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**STEVE AND WESLEY SWORN IN AS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

CHOCTAW, Miss. – During the regularly scheduled Choctaw Tribal Council meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, Peter J. Steve of the Tucker community and Ann Wesley of the Crystal Ridge community were sworn in and took their seats on the Tribal Council. Both Steve and Wesley were elected in the August 25 elections held in their respective communities. Peter J. Steve is beginning his first term as a Tribal Council member, while Ann Wesley was re-elected to another term. Both individuals will serve a four-year term that will expire in 2013.

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