

We would like to encourage everyone to bake their favorite cake, pie, pastry, cookies, diabetic dessert, snacks, etc. for the gathering's Dessert Bake-Off. Bring them to the gathering for the contest. A prize will be awarded in each category. All entries will then become the dessert for the Saturday meal.

24th Annual Gospel Singing

7 p.m. • March 16, 2002
Tishomingo Community Center
East 6th St. across from Indian Clinic
Tishomingo, Oklahoma
 Free Admission • Bring lawn chairs due to limited seating

FEATURING
 Potters Clay from Broken Bow, Oklahoma
 Hope, Faith & Love from Altus, Oklahoma
 MC: Bubba Johnson of Durant, Oklahoma

Type 2 diabetes can be prevented

The results of a major study, the Diabetes Prevention Program, reported on February 7 that type 2 diabetes could be prevented or delayed. This study proves that getting diabetes is not inevitable for high-risk people. The study examined two diabetes treatments. The first one is lifestyle modifications, primarily dietary changes and exercise. The goal is weight loss. The second treatment was with the medication metformin. This drug is used to treat type 2 diabetes. The study revealed that both treatments work, but better results were seen with the lifestyle changes. In fact the lifestyle modification program was almost twice as effective. Participants did not have to lose a lot of weight, an average of 15

Sweet Talk

By Sharon Maddox
Diabetes Treatment Center

pounds, coupled with exercise, to see good results. **What does this mean for us?** Choctaw Nation is on the right track in preventing diabetes. Chief Gregory Pyle established a diabetes task force to prevent diabetes in the Choctaw people. Several programs are under way to bring education and activity programs to the people. For those living in the Stigler area, a diabetes educator is available at the community center on Wednesdays. You do not have to have diabetes to visit with her. If

you are at risk, she can offer advice for reducing those risk factors. An exercise program is available at the Stigler community center on Thursday evenings. For more information, call the Diabetes Wellness Center at 800-349-7026, ext. 6390. Prevent diabetes by making small changes in your diet and start an activity program. If you have any existing health problems, you should see your doctor before beginning an exercise program. If you are at risk for diabetes, you should ask your doctor for a test to determine if you have diabetes. You may call the Diabetes Wellness Center at 800-349-7026, ext. 6673 to schedule an appointment for screening.

2002 Folsom Scholarship funds available

A \$5,000 Folsom Scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior in recognition of his/her potential for success and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

To apply, a student must provide the following criteria:

(1) Past Performance:

- Must provide an official copy of your high school transcript (or equivalent)
- Must provide (minimum of two) letters of reference from the following individuals:
 - Teacher/Counselor
 - Parent/Guardian
 - Community-based organization (i.e. non-profit, religious affiliation, volunteer agency, etc.)
 - Personal reference (an acquaintance, not a relative)

(2) Letter of Acceptance:

A copy of the applicant's letter of acceptance from the issuing institution (may be a trade school, two-year or four-year accredited institution, or a certification or licensure program, etc.)

(3) Statement of Financial Need:

All applicants must include a statement of financial need (in their own terms). This statement must address two elements: (1) what is the nature of the need, and (2) how does the applicant plan on managing these resources (e.g. tuition, books, fees, transportation, etc.) when awarded the scholarship.

(4) Statement of Education and Career Goals:

The applicant must provide a written statement of 500 words or less explaining what their personal goals are and how this educational opportunity will help them make a difference in the community in which they live and/or work.

(5) Native American Requirement:

The applicant must be a descendant (or member) of the Choctaw Nation. Deadline for submission is April 15, 2002. A decision will be made May 15, 2002.

The required documentation for application can be sent to:

Datatrac Scholarship Committee
14120 Newbrook Dr., Ste 200
Chantilly, VA 20151

Original Enrollee

Priscilla "Dinksey" Pitchlynn Lowry

Submitted by Loren K. Butterbaugh

My great-grandmother, Priscilla "Dinksey" Pitchlynn Lowry, was the daughter of Judge William Boykin Pitchlynn and his third wife, Mrs. Hannah (Krieger) Schweitzer. This union was blessed with the following children, William Jr., born October 21, 1881; Priscilla, born January 10, 1884; Ida, born April 26, 1886, and Leona, born April 19, 1889. These children were all born at Frink Switch, Tobucksy County, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory. I am not exactly sure of the origin of great-grandmother's nickname, Dinksey.

My grandmother and mother were born and raised in Oklahoma. My father was born and raised in Ohio. My grandmother passed away when I was six years of age. I remember her, but must acknowledge I have more memories of my great-grandma. Since my family has always resided in Trotwood, Ohio near Dayton, I was able to see my great-grandmother only occasionally. This would be during family visits to McAlester, Oklahoma, although she did travel to Ohio twice to visit.

I remember she would tell the young people many stories about her childhood to entertain us. She would enlighten us as how she, her brother, and sister would climb into the wagon and accompany her father (the judge) and mother (with Leona in her arms) on his circuit rounds to hold court. They traveled southeastern Oklahoma, areas of Arkansas, and northern Texas, sleeping in the wagon and sometimes staying with friends or acquaintances.

Another story great-grandma would tell us is how a young Choctaw man who had a grievance against the judge gave notice he would soon be coming to take her

father's life. When the young man did show up at their home, he dismounted his horse and leaned his rifle against the fence. Thinking quickly, the judge began talking to the man while maneuvering himself between the man and his rifle. They talked for a spell and since the man was unable to reach his gun, he angrily mounted his horse to leave. Great-grandma knew her father would not be harmed, because as custom dictates, the young man would make only one attempt on her father's life. The judge then handed the man's rifle to him and the young man rode off.

William Boykin Pitchlynn entered into rest in October of 1889. Unfortunately he would not see his children by this marriage reach maturity. I have many cherished memories of great-grandma's storytelling.

Priscilla married Samuel W. Lowry on October 11, 1902 at South McAlester, Tobucksy County, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.

Samuel, born December 5, 1873 in Mississippi, was the son of John W. Lowry and Narcissus Elizabeth Reeves. He was at this time a widower from Coalgate, Tobucksy County, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory with a five-year-old daughter named Jemima whom Priscilla loved and raised as her own.

This union was blessed with eleven children, John, born July 26, 1903 and died in infancy; Agnes, born November 26, 1905; Thomas, born February 2, 1907; Iva, born May 25, 1909; Lena, born May 13, 1911 (my grandmother); George, born December 23, 1913; Alex, born October 28, 1915; Leona, born May 28, 1916; Woodrow, born November 29, 1918; Velma, born January 16,

1921, and Wanda, born May 5, 1923.

Samuel was a barber by profession, operating a shop in Savanna, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, where he and Priscilla also resided. He came home for his noon meal and died suddenly of a heart attack.

Samuel entered into rest on September 28, 1922, leaving Priscilla to raise their 10 children on her own. Wanda, their last child, was born seven months after his death. Presently, only Leona residing in Yuma, Arizona and Velma residing in McAlester survive.

I just can't begin to imagine how my Grandma Lowry single-handedly managed to raise all of her children, but she did. We must remember only seven years after Samuel passed, America fell into the Great Depression. This was yet another burden for Priscilla and her children to endure.

Her house was near the railroad tracks and many men would "ride the rails" searching for work. These strangers would knock on her door asking for a handout. My mother has told me that even though food was sometimes very scarce, great-grandma would never turn a hungry person from her door. I believe this tells much about her character. She was a kind

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and generous person, always ready to give of herself. Priscilla, who was one-quarter Choctaw and having knowledge of tribal customs, would be summoned at the death of a tribal member to help prepare the body for burial.

I do not know what all this involved, but I have always heard she placed pennies on the eyelids of the deceased. Grandma Lowry knew many Choctaw remedies, recipes and beliefs that were lost with her passing. I'm very sorry to say. I will always remember my Grandma Lowry as being very soft spoken, possessing a very soothing voice, having an exceptionally pleasant and loving attitude, just a pure delight to be around. She was a lifelong Methodist and taught primary Sunday school for many years. Never was a meal begun until she "turned grace."

Now that I am middle-aged and researching my family history, there are so many questions I wish I had asked her. I was only 16 years of age when she passed. My Grandma Lowry entered into rest on November 15, 1969 and was interred next to her husband's grave in Savanna Cemetery, Savanna, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma.

Councilman Jack Austin
invites you to a
Health Fair and Potluck
Community Dinner
March 8
at Goodwater Church
The Health Fair begins at 5 p.m.
The Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

March 2002

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

Food Distribution Sites

ANTLERS – Choctaw Commodity Warehouse, 200 S.W. "O" St.
ATOKA – National Guard Armory.
BETHEL – Choctaw Nation Community Building.
BROKEN BOW – Choctaw Nation Family Investment Center.
COALGATE – Choctaw 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.
WILBURTON – Choctaw Community Building.
WRIGHT CITY – Choctaw Head Start Building.
The Food Distribution Pro-

gram workers will take a 30 minute lunch break from 11:30 to 12 noon.

Please bring boxes to pick up your commodities.

If you cannot pick up commodities when you are scheduled, please notify the Food Distribution Office at 1-800-522-6170 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.

To Bridge a Gap conference to be held at Choctaw Inn

"If I have a good idea and you have a good idea, we both have one good idea ... but if we share our ideas, we both have two," is an old adage being built upon by the U.S. Forest Service and federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma.

A conference designed to strengthen government-to-government relationships between the Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests and federally recognized tribes will be held February 26-28 at the Choctaw Inn in Durant. The "To Bridge a Gap" conference reaches out to the Tribal governments, establishing relationships and flow of communication with Forest managers sharing mutual interests in managing cultural, natural or social resources.

Hosting the conference are the Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests and the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. The Forest Service and Tribal Governments share many concerns regarding resource management.

"The mission of the Ouachita National forest closely mirrors goals of many Native American tribes," said Meeks Etchieson, Heritage Resources Program Manager of the Ouachita National Forest. "It makes sense to find out how we can work together for the benefit of everyone."

The conference provides opportunities for Tribal and Forest Service leaders to share information about their respective missions, values, program activities, and interests. The main topics addressed by the conference include Natural Resource Management, Fire Fighting, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Ecosystem Management and Cultural Preservation.

The conference is open to Tribal government members, as well as Forest Service managers. Registration for the conference is \$25.00 and registration forms are available by contacting Terry Cole at the Choctaw Nation Headquarters, 800-522-6170, extension 2125, or Sherri Avery at the Ouachita National Forest, 501-321-5364. The program schedule and other items of interest are available online through the Ouachita National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ouachita.htm, under "To Bridge a Gap," or the Choctaw Nation website at www.choctawnation.com under "Events".

Gathering of Nations Tour Trip

It's that time again to prepare for the Gathering of Nations Tour Trip. Hosted by Jason M. and Betty Baker of Hugo, Oklahoma, the trip will take participants to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the 19th Annual Gathering of Nations Pow Wow.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend first, the Miss Indian World Pageant on the evening of Thursday, April 25. On Friday, April 26, as a new event, participants will be able to tour Sante Fe and its plaza during the day and Pow Wow at night.

On Saturday morning, participants can enjoy a visit to Albuquerque's Old Town Plaza for its vendors and shops, a favorite part of the tour for past participants. The Old Town Plaza is also conveniently located near Albuquerque's Museum of National History. Then it's back for the final night of the Gathering of the Nations Pow Wow and the crowning of Miss Indian World. The bus will leave Hugo at 3 a.m. Thursday, April 25 for Albuquerque and return to Hugo by late evening, between 9 and 11, on Sunday, April 28. Reservations are now being taken. Reservation fee for the trip is \$75 per seat taken which includes, if attending, a complimentary one-day pass to the Gathering of the Nations Pow Wow and a complimentary ticket to the Miss Indian World Pageant. Participants will take care of their own eating and motel bills. The motel bill is priced at a special rate and can only be reserved for those paying for the reservation fee. Seats go fast, so make your reservation now! Reservation fee deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday, April 1. No refunds after 5 p.m. Friday, April 12. To make reservations, call Jason Baker at 580-286-5058 in the evening or 580-286-6671 during the day or Vivian Baker at 580-317-6856.

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large or small, will be responsible for their care and security.

The significance of having a Heritage Day is to bring life back into our Choctaw culture, to make us all aware of our ancestors, who they were, how they lived and what they accomplished.

Choctaw culture is not just in historical books or in display cases in museums. It is not represented by sports teams mascots. The Choctaw culture is alive today and lives in all of us. Let us share with others what we know, what we remember, what we do not want to forget. Let us all be proud to say "Chahta Sia Hoke."

For more information regarding any of the activities or contests, you may call 1-800-522-6170 for Brenda at extension 2138, Freda at extension 2218 or Donna at 918-569-4465.

Choctaw WIC program employees host breastfeeding seminar

The Choctaw WIC Program employees recently completed a three-day workshop on clinical breastfeeding assistance. The conference was sponsored by the Choctaw Indian WIC Program and Lactation Consultant Services. The Seminar was held at the Choctaw Inn in Durant and was presented by Debi Bocar of Lactation Consultant Services in Oklahoma City.

In addition to participating in the workshop which addressed the normal course of lactation, the Choctaw WIC paraprofessionals and the Choctaw Nutrition Coordinator completed an assessment and problem-solving practicum, and an examination addressing usual circumstances and common challenges with breastfeeding. Each participant that passed their examination was awarded a certification certificate and a lapel pin.

Certification is an added credential that recognizes increased clinical competence in the field of breastfeeding assistance. The Choctaw paraprofessionals certified as breastfeeding educators were Betty Baker, Marie Oehler, Tammy Kinsey, Greda McIntyre, Vicki Frazier and Linda Woolbright. Also receiving their certification were Sandy Hampton, Kerry Steve and Claudene Williams, the WIC Nutrition and Breastfeeding Coordinator.

Today, most mothers breastfeed. Employed mothers, mothers at home, mothers of premature or ill infants, and mothers in a variety of special situations choose breastfeeding because of its numerous benefits.

Scientific investigations have recently identified significant benefits of breastfeeding which include increased intelligence, protection against childhood infections, diabetes, liver disease, certain types of cancers, allergies, immune system disorders and sudden infant death syndrome. Mothers who breastfeed have a reduced incidence of breast cancer and osteoporosis.

Mothers often explain that they initiate breastfeeding because of the benefits for their baby, but they continue breastfeeding because they enjoy a special closeness with their breastfed babies.

As breastfeeding becomes more popular, mothers look to health care providers for assistance. Traditional mother-to-daughter teaching and assistance is less available since there is a generation of grandmothers who primarily bottle-fed their babies. Increased geographic mobility among extended families further decreases assistance avail-



The Choctaw WIC staff receiving their Breastfeeding Educator Certification were, from left, Betty Baker, Marie Oehler, Tammy Kinsey, Sandy Hampton, Greda McIntyre, Claudene Williams, Vicki Frazier, June Prater, test coordinator, and Linda Woolbright. Not shown, but also receiving certification, was Kerry Steve.

able to new mothers.

The conference was developed and presented by Debi Bocar, RN, PhD. Dr. Bocar who is a certified lactation consultant, noted that families who would benefit most from breastfeeding, breastfeed least often. She shared strategies to encourage mothers to breastfeed and assist them in a variety of special family circumstances.

"Practical assistance from knowledgeable health care providers is critical to get breastfeeding off to a good start. Experts must also be available for telephone assistance, home health care, and outpatient consultations to assist mothers overcome common challenges during the first few weeks," emphasized Bocar. Certified breastfeeding educators are qualified to assist families to meet their breastfeeding goals.

Pregnancy versus fats, sugars and junk foods

Junk foods cannot build a healthy body for the baby. Too much fat, sugar, caffeine, and alcohol can make the body feel tired and not have the nutrients it needs. Avoid foods such as candy, cookies, donuts, chips, soda pops, tea, French fries, bologna, bacon, sausage, fried meats, whole milk and higher fat dairy foods. Almost every complaint about pregnancy can be resolved through a good diet and proper exercise. Many complaints disappear suddenly as soon as the diet is improved. To prevent nausea, heartburn, gestational diabetes during pregnancy ... stay away from spicy foods, greasy (fried) foods, fatty foods and sweets. To prevent fluid retention ... avoid salty foods such as French fries, potato chips and processed meats.

A good diet during pregnancy can help ensure:

- A normal, healthy, strong baby
- An easy, comfortable pregnancy
- An easier labor and birth
- A healthy, happy mother

The special needs of the growing baby make it important that the mother's diet be excellent. Through nutritious diet and the excellent prenatal care an expectant mother takes, she gives her child the gift of a well-formed body.

How much should you eat while pregnant?

Fruits and Vegetables 5 or more servings per day
 Proteins 2 to 3 servings per day
 Dairy Foods 2 to 3 servings per day
 Breads and Cereals 6 to 11 servings per day

SNOWY DAY HOT COCOA MIX

1 pound Nestle Quick® 6 ounces Non-dairy creamer
 8 quarts Instant Nonfat Dry Milk 1 cup powdered sugar

Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Store in an airtight container. Makes 30 servings. For one serving: mix 6 tablespoons Snowy Day Hot Cocoa Mix and 1 cup water. Stir well. Float mini-marshmallows on top.

(Parents: Supervise all cooking experiences. Liquid will be extremely hot!)

Choctaw storyteller to lead AARP workshop on creativity

On February 27, the AARP-sponsored exhibit, "Grandma Moses in the 21st Century," will arrive at Tulsa's Gilcrease Museum. Since Grandma Moses began painting in her 60s and became a celebrity at the surprising age of 80, AARP hopes her work will inspire people of all ages to take their own creative plunge.

AARP is holding a series of creativity workshops in different cities across the country. Tim Tingle, a Choctaw storyteller and oral historian, will lead the second of two workshops in Tulsa. Tingle is a dynamic example of how people over 50 are embracing life and pursuing their dreams and lifelong interests.



The workshop, "Storytelling and Self-Discovery," will be held 2-3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 7.

Tingle will lead a fascinating session on midlife creativity, storytelling and self-discovery. He will share the basic techniques of storytelling as a source of enjoyment. Participants will then engage in interactive exercises to create personal stories from a lifetime of memories.

The Creativity Workshops are offered free of charge in Tulsa, February 23-April 20, at the Gilcrease Museum, 1400 Gilcrease Museum Rd. For more information about the workshops, go to aarp.org/creativity or call 877-926-8300.



NASA students elect officers

The Native American Student Association at Eastern Oklahoma State College would like to announce its officers for the 2001-02 school year.

In photo at left are Wade Miller, Student Representative; Kenyon Vaughn, Cultural Relations; Brandy Trapp, Secretary; Shamee Jammerson, Vice President, and Cindy Tran, President.



Community Disaster Drill tests skills

At 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center together with the Talihina Fire Department, LeFlore County EMS, Talihina Veterans Center and Air Evac Lifeteam 6 responded to a Community Disaster Drill.

The scenario involved a simulated two-vehicle head-on collision with one of the vehicles being a van. A total of ten casualties resulted. To achieve reality, casualties were "moulaged," or made up to resemble real accident vic-

tims. Make-up was used to imitate injuries, red Kool-Aid substituted for blood.

According to Todd Baughman, disaster drill planner, "To be ready for real disaster responses, we have to practice as we would actually respond. Maximum reality is the key to this."

Within minutes after reporting the accident, representatives from both Talihina Fire Department and LeFlore County EMS were on the scene. They assessed the victims, used the jaws of life to cut two vic-

tims from a vehicle, and stabilized and transported victims by ambulance to the hospital.

During the response portion, a helicopter from Air Evac Lifeteam 6 based in McAlester, Oklahoma, landed close to the scene, loaded a patient and actually flew the patient to the hospital.

Dennis Franks, head of the hospital's disaster control center, praised all participants. "Both the field response and patient treatment portions of the drill were excellent," he said. "Everyone treated the drill seriously and demonstrated a real ability to respond to a community disaster."

The Choctaw Nation Health Care Center wishes to thank all participants. Special thanks go to the community agencies and all nursing students at Kiamichi Vo-Tech who played the accident victims.

Lori and Brian, and six grandchildren.

In Libby's spare time, she enjoys sewing, working in her garden and reading. She also enjoys meeting and talking to new and interesting people who come through the hospital. She is very good to people, as well as good company. Her laughter is most enjoyable.

Congratulations, Libby, on a job well done!

Important to have CDIB, Membership cards

Do you have a Tribal Membership Card? Anyone needing a Tribal Membership Card or a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) Card should contact the Choctaw Nation at 1-800-522-6170. When you have a new baby or grandchild, please apply for their CDIB as soon as you can get the state full-form birth certificate.

Morgan chosen CNHCC Employee of the Quarter



Elizabeth Morgan was recently named "Employee of the Quarter" for the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina, Oklahoma. She has been employed with Choctaw Nation over seven years as a switchboard operator. Everyone knows her as "Libby" at work and at home. She is the daughter of James and Loretta Melton of Talihina. She and her husband of 27 years, Hugh Morgan, have two children,

American Indian Tourism Conference planned

The sixth annual "Economic Development Conference on Indian Tourism" is scheduled for March 6 through 8 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Presented by the Five Civilized Tribes Tourism and Marketing Association, the conference provides opportunities for education, networking and showcasing both tribal and non-tribal tourism products and programs.

The theme of the conference is "Linking Our Heritage - Planning Strategy Partnerships". Conference co-chairs are Sheilla Brashier, Director of

Special Events for the Chickasaw Nation, and Sue Folsom, Director of Special Events for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Special sessions will focus on the Native American Cultural Center to be built in Oklahoma City, the upcoming state centennial plans and the contribution of Indian tourism to the state's economy. Also, in the wake of recent terrorist attacks, a session of safety and security will be offered.

For registration and more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Tourism at 1-800-593-3356.

DISTRICT 9 PRINCESS CONTESTANTS WANTED

The District 9 Princess Pageant will be 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2002 on the Courthouse Lawn during the Magnolia Festival in Durant. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2002. For more information and an application, please contact Kay Jackson or Martha Polk at 1-800-522-6170 or 580-924-8280, ext. 2203.

CHOCTAW NATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Choctaw Nation Historical Society has been called for 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the Cafeteria Building on the Choctaw Capitol grounds at Tushka Homma. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Board Members and decide the future of the organization.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

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

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

People You Know



Happy birthday!

Happy belated birthday wishes to Danny Moore on November 10 and his daughter, Daniele, who turned 12 on December 12. They live in Jacksonville, Florida.

Wishing them a happy one are his wife, Jill Moore; mother, Sue; Jim McEvers; Shirley, Larry Nye and C.L. Moore, all of Jacksonville; Ann Lalli, Deborah Williamson, Mike, Troy Williamson, Lora, Roy, Amber Leann Robinson, Jr. Moore, Carol Moore, and Nathan, Nichole Evans, Amy and Patrick Bacio.

Danny and Daniele are the grandson and great-granddaughter of the late Lora Mae Evans and Vick Moore, both of Wilburton, Oklahoma.



Look who's one year old

Granny and Grandpa Cockrill would like to wish their little granddaughter, Brianna Elaine Spaulding, a very happy birthday on February 21.

Her parents are Jason Spaulding and Angie Armstrong of Security, Colorado.

We all wish you a happy birthday and many more to come.

Happy birthday, Jessica

We would like to wish our daughter, Jessica Christina Cockrill, a very happy 15th birthday. She is a freshman at Haworth Jr. High School in Haworth, Oklahoma.

Her sister, Angie Armstrong of Security, Colorado, and her grandmother, Ola Mae Satterfield of Antlers, Oklahoma, would also like to wish Jessica a happy birthday.



Happy birthday, Eden!

Happy birthday to Eden Johnson from her parents, Bubba and Winter-Star Johnson. Eden's third birthday was on January 11. She celebrated with a Scooby-Doo party at the Durant Bowling Center.

She enjoys singing and going to school at Victory Life Academy in Durant. She also enjoys going to church with her family at the Pentecostal Church of God in Konawa.

Eden is the granddaughter of the late Sigus Johnson, Emma and Nancy Spain of Konawa and Della Gibson of Pauls Valley.

Happy birthday wishes for two cousins



Brock Jefferson of Idabel, Oklahoma turned 15 years old on February 15. He is the son of Priscilla and James Wallace. His grandparents are Truman and Bertha Jefferson.

Talesa Jefferson of Idabel will be turning 11 years old on January 26. She is the daughter of Vicky and Robert Bailey. Her grandparents are Truman and Bertha Jefferson.



Happy anniversary, happy birthday

Happy anniversary to Darrell and April Burris who will have been married one year on March 1. Also, happy birthday to Darrell Burris who turned 34 on February 23.

Darrell is the son of Ernestine Burris of Broken Bow, Oklahoma. April is the daughter of Truman and Bertha Jefferson of Idabel, Oklahoma.

Happy fourth birthday, Kyron

Belated happy birthday wishes are sent to Kyron Robert Schuttlin who turned four years old on December 24. Happy birthday!

Paula turns 12

Grandparents Billy and Lettie Moore of Cambden, Arkansas would like to wish Paula Hamilton a happy 12th birthday on March 25.



Happy birthday wishes

Rhiannon Deichler turned seven years old on February 22. Happy birthday, Rhiannon, from your brother, Julian, and your mom. We love you!



Knight is ordained

Donnie Knight of Shawnee, Oklahoma, formerly of Hugo, Oklahoma, was ordained January 18, 2002 at Norman. Donnie is the son of Lee and Linda Knight of Hugo.

Also, we would like to wish Rickey and Stacey Knight a happy second anniversary on February 5.



Happy 12th, Bobby

A belated happy birthday wish comes from Granny Mattie B. Jones of Kiowa, Oklahoma to Bobby Warden who turned 12 on January 19. His dad is Fred Warden, Mattie's son.

Stormy celebrates first

Stormy Leana Johnson turned one year old on February 13. She is the daughter of Woodrow and Marilyn Johnson of Coalgate, Oklahoma. Her proud grandparents are Jonas and Betty Johnson of Moyers, Oklahoma. She also has a very proud uncle, Stanley Johnson of Moyers.

Stormy is a member of Coal Creek Cumberland Church in Atoka, Oklahoma. She was baptised March 4, 2001 by the Rev. Randy Jacob, moderator of 171 General Assembly.



Robi-Von turns four

Robi-Von Rollie Houston Barnett turns four on February 26. He is attending Head Start at Davis, Oklahoma. Robi-Von is the son of Vonda Barnett of Davis and Robert Foreman. His grandparents are Wanda Barnett and the late Rollie Barnett and Fay Foreman and Claude Foreman. His great-grandmother is Elsie Lewis.

Happy birthday, Robi-Von!

Alizah turns one!

Alizah Mashell Baker celebrated her first birthday on February 13.

Alizah's parents are Patrick and Marissa Baker of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Her grandparents are John and Julia McKinney of Broken Bow and Earnie Baker of Tom, Oklahoma.

Happy first birthday "Li-Li" from your big sissy, Erica, and the rest of the family.



Happy belated birthday, Randy!

Happy belated birthday to Randall David "Randy" Reeves of Arpelar, Oklahoma who turned two years old on August 2. His parents are Geary and Misty Reeves of Arpelar. Grandparents include Kathy Smith of Haywood and the late Randy Smith. Great-grandparents include W.C. and Monti Wallace of Haywood and the late Carl C. Smith.

Wishing Randy a happy birthday are Mommy and Daddy, little brother Jimmy, big brothers Mike and David, Mimi, Mom-Mom, Gramps, Aunt Monica, Uncle Chris, Grandma, Uncle Ronnie, Big Jim and Grandma Joanice.

Look who's one!

Happy birthday to Cylee Leeann Webb. She turned one on January 11. Cylee has a big brother, Brandon. He turned 11 years old on January 28. She also has a big sister, Jalyn, who is eight years old.

Their parents are Tara Webb of Crescent, Oklahoma and Steven Webb of Oklahoma City. Grandparents are Sarah and Jerry Wall of Tryon, Oklahoma and Clinton and Debbie of Marshall, Oklahoma. Great-grandmother is Jewel Pepper of Tryon. We would like to wish Betty Houck a very special birthday on February 12. Happy birthday!



Logan turns four!

Logan Clay Wright turned four years old on January 1. He is the son of Chad and Priscilla Wright and has one younger brother, Mackenzie Blake Wright. All reside in Watson, Oklahoma.

Logan enjoys playing with his brother and fishing.

Grandparents are George and Daisy Watson of Watson and John and Donna Parsons of Mena, Arkansas.



Look who's one!

Jordyn G. Frazier, born February 8, 2001, celebrated his first birthday. Happy birthday, Jordy, from sis Justine, brother Alex, mother Jobina and especially Grandpa, Grandma Johnny and Bertha Bason.



Happy birthday, Jared and Kathy

The family of Christopher Jared Pitts would like to wish him a happy birthday on February 3. His mother, Kathy, celebrated her birthday on February 4.

Jared's parents are William and Kathy (Pruitt) Pitts. Grandparents are Earl and Ellen (Smith) Pruitt of Beachton, Oklahoma, Emma (Woods) Pitts of Hominy, Oklahoma and the late Charles Harvey Pitts, Jr. of Fresno, California. Great-grandfather is Homer Smith of Zafra, Oklahoma. Great-grandmother is Olline (Hummingbird) Pruitt of Peavine, Oklahoma.



Johnson is active in law enforcement

Stanley J. Johnson of Moyers, Oklahoma turned 18 years old on January 17. Stanley is very active in law enforcement with Sheriff Elven Flood of the Pushmataha County Sheriff's Department. He is also very active

in the Coal Creek Cumberland Church in Atoka, Oklahoma where he enjoys being a part of Choctaw Presbytery. Stanley attends Moyers Public School where his high school principal, Lawghan Vaughan, believes in him and believes that he can do anything that he sets his mind to. His parents are Jonas and Betty Johnson of Moyers.



Happy fourth, Whitney

We would like to wish Whitney Leann Rose a happy fourth birthday on February 7. Whitney's brother, Braden Lee Rose, would also like to wish his sister a happy birthday.

Parents are William and Araina Rose of Talihina, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Lolin Ludlow and Jimmie Davis, also of Talihina, and Thomas Rose of Albion, Oklahoma.

Look who's two!

Emily Marie Sells turned two years old on January 7. She is one-eighth Choctaw, the daughter of Daphne and Doyle F. Sells.

Dorothy J. Smith of Heavener, Oklahoma is Emily's grandmother. Happy birthday, Emily!



Julian turns two

Matthew, Mia and Kyla would like to wish their brother, Julian Ned Taylor, a happy birthday on February 4. He turned two years old.

Julian's proud parents are Ned and Geneva Taylor of Cherokee, North Carolina.

Proud grandparents are Jimmie and Ruthie Jefferson of Bethel, Oklahoma and Dolly Taylor of Cherokee.

Happy birthday, baby! We love you!

Many happy birthday wishes

Happy belated birthday to my dad, Jimmie Jefferson of Bethel, Oklahoma on January 12; my aunt, Josephine Baker of Idabel, Oklahoma on February 4, and my two nephews of Bethel, Skylar Chancellor on January 26 and Cyrus Battiest on February 10.

I love and miss you all - Geneva Taylor of Cherokee, North Carolina.



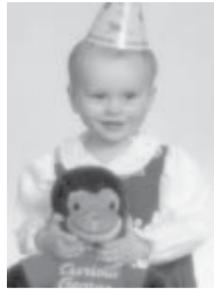
Happy birthday!

Rhiannon Weaver will turn 14 years old on March 22. She is an eighth-grade cheerleader and attends middle school in Irving, Texas. She is involved in Student Council, National Jr. Honor Society and Honor Band. Rhiannon is the daughter of Herman and Carla Weaver. She enjoys the mall, shopping, church and has many friends who wish her a happy birthday as well. We are all proud of her and her accomplishments.

Parker celebrates first

Parker Mignon Phelps celebrated his first birthday on December 27, 2001 at his home in Zaneis, Oklahoma. The theme of his party was "Pooh's First Birthday" and decorations included lots of balloons and a Pooh pinata. Parker enjoyed his very own chocolate birthday cake that he got to dig into all by himself.

Parker is the son of Michael and Joni Phelps of Zaneis. His grandparents are Linda Williams of Zaneis and the late Mignon Williams and the late Tommy Phelps and Dianne Phelps. Great-grandparents are Otha Williams of Zaneis, Wannell Phelps of Ringling, Oklahoma and JoAnn Holder of Healdton, Oklahoma. Parker is the great-great-grandson of E.W. Holder of Oklahoma City.



Happy first, Zoe!

Zoe Watson Meireles celebrated her first birthday on January 15 with a Curious George party at the home of her grandparents, Zondra and Troy Watson of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Zoe is the daughter of Zakary and Nathan Meireles, also of Colorado Springs.

Happy birthday, Zoe.

Happy 33rd birthday

Happy 33rd birthday wishes go out to Tricia C. Noahubi. She was born February 9, 1969.

We love you - from all of your aunts and uncles in Dallas, Texas.



Happy ninth birthday

The family of Josephine Ellen Pitts would like to wish her a happy 9th birthday on January 28. She is the daughter of William and Kathryn (Pruitt) Pitts. Her grandparents are Earl and Ellen (Smith) Pruitt of Beachton, Oklahoma, Emma (Woods) Pitts of Hominy, Oklahoma and the late Charles Harvey Pitts, Jr. of Fresno, California. Great-grandparents are Homer Smith of Zafra, Oklahoma, the late Josephine (Bohanan) Smith of Zafra, Olline (Hummingbird) Pruitt of Peavine, Oklahoma and the late Jack Pruitt of Peavine.



Ireland follows family tradition

LTJG James Clifton Ireland, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, is now serving in the U.S. Navy as a navigator of an LSD in the Arabian Sea. He is the son of Ms. Merle Guthrie Ireland of Irving, Texas.

James is following in the family tradition of military service. His grandfather, George Clifton Guthrie of Smithville, Oklahoma and graduate of Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State), was an Army Captain in World War II. He received two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts for service to his country. James' uncle, Clifton W. Guthrie, is a graduate of Oklahoma State and was a Marine Lieutenant in Vietnam. Also, his cousin, Mark Clifton Guthrie, who attended Oklahoma State University, served in the Middle East as a Marine during the Gulf War.



Broken Bow couple celebrates 50th anniversary

James and Ethel Fails of Broken Bow were married on February 19, 1952 in Mead, Oklahoma. Friends and family attended a reception in their honor at the Choctaw Nation

Family Investment Center in Broken Bow on February 16, 2002.

The couple have five children, Brenda Ivey of Caney, Oklahoma, Michael Fails of Clayton, Delaware, Marsha Williams of Oklahoma City, Bobbie Frost of Broken Bow and Brian Fails of Irving, Texas, and eight grandchildren.

Happy 50th anniversary, Nanny and Pa!



Couple celebrates 42 years of marriage

Richard and Bennie Joyce Edmonds will celebrate 42 years of marriage on February 27, 2002.

Their first date was at a Miners football game in Hartshorne where they were both graduates. They did a lot of dancing at the Bob Wills dances in Hartshorne and did a lot of dragging Main in

Richard's green and white two-door '57 Chevy. They were married in 1960 at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hartshorne.

After many moves while Richard was with Shell Oil Co. for 34 years and Bennie working full-time at different jobs and keeping the home fires burning, they have made their home in Mustang, Oklahoma.

They have one son, Richard Kevin of Mustang, and two daughters, Pamela and Ricky Sanders of Piedmont, Oklahoma and Kim and Lonnie McCathern of Yukon, Oklahoma. Their grandchildren are Chance, Dawson, Rory, Rily, Rayce, Cole, Haleigh and Trey.

You are both extremely loved and we wish you many more years together.

Martin recognized by Arizona Farm Bureau

Don Martin of Kingman, Arizona was presented the Service to Agriculture Award for the Print Media for 2001 by the Arizona Farm Bureau. The presentation was made on November 8 during the farm bureau's annual convention in Mesa, Arizona. The group has over 14,000 members in Arizona.

"I was very honored and surprised to receive the award," said Martin. "Unknown to me, I had been nominated by members of the Arizona Farm Bureau who live in Mohave County.

Martin is an outdoor writer for the Kingman Daily Miner newspaper in Kingman and has contributed a weekly column on improving sportsmen/landowner relations in Arizona. In 1996, Martin received the Arizona Game & Fish Commission's "Outdoor Writer of the Year" award.



Legerton completes para-legal studies

Carolyn-Sue (Moore) Legerton, formerly of Hugo, Oklahoma, has completed her 2001 paralegal studies with a 4.0 grade point average and was honored as a "Key" recipient for the Delta Epsilon Tau Honor Society at Kaplan College for Professional Studies, Florida. Adding a paralegal certificate to her Registered Nurse License, Sue is now an RN, LNC (Legal Nurse Consultant).

Lately retired from a 16-year career as an ICU-RN at Rideout Hospital, Marysville, California, Sue recently completed her volunteer training for CASA, a Court Appointed Special Advocate to stand with and for foster children in matters before a court. She also does home/school health care two days a week for infirmed children on ventilators.

Sue's aunt is Angie Hazlewood of Idabel, Oklahoma. Her grandfather was Joel John Thompson of Durant, Oklahoma. Her mother was Helen Grace (Thompson) Moore of Hugo, Oklahoma.

Matheus wins election

High school junior and member of the Choctaw Nation Ashley Matheus was elected Attorney General by the YMCA Texas Youth and Government program in Austin, Texas. Over 880 students competed in this program. These students learn about the executive, judicial and legislative branches of our government. Ashley gave a speech and ran a successful campaign, winning the election over very stiff competition. Ashley has a straight-A average, is the school mascot, serves on student council and is an all-district volleyball player for Lake Country Christian School in Fort Worth, Texas.

Winning the election entitles her to attend a National Student Leaders conference in South Carolina and she will also represent Texas at the Minnesota conference in Minneapolis. Ashley's college plans include either Yale, Texas A&M or Baylor.



Five generations

Original enrollee Roxie Farrell McClellan is holding her great-great-grandson, Joshua Grant King. Standing behind them are Joshua's grandmother, Kay Farrell Orr; his mother, Rosemary King, and his great-grandfather, Dewitt L. Farrell.

Joshua was born December 21, 2000 at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina. He recently celebrated his first birthday. Roxie McClellan turned 99 years old on February 13. Happy birthday!

CNHCC New Year's baby

Congratulations to Mary Iris and George Wayne Green of Talihina on the birth of their New Year's baby, Everett Brandon Wayne Green. Everett was born at 2:34 p.m. on January 1, 2002 at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Everett has one older brother, George Green. This is the second New Year's baby born at CNHCC since its opening in 1999.



Moore's celebrate 38th anniversary

Henry and Faye Moore celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on February 17. Helping them celebrate were their five daughters, Mary Wesley, Sharon Jewell, Annie Graman, Maria Smith and Carylton Pugh; two sons, Danny Graman and Harold Graman; four sons-in-law, Isaiah Wesley, Jack Jewell, David Smith and Ottis Pugh; two daughters-in-law, Terrie Graman and Dee Graman; 25 grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Ella Byington, Rose Moore and Verna Kindred, and a good friend, Mildred Smith.



Cantwell is Eagle Scout

Michael James Cantwell, 16, of Poteau, Oklahoma recently earned his Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America. Michael has been active in Troop 473, chartered by the First Baptist Church, Panama, Oklahoma, under the leadership of Scoutmaster J.D. Ollar for the past four years. During his time in the troop, Michael has served in leadership positions as scribe, librarian, and senior patrol leader. He has earned 29 merit badges, the world conservation award, and two fifty-miler afoot-aftoat awards. Michael is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, an honorary organization of the BSA, which he has served as chief of the Bokchito District. He has attended Hale Scout Reservation for four years and the National Jamboree held in Fort AP Hill, Virginia. Michael's Eagle Scout project was to extend a loop on the Lone Star trail at Lake Wister State Park.

He is the son of James and Susan Cantwell of Poteau, grandson of James and Mary Cantwell of Red Oak, Oklahoma and John and Edith Ward of LeFlore, Oklahoma, and great-grandson of Imogene Welch of Reichert, Oklahoma, Mary Tiner of Wilson, Oklahoma and Ellen Cantwell of Tomball, Texas.

Jenkins completes Marine Corps recruit training

James Jenkins, Jr. of Harrison, Arkansas officially earned the title "United States Marine" during Marine Corps Recruit Training graduation ceremonies held December 14, 2001 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. After spending Christmas at home with his family, he reported to Camp Pendleton, California for Marine Corps Combat Training. Upon completion of his training, he will report to NAS Pensacola, Florida for nine months of training as an Aviation Electrician. Private First Class Jenkins, the son of James Sr. and Laura Jenkins of Harrison, graduated from Harrison High School in 2001.



Jasmine Sherrill Reyna

Jasmine Sherrill Reyna was born at 3:10 p.m. on June 4, 2001 in Clovis, New Mexico. Jasmine weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 19.75 inches long.

Proud parents are David and April Reyna. Jasmine joins her sister, Jessica, in completing the Reyna family.

Grandparents include Joe and Sara Sherrill of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Daniel Reyna of Weslaco, Texas, and she has an uncle, Robert, of New York.



Jakob Latrell Moore

Jakob Latrell Moore was born August 17, 2001 at Lawton Indian Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.

Proud parents are Hiyadeja and Jeff Moore of Lawton. Grandparents are Billy Ray and Marcella Jones of Broken Bow and Geneva Moore of Wilson, Arkansas. Great-grandmother is Martha Jones of Broken Bow.

Also welcoming Jakob are his auntie and uncle, Shanna and Carl Poor Buffalo of Ada, Oklahoma.



Emmanuel Amos Watson

Emmanuel Amos Watson was born at 5:20 a.m. on September 3, 2001 at the Long Beach Memorial Hospital in Long Beach, California. He weighed 3 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 17 inches long.

Proud parents are Gerald and Sheila Watson of Lakewood, California. Grandparents are Jearl Watson of Talihina, Oklahoma and Denese Johnson of Heavener, Oklahoma.

He is the great-grandson of the late David and Rosie Mae Watson and the late Aline James, all of Talihina and Marland Ashlittubi of Eagletown, Oklahoma.



Daylor Rayn Goodman

Karis McKlaine Goodman would like to announce the birth of her little sister, Daylor Rayn Goodman. Daylor was born September 23, 2001 at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 20.2 inches in length.

Proud parents are Donny and Kerry Goodman of Wright City, Oklahoma.



Reece D'Angelo Scales

Dayla, Darrin and Ryan are happy to announce the arrival of their baby brother, Reece D'Angelo Scales. Reece was born October 18, 2001. He weighed 7 pounds, 11.5 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Reginald and Rachel Scales of Idabel, Oklahoma. Reece's family includes Ruby Ann Park, Frankie Scales, Velma Hopkins, Raquel, Nick and Nicholas John, Deah Scales, Reginal Park and Sean Scales, all of Idabel; Ruby Billy, Cecilia Westbrook and Richard "Boo" Park, all of Wright City, Oklahoma, and Mary Billy of Sobol, Oklahoma, along with many great aunts, great uncles, cousins and friends.



William Buck Thomas

Proud parents Bobby and Paula Thomas would like to announce the birth of their son, William Buck Thomas. Will was born November 4, 2001 at Mercy Memorial Hospital in Ardmore, Oklahoma. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins brothers Jessie and Jordan and sisters Sarah, Sierra and Raechell.

Grandparents are the late Anison "Buck" Thomas and the late Lorene Thomas and Lucille Wallace and the late Adkin Ed Wallace.



Clayton Craig Ishcomer

Brandi Watson and Brett Ishcomer of Broken Bow, Oklahoma proudly announce the birth of their son, Clayton Craig Ishcomer. Clayton was born at 5:35 a.m. on November 6, 2001 at McCurtain Memorial Hospital in Idabel, Oklahoma. He weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are James Watson of Crowell, Texas, James and Brenda Perry of Broken Bow, Carol Ishcomer and Clifford Wilson, both also of Broken Bow.



Daniel Jesús Rico

Marco Antonio Rico would like to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Daniel Jesús Rico. Daniel was born on November 27, 2001, weighing 9 pounds, 4 ounces and measuring 20.25 inches long.

Their proud parents are Erica and Doming Rico of Red Oak, Oklahoma. They also want to wish Papa Leslie Pope a belated happy birthday on January 26. We all love you, Papa.



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Saturday, April 27 POW-WOW, Old Talihina School Gym
2-5 p.m. Gourd Dancing 6-7 p.m. Gourd Dancing
5 p.m. Supper 7 p.m. Grand Entry

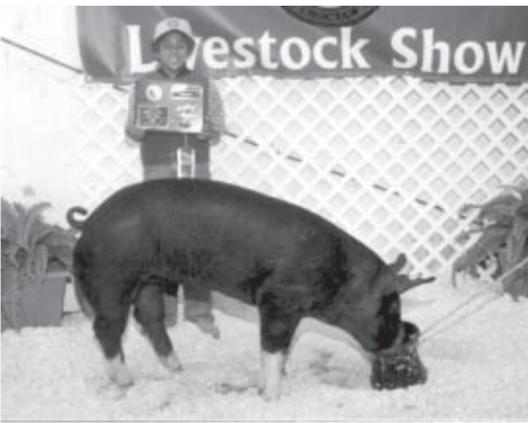
HEAD STAFF

Emcee: Thomas Chibitty, Comanche, Moore, OK
Host Drum: Drum Busters, Tahlequah, OK
Honor Guard: Choctaw Nation Color Guard
Head Gourd Dancer: Larry Lyles, Comanche, Lawton, OK
Head Man Dancer: Eric Watson, Chickasaw/Choctaw, Haworth, OK
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11th Annual Choctaw Nation LIVESTOCK SHOW

LIVESTOCK SHOW



Breed Champion - Berk
Dakota Leflore, Jones Academy



Reserve Breed - Berk
Amanda White, Wright City



Breed Champion - Chester
James Roubidoux, Jones Academy



Reserve Breed - Chester
Billy Garrett for Chad McGirt, Jones Academy



Breed Champion - Duroc
Chad Twaddle, Buffalo Valley



Reserve Breed - Duroc
Roy Hedge, Jones Academy

LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTS

Junior Showmanship Swine:

Ashton Thompson, Bennington.

Senior Showmanship Swine:

Casey Jones, Bennington.

Junior Showmanship Cattle:

J.J. Newkirk, Clayton.

Senior Showmanship Cattle:

Cody Ott, Hartshorne.

Grand Champion Steer:

Eric O'Kelley, Haileyville.

Reserve Champion Steer:

Laurie Burke, Hartshorne.

Supreme Heifer:

J.J. Bull, Panola.

Reserve Supreme Heifer:

Adam Burleson, Clayton.

Grand Champion Swine:

Evan Rowland, Durant

Reserve Grand Champion Swine:

Laci Hammons, Wilburton.

SWINE

Berks

Breed Winner: Dakota Leflore, Jones Academy.

Reserve Breed: Amanda White, Wright City.

Class I – First: Dakota Leflore, Jones Academy.

Class II – First: Amanda White, Wright City; Second: Linsey Duggan, Panola; Third: Jeremy Ferguson, Wright City.

Chesters

Breed Winner: James Roubidoux, Jones Academy.

Reserve Breed: Chad McGirt, Jones Academy.

Class I – First: Misty Hotubbee, Antlers; Second: Chris Johnson, Hugo; Third: Derrick James, Jones Academy; Fourth: Sharla DeWitt, Wapanucka; Fifth: Tara Guinn, Coalgate; Sixth: Gary DeWitt, Wapanucka.

Class II – First: James Roubidoux, Jones Academy; Second: Chad McGirt, Jones Academy; Third: C.J. Coffman, Valliant; Fourth: Linsey Duggan, Panola.

Durocs

Breed Winner: Chad Twaddle, Buffalo Valley.

Reserve Breed: Roy Hedge, Jones Academy.

Class I – First: Daniel Burns, Coalgate; Second: Justin Knight, Buffalo Valley; Third: Casey Jones, Bennington; Fourth: Ross Phillips, Albion; Fifth: Justin Bush, Wilburton; Sixth: Tara Guinn, Coalgate; Seventh: Morgan Ray, Hugo; Eighth: Jackie Caughern, LeFlore; Ninth: Chris Hider, Caddo.

Class II – First: Magan White, Buffalo Valley; Second: Lacey Hotubbee, Antlers; Third: Angel Andrade, Jones Academy; Fourth: Destin Moore, Valliant; Fifth: Kyle Been, Panama; Sixth: Morgan Ray, Hugo; Seventh: Cherish Timmons, Haileyville; Eighth: Brandon Battles, Kiowa; Ninth: Mark Williams, Antlers; Tenth: James Bigbe, Wapanucka; Eleventh: Misty Clark, Clayton.

Class III – First: Chad Twaddle, Buffalo Valley; Second: Megan Jones, Bennington; Third: Michelle Clark, Spiro; Fourth: Chad McGirt, Jones Academy; Fifth: Madelyn Guazdausky, Wilburton; Sixth: Gregory Ferguson, Wright City; Seventh: Spencer Morris, Clayton; Eighth: Braden Kerns, Haywood; Ninth: Sasha Morris, Clayton.

Class IV – First: Roy Hedge, Jones Academy; Second: Josh Isaac, Jones Academy; Third: Glenda Autaubo, Jones Academy; Fourth: Blair Smallwood, Clayton; Fifth: Heather O'Neal, Tuskahoma; Sixth: Sam Fixico, Jones Academy; Seventh: Justin Cox, Panama; Eighth: Ashton Forwoodson, Wilburton; Ninth: Will Medders, Heavener.

Class V – First: Casey Jones, Bennington; Second: Josh Isaac, Jones Academy; Third: Crystal Ashalintubbi, Eagletown; Fourth: Cody Laster, Eagletown; Fifth: Casey Irwin, Krebs; Sixth: Amanda Cox, Spiro; Seventh: Tiffany Compton, Eagletown; Eighth: Daniel Burns, Coalgate.

The 11th Annual Choctaw Nation Livestock Show was held Saturday, February 2 in the Goodard Showbarn on the campus of Eastern Oklahoma State University in Wilburton.

The swine and beef show is held each year for Native American students in the Choctaw Nation. Students must be nine to 19 years old and a member of FFA or 4-H.

Judges for the show were Clark Straka, swine, and Brandon Morgan, cattle. Both are Agriculture Education instructors at Newcastle.

Hamps

Breed Winner: Freddie James, Jones Academy.

Reserve Breed: Ashton Thompson, Bennington.

Class I – First: Joey Scott, Antlers; Second: Mark Williams, Antlers; Third: Justin Pebworth, Coalgate; Fourth: C.J. Coffman, Valliant; Fifth: Kayla Taylor, Jones Academy; Sixth: Tara Guinn, Coalgate; Seventh: Justin Bush, Wilburton; Eighth: Jeff Dillard, Caney; Ninth: Eric Shaw, Antlers.

Class II – First: Tra Nichols, Haileyville; Second: Tiffany Compton, Eagletown; Third: Tabitha Barnhouse, Hartshorne; Fourth: Heather O'Neal, Tuskahoma; Fifth: Kelbie Kennedy, Albion; Sixth: Jared James, Wilburton; Seventh: Derek Ferguson, Wright City; Eighth: Eric Suarez, Jones Academy; Ninth: Linsey Duggan, Panola.

Class III – First: Megan Jones, Bennington; Second: Billy Garrett, Jones Academy; Third: Colten Ragan, Caddo; Fourth: Cody Laster, Eagletown; Fifth: Eric O'Kelley, Haileyville; Sixth: Bradley Breshears, Antlers; Seventh: Ashton Thompson, Bennington; Eighth: Keith Ketcher, Panola; Ninth: Megan Garside, Stringtown; Tenth: Joey Scott, Antlers; Eleventh: Jaelon Kerns, Haywood.

Class IV – First: Freddie James, Wilburton; Second: Ashton Thompson, Jones Academy; Third: Todd McGee, Red Oak; Fourth: Eric O'Kelley, Haileyville; Fifth: Justin Haner, Caney; Sixth: Lindsay Coffman, Valliant; Seventh: Justin Haner, Caney; Eighth: Ashley Irwin, Krebs; Ninth: Glen Frost, LeFlore; Tenth: Katie Cox, LeFlore.

Polands

Breed Winner: James Roubidoux, Jones Academy.

Reserve Breed: Bryce Killingsworth, Hartshorne.

Class I – First: Bryce Killingsworth, Hartshorne; Second: Samantha Oldman, Jones Academy; Third: Amanda White, Wright City.

Class II – First: James Roubidoux, Jones Academy; Second: Chad McGirt, Jones Academy; Third: Sam Fixico, Jones Academy; Fourth: Ashley Irwin, Krebs.

Spots

Breed Winner: Cody Lester, Eagletown.

Reserve Breed: Chelsea Coffman, Valliant.

Class I – First: Roy Hedge, Jones Academy; Second: Otho Head, Jones Academy; Third: Jared Faulkner, Hartshorne; Fourth: Cody Wilson, Hartshorne; Fifth: Chris Hider, Caddo; Sixth: Billy Jones, Wright City; Seventh: Kami Willis, Caney; Eighth: Destin Moore, Valliant.

Class II – First: Cody Laster, Eagletown; Second: Chelsea Coffman, Valliant; Third: Savannah Short, Eagletown; Fourth: James Roubidoux, Jones Academy; Fifth: Braden Kerns, Haywood; Sixth: Stormy Shoopman, Colbert; Seventh: Colten Baker, Hartshorne.

Yorks

Breed Winner: Evan Rowland, Durant.

Reserve Breed: Justin Pebworth, Coalgate.

Class I – First: Chris Johnson, Jones Academy; Second: Hudson Jumper, Jones Academy; Third: Ross Phillips, Albion; Fourth: Joseph Cox, LeFlore; Fifth: Malinda Thompson, Hugo; Sixth: J.W. Elrod, Stringtown; Seventh: Jared Elrod, Stringtown; Eighth: Justin Bush, Wil-

ville; Fifth: Sara Jane Smallwood, Clayton; Sixth: Colton Ragan, Caddo; Seventh: Laci Hammons, Wilburton; Eighth: Travis Cox, Spiro; Ninth: Randy Bean, Lufkatta; Tenth: Rebecca Roberts, Haileyville.

Class IV – First: Evan Rowland, Durant; Second: Justin Pebworth, Coalgate; Third: Keiko Stebbins, Haileyville; Fourth: Freddy James, Wilburton; Fifth: Josh Isaac, Jones Academy; Sixth: Justin Haner, Caney; Seventh: Jared James, Wilburton; Eighth: Tamra Bell, Wilburton; Ninth: Dakota Baughman, Tushka.

Cross

Breed Winner: Laci Hammons, Wilburton.

Reserve Breed: Jared James, Wilburton.

Class I – First: Laramie Nichols, Haileyville; Second: Jackie Gustin, Jones Academy; Third: Tyler Shann, Savanna; Fourth: Cayton Ahtone, Jones Academy; Fifth: Marci Sexton, Kiowa; Sixth: Rick Quintana,

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Breed Champion - Hamp
Freddie James, Wilburton



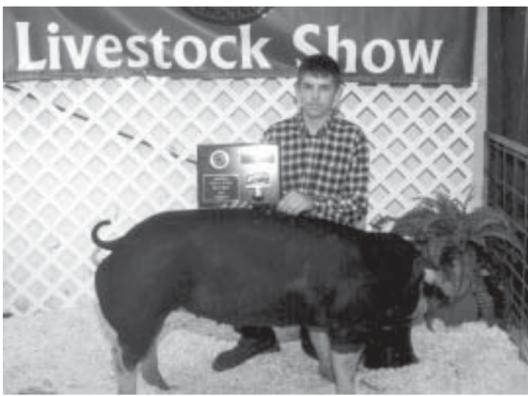
Reserve Breed - Hamp
Ashton Thompson, Bennington



Breed Champion - Poland
James Roubidoux, Jones Academy



Reserve Breed - Poland
Bryce Killingsworth, Hartshorne FFA



**Breed Champion - Spot
Cody Lester, Eagletown**



**Reserve Breed - Spot
Chelsea Coffman, Valliant**



**Breed Champion - York
Evan Rowland, Durant**



**Reserve Breed - York
Justin Pebworth, Coalgate**



**Breed Champion - Cross
Laci Hammons, Wilburton**



**Reserve Breed - Cross
Jared James, Wilburton**

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Caddo; Seventh: Ross Phillips, Albion; Eighth: Cherish Timmons, Haileyville; Ninth: J.J. Bull, Panola.

Class II – First: Jason James, Jones Academy; Second: Billy Garrett, Jones Academy; Third: Tra Nichols, Haileyville; Fourth: Ashton Thompson, Bennington; Fifth: Christin Collins, Buffalo Valley; Sixth: Daniel Burns, Coalgate; Seventh: Ashley Collins, Jones Academy; Eighth: Misty Clark, Clayton; Ninth: Katie Cox, Leflore.

Class III – First: Keiko Stebbins, Haileyville; Second: Eric O’Kelley, Haileyville; Third: Josh Williams, Rock Creek; Fourth: Chelsea Coffman, Valliant; Fifth: Colton Baker, Hartshorne; Sixth: Justin Knight, Buffalo Valley; Seventh: Pady Hobgood, Colbert; Eighth: Sasha Morris, Clayton; Ninth: Joseph Cox, LeFlore; Tenth: J.W. Elrod, Stringtown.

Class IV – First: Jared James, Wilburton; Second: Whitle Painter, Hartshorne; Third: Rachel Engleman, Haywood; Fourth: Jeff Dillard, Caney; Fifth: Shane Twaddle, Buffalo Valley; Sixth: Kelbie Kennedy, Albion; Seventh: Shayne Shoopman, Colbert; Eighth: Malinda Thompson, Hugo; Ninth: Randi Staton, Hugo.

Class V – First: Shannon Leflore, Jones Academy; Second: Lindsay Coffman, Valliant; Third: Crystal Ashalintubbi, Eagletown; Fourth: Hillaree Cox, Spiro; Fifth: Heather O’Neal, Tuskahoma; Sixth: Malinda Forwoodson, Wilburton; Seventh: Savannah Short, Eagletown; Eighth: Stacey Veal, Jones Academy; Ninth: Eric Shaw, Antlers; Tenth: Susan Mings, Whitesboro.

Class VI – First: Laci Hammonds, Wilburton; Second: Jaelon Kerns, Haywood; Third: Bradley Breshears, Antlers; Fourth: Freddy James, Wilburton; Fifth: Kassi Baughman, Tushka; Sixth: Megan Garside, Stringtown; Seventh: Mark Williams, Antlers; Eighth: Spencer Morris, Clayton; Ninth: Keith Ketcher, Panola; Tenth: Madelyn Guazdausky.

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Heifer Class I (August 1, 2001 to October 31, 2001) – First: Derek Show, Buffalo Valley; Second: Kendra Smith, Talihina.

Heifer Class II (June 1, 2001 to July 31, 2001) – First: Eric O’Kelley, Haileyville.

Heifer Class III (April 1, 2001 to May 31, 2001) – First: Adam Burleson, Clayton; Second: Kendall Gibson, Crowder; Third: J.J. Bull, Panola; Fourth: Ashley Yates, Talihina.

Heifer Class IV (March 1, 2001 to March 31, 2001) – First: Tamra Bell, Wilburton; Second: Cole Smith, Boswell; Third: Cagney Scarberry, Clayton;

Fourth: Daniel Burns, Coalgate; Fifth: Jessica Clawson, Panola.

Heifer Class V (January 1, 2001 to February 28, 2001) – First: Evan Rowland, Durant; Second: Cord Forwoodson, Wilburton; Third: Kelbie Kennedy, Albion.

Heifer Class VI (December 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000) – First: Malinda Thompson, Hugo; Second: Laramie Nichols, Haileyville; Third: Benton Ray, Hugo; Fourth: Tanya Smith, Talihina.

Heifer Class VII (November 1, 2000 to November 30, 2000) – First: Dusty Newberry, Coalgate; Second: Luke Forwoodson, Wilburton; Third: Chandra Newkirk, Haileyville; Fourth: Tiffany Newkirk, Haileyville; Fifth: Malinda Thompson, Hugo; Sixth: Rickey Nared II, Hugo.

Heifer Class VIII (September 1, 2000 to October 31, 2000) – First: Cole Smith, Boswell; Second: Stormy Shoopman, Colbert; Third: Kyle Pingleton, Hartshorne; Fourth: Dalton Smith, Boswell; Fifth: Ramey Jernigan, Tannehill; Sixth: Hollye Jernigan, Indianola.

Heifer Class IX (July 1, 2000 to August 31, 2000) – First: Laurie Burke, Hartshorne; Second: Ricky Nored II, Hugo; Third: Eric Shaw, Antlers.

Heifer Class X (May 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000) – First: J.J. Bull, Panola; Second: Deston Shaw, Buffalo Valley; Third: Kelbie Kennedy, Albion.

Heifer Class XI (February 24, 2000 to April 30, 2000) – First: Brent Spencer, Poteau; Second: Tandy Baker, Broken Bow; Third: Kelbie Kennedy, Albion; Fourth: Cody Ott, Hartshorne; Fifth: Todd McGee, Red Oak.

Steers Class I (799 lbs. and less) – First: J.J. Bull, Panola.

Steers Class II (800 lbs. to 900 lbs.) – First: Derek Shaw, Buffalo Valley.

Steers Class III (900 lbs. to 1,000 lbs.) – First: Taylor Reasoner, Haskell County; Second: Jeremy Spencer, Poteau.

Steers Class IV (1,001 lbs. to 1,125 lbs.) – First: Cole Smith, Boswell; Second, Dylan Reasoner, Haskell County; Third, Dusty Newberry, Coalgate; Fourth: Stormy Shoopman, Colbert.

Steers Class V (1,126 lbs. to 1,200 lbs.) – First: Shayne Shoopman, Colbert; Second: Ashton Thompson, Bennington; Third: J.J. Newkirk, Clayton; Fourth: Tiffany Newkirk, Haileyville.

Steers Class VI (1,201 lbs. and over) – First: Eric O’Kelley, Haileyville; Second: Laurie Burke, Hartshorne; Third: Brad Johnson, Caney; Fourth: Chandra Newkirk, Haileyville.



**Grand Champion Steer
Eric O’Kelley, Haileyville FFA**



**Reserve Grand Steer
Laurie Burke, Hartshorne FFA**



**Supreme Heifer
J.J. Bull, Panola**



**Reserve Supreme Heifer
Adam Burleson, Clayton FFA**

Family carries on ranching tradition for over a century

The Ray Brothers Brangus Ranch, located about five miles west of Atoka on SH7, was recognized as having been owned and operated continuously by the family for over 100 years during a reception in Enid on Sunday, October 21.

The reception was at the Cherokee Strip Conference Center and was hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture and the Oklahoma Historical Society. This is the 13th year the celebration has recognized that farm families are the foundation of Oklahoma’s agricultural industry.

Brothers Thomas “Tinker” and O.P. Ray and their wives were present to accept the honor.

The Ray brothers are direct descendants of John Smallwood, their great-great-grandfather, and Ben Smallwood, a great-great-great-uncle, both Choctaws who immigrated with others of the tribe from Mississippi to the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma and began ranching west of Atoka in 1863.

Ben Smallwood succeeded Thomas McKinney as governor of the Choctaw Nation, taking the oath of office in October 1888 and serving until 1890.



Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Dennis Howard, Thomas “Tinker”, Elma, Carol and O.P. Ray and Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director Bob Blackburn.

John and Anna (Moore) Smallwood’s daughter, Susan, married John Dillon and their daughter, Mary, was married to the Ray brothers’ grandfather, W.B. Ray.

W.B. and Mary’s son, Ralph D. Ray, was the Ray brothers’ father.

In information provided by the Rays documenting the continuous operation of the ranch, they say their grandmother, Mary Dillon Ray-Ellis, told

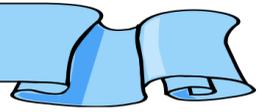
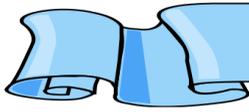
about living in a dugout and they know approximately where it was located about one mile “as the crow flies” from the present ranch headquarters.

She talked about her grandfather, John Smallwood, and Ben Smallwood when they ranched the land, how it was open range and the grass was “stirrup high” to a good horse. Also about her first husband, W.B., getting sick and being loaded into a wagon and trans-

ported to town where he later died.

Some of the land on which the original Smallwood brothers operated a ranch was allotted to the Ray brothers’ grandmother, Mary Ray-Ellis, and their father, Ralph D. Ray, in 1903.

The Ray Brothers Brangus Ranch will be holding a production sale March 2 at the Red River Auction in Overbrook, Oklahoma, south of Ardmore.



Homer Kenneth "Chief" Bishop

Homer Kenneth "Chief" Bishop, 79, of Atlanta, Kansas passed away January 15, 2002 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. He was born January 23, 1922 in Tuskahoma, Oklahoma to Florence "Peg" (Lawyer) and Berry F. Bishop. He attended grade schools in Oklahoma and Kansas and graduated from Franklin High School in Rockford, Illinois in 1939.

Mr. Bishop enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force in 1940 and served during World War II.

On August 6, 1941, he married Margaret Eileen Martin. They made their home in many places and later divorced.

After the war, Bishop worked as a ranch hand on the Wakefield Ranch in Cowley County and the Blair Ranch in Butler County. He later worked at Cessna and Beech Aircraft in Wichita and Loadcraft in Augusta, then owned and operated the Mobil station in Atlanta in the 1950s.

From the 1960s through the 1980s, Mr. Bishop worked in construction, traveled and became an artist. He attended classes at the University of Oklahoma and the Black Hawk Seminar in Rockford, Illinois.

On December 1, 1976, he married Betty Jean (Myrick) Strauhs in Poteau, Oklahoma. They made their home in Garden City and then in Atlanta. Because of failing health, Mr. Bishop retired in 1980.

He was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Garden City and affiliated with the National Rifle Association, the Choctaw Nation and American Legion Post 10 in Winfield.

A daughter, Kate, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Bishop of Atlanta; four daughters, Julia "Judy" Smalley of Atlanta, Margo Dennett of Enid, Oklahoma, Lori Zoglemann of Conway Springs, Kansas and Tammy Rice of Winfield, Kansas; a son, Homer Kenneth Bishop, Jr. of Drummond, Oklahoma; a stepson, Lonnie Strauhs of Wichita; a sister, Leatrice "Lea" Joy Carter of Spiro, Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Howard Bunch

Howard Bunch, 92, passed away Sunday 30, 2001, after a long illness. He was born March 22, 1909, in Centrahoma, Oklahoma to his Irish father, Jesse Bunch, and Choctaw mother, Ida Clay.

Howard married Vinita Trigleth on January 5, 1933 and they celebrated 68 wonderful years together. He attended the University of Oklahoma where he was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Scholarship Fraternity and Lambda Chi Alpha. Howard was a registered professional engineer and land surveyor who retired from the Oklahoma State Highway Department after 38 years of service. After retirement, he worked for the Turnpike Authority and did consulting for engineering firms.

Howard was a member of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and was a Baptist deacon for 50 years. He was also a member of the Lions Club and he was active in the Masonic Lodge, being past Master of the Clinton Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by one sister and five brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Vinita; daughters, Dorothy and husband, Richard Vandergriff, of Spencer, Sue and husband, Harold Brothers, of Norman and Laura and husband, Joe Warriner, of Oklahoma City; grandsons, David Vandagriff of Atlanta, Tim Vandagriff of Memphis, Kurt Vandagriff of Oklahoma City, Brad Brothers of Norman and Hank Brothers of Oklahoma City; granddaughters, Brenda Wright of Oklahoma City and Brooke Marlow of Purcell; eleven great-grandchildren; a sister, Vera Acceturi of Long Island, New York, and a brother, Norman Bunch of Norman.

George Washington Thompson

George Washington Thompson passed away November 3, 2001. He was born August 28, 1912 in Valliant, Oklahoma to Wash and Amanda Thompson. George was educated at Goodland Indian Orphanage in Hugo, Oklahoma, Haskell Indian School in Lawrence, Kansas and the RCA Institute in Chicago, Illinois.

Following World War II in which he served in the Civilian Signal Corps, he went to work for Gates Radio Company/Harris Corporation in Quincy, Illinois where he was employed for 31 years. He was devoted to Grace Methodist Church and served on various boards, including Sunset Home. Upon his retirement to Billings, Montana, he became an active member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church, the Yellowstone Radio Club and the Billings Gem & Mineral Club.

George was preceded in death by his six siblings.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Marion Pahl Thompson; two daughters and a son-in-law, Roberta Maddox and Georgia and Norris Bracy; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and other family and friends.

Harry Hamel

Harry Hamel, 66, of Nekoosa, Wisconsin passed away Sunday, January 27, 2002 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wisconsin. He was born July 31, 1935 in Nekoosa to Louis and Camille (Peck) Hamel. He married June Carnes on December 15, 1956 in Center, Texas. Mr. Hamel served in the U.S. Air Force as a flight engineer. For 32 years, he was employed at Komatsu Dresser Corp. (International Harvester) in Libertyville, Illinois, retiring as welding inspector in November 1990. Following retirement, he and June moved to Oklahoma in 1991 and later to Nekoosa in 1995. He was an avid outdoorsman who particularly enjoyed hunting and fishing.

His sister, Audrey Kay Lester, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, June of Nekoosa; his parents, Louis and Camille Hamel of Nekoosa; five children, Donald Hamel and wife, Linda, of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Tracy Grom and husband, Ken, of Antioch, Illinois, Cammy Gruenwald of Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, Michael Hamel and wife, Rayne, of Oxford, Wisconsin, and Charlie Hamel of Beaverton, Oregon; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and four brothers, Louis J. "Ossie" Hamel and wife, Mary, Gerald Hamel and wife, Marilyn, and Leonard Hamel and wife, Priscilla, all of Nekoosa, and Clayton Hamel and wife, Elsie, of Bergland, Michigan.

H. Calvin Bennett

H. Calvin Bennett passed away on January 30, 2002 in Oklahoma City. He was born October 13, 1926 in Lookeba, Oklahoma to parents Horace Bennett and Neter Harrison-Bennett. He was founder and owner of Tabco Hobbies in Oklahoma City.

He served two years with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Oleta Bell and a stepson, Stephen Dewberry.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Clara Bennett of Oklahoma City; three daughters, Sandra Farley and husband, John, Linda Williams and Shirley Harmoning; one son, Philip Bennett and wife, Sherri; two stepsons, Don Dewberry and wife, Kristy, and David Dewberry; one brother, Alvin Bennett; three sisters, Mahalie Landers, Helen Williams and Billie Kurz; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and friends.



Naomi Carol McNeese

Naomi Carol McNeese, 64, passed away December 26, 2001 in Tulsa, Oklahoma following complications after surgery. She was the daughter of Roy C. and Desa Sheppard of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

She was married to Cameron K. McNeese of Greenville, Tennessee in 1956. They had one daughter, Cindy Thomas of Skiatook, Oklahoma. Mrs. McNeese loved life, family reunions and helping whenever needed, both in her church and civic duties. A legal secretary, homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother, she never seemed to tire of helping others. Her loving grandchildren called her "Ga-Ga". She was proud of her Choctaw heritage.

Her parents, her husband and two sisters, Rowena and Mary, preceded her in death.

Surviving relatives include her daughter, Cindy; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Betty, Beverly and Rosemary, and two brothers, Roy and Gene. She will be missed - but love is to remember.

Nelson A. Locke

Nelson A. Locke, 85, born January 16, 1917 in Kansas City, Missouri, recently passed away. He was raised in Chicago, Illinois. His father was Edwin Snow Locke, a Choctaw, and his mother, Frances Emma Philbrook, was British.

Mr. Locke married Arlene E. Pritchard on February 14, 1942. He was a veteran of World War II, a graduate of Signal Corps Officer's School, served as Navigational Aids Engineering Officer in 73rd Wing B-29s on Saipan, M.I. Mr. Locke was a pioneer in Radar Communications and Navigational Aid Development, including installation of the first electronic air traffic control systems at Chicago's O'Hare and Midway Airports. He was transferred to Indianapolis International Airport, served as Facility Manager of the Indianapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center until his retirement in 1977. He received the Federal Aviation Administration National Award for Superior Performance. Mr. Locke was a consultant on the Saudi Arabian Airways System. He was also a consultant for 22 years with the Service Corps of Retired Executives.

Mr. Locke was a Sea Scout Skipper for 10 years, a BSA Scoutmaster, and active founding member of St. Gabriel's Parish. He was a member of the Choctaw Nation, the Society of Airway Pioneers, Society of Retired Executives, Amateur Radio Relay League, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, American Guild of Organists, Organ Historical Society, Reed Organ Society, Oklahoma Historical Society and the Five Civilized Tribes Museum.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene Pritchard Locke; daughters, Arlene Frantz, Marianne Locke, Francine Bray and Susan Charlesworth; sons, Nelson Jr., Victor, Edwin, Gerard and Benjamin; 19 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. One grandchild, Arlianne Marie Locke, preceded him in death.

Thelma Sanders

Thelma Sanders, 91, of Heavener, Oklahoma passed away February 2, 2002 in Heavener. A longtime resident of Heavener, she was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Eastern Star.

Her husband, W.P. Sanders; a daughter, Dorothy Sanders, and a granddaughter, Danna Acton, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Harold Sanders and wife, Jane, and Phil Sanders and wife, Terry, all of Heavener; a sister, Joy Clay of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, J.R. and wife, T.C., Rodale and wife, Kellie, Kelli and husband, Jerry, and Rochelle and husband, Joseph; 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Ben Pierson Council, Jr.

Ben Pierson Council, Jr., 81, passed away February 1, 2002 in Dallas, Texas. He was born February 3, 1920 in Kinta, Oklahoma.

Ben served overseas in World War II as an army medic, was in the boat business, and was truck driver. After retirement, he enjoyed golf with his friends and attending Tyler St. United Methodist Church with his wife. Ben treasured time with his family above all else. He took great delight in following the lives and careers of his two children, Nancy and Jim, and spending time with his favorite granddaughter, Monica and his two adopted "grandsons", Todd and Shawn Begley.

Although his family was his pride and joy he put God first in his life and lived by Godly principles. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Higher Education Fund, Chief's Office, Choctaw Nation of OK, Drawer 1210, Durant, OK, 74702.

Mr. Council was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Ophelia Watkins; mother, Lula Watkins Council; father, Ben Pierson Council, and brothers Bill and Leon Council.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine; son, James P. Council; daughter, Rev. Nancy Council Woods and her husband, Rev. Terry Nelson; granddaughter, Monica Powers and her husband, Dr. Sean Powers; sister, Mary Ann Council; and sisters-in-law, Wanda Council and Ruby Oliver, three nephews, one niece, and many friends.

Willie Faye (Thedford) Billey

Willie Faye (Thedford) Billey, 65, passed away Monday, February 4, 2002. She was born July 21, 1936 in Texarkana, Texas.

Her gentleness of spirit, tender smile, compassionate heart and unconditional love will be forever cherished by all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Survivors include her devoted husband of 45 years, Willey E. Billey; four children and their spouses, Ronald W. Billey and wife, Roxanne, Rose F. Arriaga and husband, Luciano, Joseph N. Billey, and Margie Cortina and husband, Fernando; ten grandchildren, William Billey, Jennifer O'Neal, Glenna Greene, Alisha Greene, Rosa Perdomo, Joseph Perdomo, Steven Golden, Sandra Golden, Cierra Cortina and Fernando Cortina, Jr., and one great-grandchild, Mark Casarez.

The family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses of Parkland ICU, Baylor Irving ICU, Kindred Arlington, and Medical Center of Arlington ICU.

Lewis Reese Haiakanubbi

Lewis Reese Haiakanubbi, 57, of Broken Bow, Oklahoma passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2002 at his home. He was born July 5, 1944 at Talihina, Oklahoma, the son of Wellington and Rena Haiakanubbi.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and served his country during the Vietnam War. In the Marines, he was a lance corporal who instructed trainees in rifle marksmanship. He received a rifle marksman badge, a National Defense service medal and a Vietnam service medal.

Lewis always had a smile and a joke and loved to help people wherever he went. He lived in Warm Springs, Oregon from the early 1980s until he came home to Idabel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rena and Wellington Haiakanubbi; one brother, Milway "Chili Bean" Bohanon, and one sister, Ruth Bohanon James.

Survivors include one son, Louie Haiakanubbi of Oklahoma City; three daughters, Natasha Suarez of Warm Springs, Cynthia Haiakanubbi of Oklahoma City and Regina Haiakanubbi of Fort Worth, Texas; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Solomon and Esther Stewart of Warm Springs and Kenneth and Eunice Bohanon of Broken Bow; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Mary Ward of Mt. Pleasant, Texas and Linda and Jimmy Lowman of Broken Bow; 12 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Albert Harris Samuels

Albert Harris Samuels, 83, of Amarillo, Texas, passed away Sunday, December 23, 2001 at the Texas Care Center in Amarillo. He was born February 18, 1918 in Smithville, Oklahoma. He was one-half Choctaw with Irish and Cherokee blood. He married twice and was preceded in death by first, Gladys Celaska Adams with one son, Wes Magel Samuels, of DeKalb, Texas, and second, Evie Mossawese "Moss" Tyler. Moss was the daughter of Maggie Estelle Guest Tyler and George Ward Tyler. She and Albert married June 11, 1941. They had six children.



He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Gilbert Harris Samuels, his twin, in 1978; Wesley Samuels in 1998, and Benjimon Samuel in 1930; one sister, Artie Rose Samuel in 1917, and two grandsons, Roy Allen Stagner, Jr. in 1971 and David Smith in 1998.

Mr. Samuels was an assistant engineer at the Wheelock Academy in Millerton, Oklahoma and worked in the sawmill industry in the 1940s. In 1952, he and his family moved to Macavic, Texas for a short while before moving into Dumas, Texas. He worked as a furnace operator for the American Zinc Plant 19 1/2 years until his retirement when they closed the plant. He did some carpenter work building houses and worked for Whitey Mayes Moving Co. before going to work for Dumas Independent Schools. Although his job title was painter in maintenance, he performed many duties including driving the "Dumas Demon" school bus to all their games and band trips. He worked there until his stroke in July 2, 1978.

Albert once wrestled a bear in a circus, thanks to his twin brother, Gilbert, signing him up. We don't know who won that one, but Albert did win the Golden Gloves boxing award while in the CC's during World War II.

He loved to fish, hunt and go camping with his family. He also loved to dance and gamble. He was always very outgoing and everyone liked him. He will be remembered as a good friend, a good neighbor and a just and good man.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Eugene Ward and Sherry Samuels of Grant, Oklahoma and Aaron Harris and Jackie Samuels of Dumas; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Janis Rose Basaldua, Donell Christine and Paul Ramos and Marsha Ruth and Roy Stagner, all of Amarillo and Leila Ann Samuels of Millerton; one brother, Jerry Samuels of Hugo, Oklahoma; three sisters, Viola Melton of Antlers, Katherine Thorpe of Millerton and Flora Lee Adams of Hugo; one daughter-in-law, Durrell Samuels of DeKalb; 16 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Bessie Mae (Nelson) Sharp

Bessie Mae (Nelson) Sharp, 94, passed away January 25, 2002 at Antlers, Oklahoma. She was born May 12, 1907 in Boswell, Oklahoma, I.T.

Mrs. Sharp was a lifelong resident of Antlers and attended school in Boswell. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church and was strong in her faith. Mrs. Sharp enjoyed needlework, quilting, playing keyboard, reading and gospel singing. She took Choctaw language classes when she was 93 and attended many Choctaw tribal activities. She was very proud of her heritage.

Her parents, John and Alice (Crowder) Nelson, and her husband, Cecil Everett Sharp, preceded her in death.

Surviving relatives include a daughter, Betty Jean Knapp of Springfield, Illinois; three grandchildren, Deborah Knapp-Dornblaser, Carl Knapp and John Knapp; five great-grandchildren, Sharri Knapp, Emily Knapp, Ted Radtke, Brittany Bares and Brad Bares; one great-great-grandchild, Teddy Radtke; three nieces and two nephews.

Ysleta Scantlen

Ysleta Louise Scantlen, 84, of Stigler, Oklahoma passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2001 in Stigler. She was born October 21, 1917 in Stigler to Hubert and Rebecca Gassaway Martin. She attended Stigler Public Schools.

She was married to Lucian Scantlen in 1934 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. They owned a café in downtown Stigler and later owned and operated Scantlen Grocery for many years before their retirement.

Mrs. Scantlen was a long-time member of the Lafayette Freewill Baptist Church where she taught a Sunday School class for many years.

Her husband, Lucian; a daughter, Betty Marie Carroll; a brother, Preston "Bubby" Martin, and a sister, Arvella Martin, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, James Hubert "Hub" Scantlen and wife, Loretta, of Thackerville, Oklahoma; two sisters, Mary Burlison, and husband, Bob, of Wagoner, Oklahoma, and Maude Hagan of San Diego, California; two brothers, Hubert Martin, Jr. of Vancouver, Canada and William Martin and wife, Chris of Wagoner; six granddaughters, Robin Fitzl and Hope Jackson, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Lisa Reimer of Naples, Italy, Marty Scantlen of Oklahoma City, Kelli Jo Scantlen of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and Vicki Jane Lavender of Kissee Mills, Missouri; two grandsons, Kenneth Wayne Harmon of Midwest City, Oklahoma and James Garland Scantlen of Ontario, Canada; six great-granddaughters; nine great-grandsons; one great-great-granddaughter and one great-great-grandson.

Fannie Marie Miller

Fannie Marie Miller, 88, of Calera, Oklahoma passed away Thursday, January 31, 2002 at the Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma in Durant. She was born September 9, 1913 at Folsom, Oklahoma to John William and Provie Lee (Nelson) Krebbs. She was raised in Bryan and Johnston Counties and was a homemaker.

On May 7, 1955, she married Leeman Robert Miller in Durant. Mrs. Miller was an RSVP and Senior Citizens volunteer, where she served meals.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 1966; her father in 1930; her mother in 1975 and brothers, Luther Krebbs in 2001, Odus in 1931, Edmond in 1984, Robert in 1997, Hubert in 1970, Edward in 1978, Everett in 1993, Henry Ford in 1981, Benjamin in 1918 and Rufus in 1984.

Survivors include her daughter, Arleta Curtis of Durant, and son, Arlen Lee Miller of Oklahoma City; brothers, Hiawatha Krebbs of Tecumseh, Oklahoma and Matthew Krebbs of Sulphur, Oklahoma; sisters, Dessie Claborn of Durant and Ermalean Hobson of Napa, Idaho; grandchildren, Karen Denise Owen of Moore, Oklahoma, Kellie Jean Schuster of California, Sabrina Leeann Johnston of Moore and Terry Lynn Curtis of Bennington, Oklahoma; nine great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and numerous other relatives and many dear and loved friends.

Ruth Helen Bohanon

Ruth Helen Bohanon, 45, passed away August 22, 2001 at her home. She was born July 11, 1956 to Rena and Anthony "Cubby" Bohanon.

Survivors include brothers and sisters-in-law, Solomon and Esther Stewart of Warm Spring, Oregon and Kenneth and Eunice Bohanon of Broken Bow; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Mary Ward of Mt. Pleasant, Texas and Linda and Jimmy Lowman of Watson, Oklahoma; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.