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Tangle Crowned New Choctaw Indian Princess

Sydni Jade Tangle (pictured right) was crowned the 2018-2019 Choctaw Indian Princess during the opening night of the 69th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair on Wednesday, July 11, at the Pearl River Amphitheater.



daughter of Diana & Liasha Alex and Jimmy Tangle. She will be a senior this fall at Leake Academy. Her sponsor was the Standing Pine Development Club.

Tangle, of the Standing Pine Community, was among 12 beautiful young *Chahta Ohóyo* (Choctaw women) to vie for the honor of becoming the 64th Choctaw Indian Princess & next goodwill ambassador to represent the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Other awards presented during the pageant included Miss Congeniality, Miss Photogenic, Media Competition Award, as well as First & Second Alternate.

Kaylee Jordan Routh, the 19-year-old daughter of Edward & Tina Routh & a member of the Pearl River Community, was selected First Alternate.

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Pictured from left are Elisah Monique Jimmie (Miss Congeniality), Kaylee Jordan Routh (1st Alternate), 2018-2019 Choctaw Indian Princess Sydni Jade Tangle, Tribal Chief Phyliss J. Anderson, Lauren Raen Ben (2nd Alternate & Media Competition Winner), & Tara Dawn Willis (Most Photogenic).

Ceremonies Held For New Tribal Housing

Keys to new homes were recently presented to 16 Tribal families of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians during ribbon cutting ceremonies hosted by the Choctaw Housing Authority (CHA).

Fourteen families

were recipients of homes in the Tiak Osi Subdivision in the Standing Pine Community, and two families received homes on Indian Spur Road in the Crystal Ridge Community. Ceremonies were held on June 22 and August 1, respectively.

The CHA were recipients of a \$3.6 million grant from the Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG) to construct high-quality, energy efficient homes for Tribal families.

IHBG is a program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and authorized

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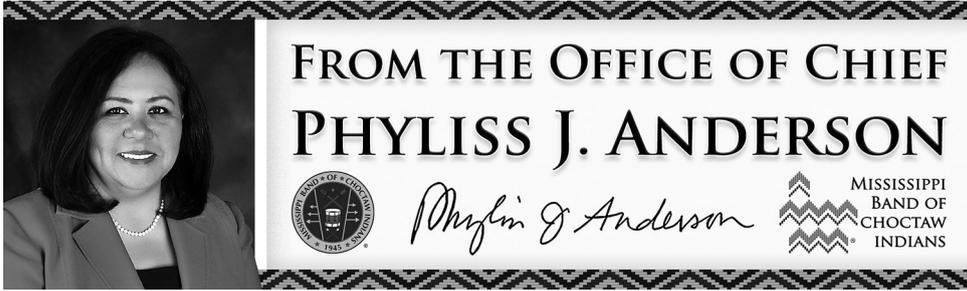
New Multi-Sports Complex Opens

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) held a ribbon cutting ceremony for phase I of the newly built Choctaw Multi-Sport Complex at Lake Pushmataha on Thursday, August 2, in Choctaw.

The complex, located at 277 Black Jack Road in the Pearl River Community, features four softball fields, a press box/concession stand,see **COMPLEX**, pg. 8

RIGHT, Chief Anderson throws the first pitch to Choctaw Recreation Director Jerod "Taco" Thompson to officially open the complex. **BELOW**, Members of the softball community pose with Chief Anderson, Choctaw Indian Princess Sydni Tangle & Tribal Council members in attendance as they cut the ribbon.





Halito!
As we near the end of another busy summer and gear up for the 2018-2019 school year, I want to thank the many people who have braved the hot temperatures and worked many long hours over the summer months. While our fair is held the second week in July, preparations started months before.

Crews from Tribal Maintenance, Natural Resources, Recreation and Tribal School Maintenance have worked tirelessly to ready facilities and grounds for the State Games tournament, World Series Stickball and our annual Choctaw Indian Fair. Our Tribe put its best foot forward again this year while showcasing our beautiful culture and traditions.

summer activities are now behind us, there are still a few upcoming events. I hope I will have the opportunity to visit with many of you soon while we celebrate the great progress of our Tribe!

69th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair

On July 11-14, 2018, we celebrated the Tribe's 69th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair. Historically known as the Green Corn Festival, our fair has evolved over the years as our Tribe has grown.

Today, with more than 11,000 enrolled MBCI members, we see more and more stickball players, artisans, dancers, and musicians. It warms my heart to know not only are our traditions being celebrated, but

most importantly they are being passed down from one generation to another.

I was very glad to see many visitors, friends, and families attend and take part in the fun activities our Tribal fair offers.

The Choctaw Indian Fair is a time to celebrate our ancestral spirit through stickball, foods,

dance, songs, arts, crafts, and activities like the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant, Iron Warrior competitions, Rez Run, carnival rides, and so much more.

I had the great privilege once again to host Opening and Closing Ceremonies at our main stage where we honored our State Basketball Champions, the CCHS Lady Warriors and Coach Billy Smith, CCHS State Track Champion Lyleonia Johnson, Yearbook Dedication Recipient Dr. Kenneth York, as well as winners of our various fair competitions, whom

I will highlight later in the column.

During the ceremonies we also had in attendance some very special and distinguished guests including Country Music legends and friends Marty Stuart and Connie Smith, Congressman Gregg Harper, visiting chiefs, local clergy, MBCI council representatives, visiting royalty, and visiting dignitaries.

We also had a showcase of our tribal talent with our wonderful Choctaw drummers and special presentations of our National Anthem in

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Chief Anderson honored special and distinguished guests during the Choctaw Indian Fair which included, from left, Marty Stuart & Connie Smith, Congressman Gregg Harper & longtime Choctaw educator Dr. Kenneth York.



ABOVE, Members of the 2017-2018 Choctaw Central Lady Warriors basketball team were honored for their 2018 Class 3A state championship during Opening Ceremonies of the 69th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair on Wednesday, July 11. Coach Bill Smith was also honored as he was a recipient of several Coach of the Year honors.



RIGHT, CCHS track member Lyleonia Johnson (center) was honored as the 2018 Class 3A state champion runner in the girls 1600 meter race during Closing Ceremonies on Saturday, July 14.

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Items of interest to the local and Native American community are welcomed. Letters to the editor should be signed; we reserve the right to edit material.



From left, Chief Anderson honors the 2018-2019 Choctaw Indian Princess Sydni Jade Tangle... Bogue Chitto Development Club won the community booth competition as Shayla Chickaway accepts the

honor on behalf of the club... Miranda Stamper won her fourth consecutive Iron Warrior women's division competition... and Eric Pinto won his second consecutive Iron Warrior men's division competition.



From left, Oka Homma coach Gabriel Billie accepted the honor as Oka Homma won their first youth stickball Pushmataha title... Koni Hata Himintah won their third consecutive Tulli Okchi title as Yunish Billy accepted the honor... Coach Jeron Johnson accepted the

honor for Koni Hata Ohoyo as they won their second consecutive women's stickball championship... and coach Alaric Keams accepted the honor for Red Clay Hills as they captured their first stickball title in the men's 35+ division.

Choctaw by Ms. Zuri Flint, Ms. Nana Frazier, Mr. Seth Lewis and Ms. Autumn McMillan. I thank everyone that took part in the ceremonies.

The Choctaw Indian Fair is about special experiences and memories for all Tribal members and could not be possible without a host of dedicated employees who put in much time and dedication to the fair's planning and implementation.

I thank these individuals on the fair committee, including the many Tribal employees who put in their time to work hours and/or volunteer to make sure the fair is safe, fun-filled, and services the many needs of our visitors. Yakoki!

Fair Competition Winners

During the fair, we awarded a variety of new

titles and named winners of numerous fair competitions. These competitors have worked throughout the spring and summer months to prepare, and their efforts certainly paid off.

Winners from this year's 2018 Choctaw Indian Fair are:

Community Booth - Bogue Chitto Development Club;

Rez Run - 10K Female - Dana Dillisione (42.01), 10K Male - Ryan Crandall (35.32), 5K Female - Lucy Hardy (21.55), 5K Male - William Kazery (17.33);

Iron Warrior - Female - Miranda Stamper (2.04), Male - Eric Pinto (3.38);

2018-2019 Choctaw Indian Princess Ms. Sydni Jade Tangle;

Stickball - Men's 35 & Over - Red Clay Hills, Women's - Koni Hata Ohoyo; Men's - Bok Cito, Tulli Okchi

Ishko - Koni Hata Him- ita, Pushmataha - Oka Homma.

Congratulations again to all our winners, and we look forward to cheering you on again next year!

2018-2019 Choctaw Indian Princess

Ms. Sydni Jade Tangle was crowned the 2018-2019 Choctaw Indian Princess at the 64th Annual Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant during a beautiful tradition-filled pageant on Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

Sydni is the 17-year-old daughter of Diana and Liasha Alex of the Standing Pine Community and Jimmy Tangle of the Red Water Community; she is the granddaughter of Myrtle Ben of the Red Water Community, Terry and

Barbara Ben of the Pearl River Community and Irene Willis of the Red Water Community.

This fall, Sydni will be a senior at Leake Academy where she is on the Headmasters List and plays on the Lady Rebels Class AAA state champion basketball team. Sydni was sponsored by the Standing Pine Development Club.

Other pageant winners were 1st Alternate Miss Kaylee Jordan Routh, 2nd Alternate and Media Competition Winner Miss Lauren Raen Ben, Miss Congeniality Elisabeth Monique Jimmie, and Miss Photogenic Tara Dawn Willis.

Each contestant did a wonderful job of showcasing our beautiful traditional dresses, beadwork and customs.

Congratulations to all our contestants and our Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant Committee

for a successful year.

Tribe Hosts First Hackathon

The Tribe hosted the first Hackathon on our Reservation July 13-15, 2018, at the Choctaw Hospitality Institute Building. A hackathon is an event where people gather to solve problems by forming teams to come up with creative solutions to unique challenges.

The event encourages young coders, entrepreneurs and engineers to solve real-life problems using advanced technologies provided to them.

It is also a great opportunity to strengthen our community, welcome newcomers to the Reservation, provide participants with a specialized learning environment with industry experts,

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and provide a space and time for participants to work on problems they are interested in.

It is very important that our Choctaw workforce has highly advanced technical skills as we recruit new industry to the Reserva-

tion. If we inspire our youth and young adults to pursue opportunities like the Hackathon, it will generate interest in emerging technology skills that companies are looking for in their employees.

We were happy to

partner with various state universities and community colleges as well as many industries and experts to offer this special event.

Our own MBCI Public Works Department posed several real-life challenges to students, who then selected five-person teams to work toward finding solutions using advanced technology such as coding and virtual reality.

This was a wonderful new opportunity for our students and young adults, and I look forward to seeing this event grow and gain more interest every year.

Thank you to all who participated and organized this event.

Resort and Tribal Budget Meetings

It is the time of year that our Resort and Tribal government programs plan for a new fiscal year. Program directors and managers are working intently on their budgets as we look to meet the needs of our expanding Tribal population.

I am proud of all the accomplishments we achieved this past fiscal year. I know we have some great projects currently in the works and some new efforts that we will get underway once budgets are reviewed and passed by the Choctaw Tribal Council.

I look forward to seeing the presentations from our program directors and managers that are always thoughtfully planned. I have great confidence and expectations for another year of

progress for our Tribal members.

Closing

In closing, I want to once again thank everyone for a wonderful Choctaw Indian Fair. It seems every year we grow and make our fair bigger and better than the year before!

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that our new school year starts on Wednesday, August 8th, 2018. Our teachers, staff and school administration have been working to prepare for another productive and successful year.

I know our parents are excited for this time of year, and I encourage our students to start the new year eager to learn.

As always, I am grateful for your continued prayers and encouragement for our administration, students, educators, Tribal leaders, program directors and managers as we make important transitions into a new fiscal year and school year.

Our Tribe is greatly blessed and we must lift each other up in a positive spirit. God bless each of you and our great Tribe, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Many Blessings,

Phyllis J. Anderson
Phyllis J. Anderson,
Tribal Chief

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She will be a sophomore this fall at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her sponsor was the IKBI Construction Company.

Lauren Raen Ben, the 18-year-old daughter of Robert & Olivia Ben & a member of the Pearl River Community, was selected Second Alternate & recipient of the Media Competition Award. She will be a freshman at Meridian Community College this fall. She was sponsored by the Non-Gaming Properties of Pearl River Resort.

Elisah Monique Jimmie, the 18-year-old daughter of Karla Keats & Elijah Jimmie & a member of the Pearl River Community, was selected Miss Congeniality. She will be a freshman this fall at East Central Community College. She was sponsored by the Gaming Properties of Pearl River Resort.

Tara Dawn Willis, the 17-year-old daughter of Vanessa Cotton & Lester Wil-

lis & a member of the Bogue Chitto Community, was selected Miss Photogenic. This fall, she will be a senior at Choctaw Central High School. She was sponsored by the Bogue Chitto Development Club.

A panel of judges selects the next princess by awarding points based on communication skills, poise, evening wear, traditional dress, personality, & cultural understanding.

Each year, a special young lady is inducted into an elite & exclusive circle with the honor & responsibility of representing her Tribe as she celebrates the Tribe's accomplishments in the forthcoming year as an iconic figure on Tribal, local, state, & national levels.

As ambassador, she represents the Tribe at ribbon cuttings, groundbreaking, conferences, & other events, occasionally alongside the Tribal Chief.



Congresswoman Visits Tribe

U.S. Congresswoman Amata Coleman Radewagen of American Samoa visited the Choctaw Reservation on Saturday, July 21, to gain firsthand knowledge of the Tribe's issues regarding health, education & economic development and how the federal government can work together with the Tribe in these matters. Pictured above, from left, are James Robinson of the MBCI Development Division, Sherry Tubby of the Choctaw Tribal Schools, Congresswoman Radewagen, her husband Fred Radewagen, Fred Willis of the Office of Public Information, & Doug Weaver, MBCI Chief Financial Officer.



CHOCTAW TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION REVIEW

The following ordinances & resolutions were submitted to the Choctaw Tribal Council for consideration. Listed is a brief summary & action taken.

REGULAR CALL MEETING, JULY 10, 2018

Resolution CHO 18-082, approving Commercial Land Assignments between the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) d/b/a Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise and Tenants, was ADOPTED - 13 YES (*L. Ahshapanek, T. Anderson, R. Bell, R. Isaac, S. Johnson, D. Martin, D. McClelland, B. McMillan, W. McMillan, L. Parkerson, R. Sock-*

ey, B. Steve, & K. Wallace); 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 4 ABSENT (*R. Anderson, C. Eaves, H. Nickey, & D. Wilson*).

SUMMARY: *The Resolution approves a Commercial Land Assignment between the MBCI d/b/a Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise with the following tenants: (1) Big Creek Store, Austin K. Tubby; and (2) Choctaw Town Center Restaurant, Jing Q. Zheng. For more information, please contact the Choctaw Shopping Center.*

Resolution CHO 18-083, authorizing the MBCI to apply for a USDA Farm to School Grant, was ADOPTED - 13 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 4 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: *The Resolution authorizes the MBCI to apply for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Farm to School grant has made funds available in the amount of \$100,000. The grant funding will support activities intended to get more locally-grown agricultural products into local school systems and improve student education related to nutrition and agriculture. For more information, please contact the Office of Economic Development.*

Resolution CHO 18-084(B), authorizing and granting Right-of-Way for Solomon Drive (BIA Route No. 2210) in the Pearl River Community, was ADOPTED - 11 YES (*L. Ahshapanek, C. Eaves, R. Isaac, S. Johnson, D. Martin, D. McClelland, W. McMillan, L. Parkerson, R. Sockey, B. Steve, & K. Wallace*); 3 NO (*T. Anderson, R. Bell & B. McMillan*); 1 ABSTAIN (*D. Wilson*); 2 ABSENT (*R. Anderson & H. Nickey*).

SUMMARY: *The Resolution authorizes a right-of-way for Solomon Drive (BIA Route No. 2210) in the Pearl River Community. The purpose is to make improvements to the existing portion of Solomon Drive and to extend into a previously underdeveloped area of the Pearl River Reservation. For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works.*

Resolution CHO 18-085, changing the name of former Occupational Training Center to the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC), was ADOPTED - 13 YES (*L. Ahshapanek, T. Anderson, R. Bell, R. Isaac, S. Johnson, D. Martin, D. McClelland, B. McMillan, W. McMillan, L. Parkerson, R. Sockey, B. Steve, & K. Wallace*); 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 4 ABSENT (*R. Anderson, C. Eaves, H. Nickey, & D. Wilson*).

SUMMARY: *The Resolution*

approves name change of the Occupational Training Center (OTC) to the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC). For more information, please contact the Division of Education.

Resolution CHO 18-086, authorizing the MBCI's Department of Workforce Development to apply for the U.S. Department of Labor, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Indian and Native American Program, was ADOPTED - 15 YES (*L. Ahshapanek, T. Anderson, R. Bell, C. Eaves, R. Isaac, S. Johnson, D. Martin, D. McClelland, B. McMillan, W. McMillan, L. Parkerson, R. Sockey, B. Steve, K. Wallace, & D. Wilson*); 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (*R. Anderson & H. Nickey*).

SUMMARY: *The Resolution approves the Department of Workforce Development to apply for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The funding opportunity under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Indian and Native American Program is for the purpose of supporting employment and financial assistance for education and training and other supportive services necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency for Indians and Native Americans throughout the U.S. The grant will provide an opportunity to: (1) develop more fully academic, occupational and literacy skills of such individuals; (2) make such individuals more competitive in the workforce and equip them with the entrepreneurial skills necessary for successful self-employment; and (3) promote economic and social development. For more information, please contact the Department of Workforce*

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OFFICIAL
ELECTION RESULTS AND CERTIFICATION
RECALL ELECTION ON THE RECALL OF
BOGUE CHITTO COMMUNITY TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER RODERICK BELL
JULY 24, 2018

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN BOGUE CHITTO COMMUNITY: **801**
NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS NEEDED TO MEET 60% VOTER REQUIREMENT: **481**
NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS WHO VOTED IN JULY 24, 2018 ELECTION: **99**
PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS WHO VOTED IN JULY 24, 2018 ELECTION: **12%**

I. Pursuant to Section 33-3-3(3) of the Tribal Election Code, it has been determined that:

At least 60% of the registered voters eligible to vote in the July 24, 2018 recall election participated in the recall election. The requirements of Section 33-3-3(3) have been met and the recall election was valid and ballot results were counted.

The requirement of at least 60% voter participation in the July 24, 2018 recall election was not met. The recall election fails and ballot results were not counted. Section II below does not apply.

II. Pursuant to Section 33-3-3(3) of the Tribal Election Code, a majority of those voting in the recall election must vote to recall the Tribal Council member in order for the Tribal Council member to be recalled. Ballot results from the July 24, 2018 Recall Election are:

YES - For Recall: _____
NO - Against Recall: _____

A majority of the registered voters who voted in the July 24, 2018 recall election voted to recall Councilmember Roderick Bell.

There was not a majority of the registered voters who voted in the July 24, 2018 to recall Councilmember Roderick Bell. The recall election fails.

DATED: July 25, 2018

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Berdie John, Chairperson Amy Pajulis, Member Wanda Davidson, Member

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by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996.

The houses are a part of phase I of a three-phase development project for Tribal housing improvements on the

Choctaw Reservation.

Constructed were three-and four-bedroom homes totaling 1,668 square-feet and five-bedroom homes totaling 1,995 square-feet.

“When a group comes to work together as the

Choctaw Housing Authority has, it brings out great things for the community,” said Tribal Chief Phyliss J. Anderson.

“Our population is growing as we’re nearly 11,000 members strong. As that happens, the need for housing continues to grow. It’s our responsibility as leaders and directors to make sure we continue to build more homes on the reservation. This is a great start.”

New Tiak Osi resident Zonie Isaac said receiving a new home has been a blessing after experiencing a tragedy.

“A couple of years ago, my house burned down. Chief Anderson, Tribal Council and everybody worked together and provided me with

a trailer. I was blessed with that because I surely needed a place to stay. Now, two years later, I never thought I would own a home. I just thank God I have a home I can call my own.”

“I am so happy and I know the rest of them, you can see it in their faces, they are so happy with it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Everybody working together made this happen for us,” added Isaac.

A special presentation was made to the CHA on behalf of Central Electric Power Association (CEPA) and the Tennessee Valley Authority as Aaron Akers, CEPA Director of Economic and Community Development, presented a \$14,000 check for the CHA’s participation in

the EnergyRight Solutions program.

“If there is anyone out there that is in need of a house, please come by our office in Pearl River and apply so that we can basically take the data to address the needs that you have in our housing department. We do not know you need homes unless you come and apply,” said Eric Willis, CHA Executive Director.

“That’s how we basically plan and facilitate home builds in each community. Please come and we’ll try to address your needs as expediently as possible.”

IKBI, Inc. served as lead contractor. Sub-contractors included Morton Construction, White Construction and A&B Mechanical, Inc.



Sports Betting Coming to Pearl River Resort

Here’s the latest:

- Sportsbook at Timeout Lounge will be located at Golden Moon Hotel & Casino in Choctaw, Miss.
- By the kickoff of football season, the Resort will offer traditional sports wagering in which guests can bet on all professional league sports & major collegiate sporting events.
- Sports booking will also be available at the Pearl River Resort’s sister property, Bok Homa Casino. In lieu of a traditional room, a designated sports booking area will be available on the gaming floor.
- The Resort’s maintenance & construction management teams are now adding the finishing touches to both sports booking locations.
- Pearl River Resort is a proud partner with IGT. The Las Vegas-based company is currently in the process of installing the sports wagering system.
- Once the traditional Sportsbook is launched, soon to follow will be “on premises” account based Kiosk & Mobile app wagering to include in-game betting.

Additional information on the grand opening of Sportsbook at Timeout Lounge will be available soon.



Officials with the MBCI and Choctaw Housing Authority pose with new homeowners during ribbon cutting ceremonies at the Tiak Osi Subdivision in Standing Pine on June 22 (pictured above) and two homes on Indian Spur Road in Crystal Ridge on August 1 (pictured right).



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Development.

Resolution CHO 18-087, submitting a proposal to the U.S. Department of Education for an Arts Education Development and Dissemination Project, was ADOPTED - 15 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: *The Resolution approves the MBCI to apply for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education. The Assistance for Arts Education Development and Dissemination (AAEDD) grant has made funds available in the amount of \$625,000 per year for a four year period. The grant funding will help reintroduce Choctaw Culture in Choctaw Central High School visual and drama classes and to return visual art classes to the middle school. For more information, please contact the Division of Education.*

Resolution CHO 18-088, authorizing the MBCI, Choctaw Health Center (CHC), to apply for a Tribal Behavioral Health Grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, was ADOPTED - 15 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: *The Resolution approves the MBCI, CHC to apply for grant funding from the Department of Health and Human Services. The Tribal Behavioral Health grant has made funds available in the amount of \$250,000 for a five year period for*

the purpose to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior, substance abuse, reduce impact of trauma and promote mental health among American Indian/Alaska Native youth through the age of 24. For more information, please contact the CHC.

Resolution CHO 18-089, authorizing the MBCI, CHC, to apply for a Dental Specialist Long-Term Training Award from the Indian Health Service, was ADOPTED - 15 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: *The Resolution approves the MBCI, CHC, to apply for funding from the Indian Health Service. The Dental Specialist Long-Term Training Award has made funds available in the amount of \$125,000 per year for a four year period. The overall intent is to increase the number of employed Dental Specialists to serve as a clinician who will also serve the clinic, the IHS area, and IHS Headquarters regarding matters of staff development, recruitment, and continuing education and lecture development, presentation, and teaching in the area of their dental specialty. For more information, please contact the CHC.*

Resolution CHO 18-090, authorizing the MBCI, CHC, Environmental Health Services, to apply for a “Missis-

issippi Local Mosquito Control Support Grant” from the Mississippi State Department of Health, was ADOPTED - 15 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: *The Resolution approves the MBCI, CHC, to apply for grant funding from the Mississippi State Department of Health. The Mississippi Local Mosquito Control Support Grant funds requested in the amount of \$38,227 are to enhance mosquito control activities, promote public health and provide public education for community clean-up of potential mosquito breeding sites. For more information, please contact the CHC.*

Resolution CHO 18-091, approving a Memorandum of Agreement between EC-Healthnet Family Residency and the MBCI, was ADOPTED - 15 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: *The Resolution approves a Memorandum of Agreement between EC-Healthnet Residency and the MBCI. The EC-Healthnet Family is associated with William Carey College of Osteopathic College. The EC-Healthnet is a medicine residency program accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the American College of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as a graduate medical education residency program. The agreement will allow the CHC to*

host 2nd and 3rd year medical residents. CHC medical staff would assist in providing educational medical practice for the school’s student residents under a defined curriculum of study and supervision. For more information, please contact the CHC.

Resolution CHO 18-092(B), approving Right-of-Way and temporary construction easement in Jones County, was ADOPTED - 13 YES (L. Ahshapane, T. Anderson, R. Bell, R. Isaac, S. Johnson, D. Martin, D. McClelland, B. McMillan, W. McMillan, L. Parkerson, R. Sockey, B. Steve, & K. Wallace); 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 4 ABSENT (R. Anderson, C. Eaves, H. Nickey, & D. Wilson).

SUMMARY: *The Resolution approves a right-of-way and temporary construction easement in Jones County, Miss. The Board of Supervisors of Jones County, Miss., has made formal application to the Tribe for right-of-way for public road and bridge purposes and temporary construction easement in connection with Sandersville-Pleasant Grove Road. For more information, please contact the Tribal Real Estate Program.*

Resolution CHO 18-093(B), authorization of Timber Sale in Conehatta Community Unit 28, was ADOPTED - 13 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 4 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: *The Resolution approves*

an open market sale of timber in the Conehatta Community Unit 28 includes 4,672 tons Pine logs, 121 tons Pine Chip-n-Saw, 256 tons Pine Pulpwood, 1,194 tons Hardwood logs, and 365 tons of Hardwood Pulpwood. The Timber sale in the Conehatta Community will be sold in open market through general public advertised bids for no less than the appraised value and any proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the Tribal Trust Fund with 10 percent of proceeds deposited into the BIA Forest Management Deduction Account. For more information, please contact the Department of Natural Resources-Forestry Program.

Resolution CHO 18-094, approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the MBCI’s Department of Wildlife and Parks and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services, was ADOPTED - 13 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 4 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: *The Resolution approves a Memorandum of Understanding between the MBCI’s Department of Wildlife and Parks and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services. The Department of Wildlife and Parks previously entered into*

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a MOU with USDA The USDA requested the through Resolution Tribe to renew and enter CHO 11-005 and desires to continue a cooperative relationship. For more information, please con-

tact the Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Resolution CHO 18-095(B), approving blood decrease and name change for previously enrolled Tribal member, was ADOPTED - 13 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 4 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: The

Resolution approves decrease in blood degree and name change for one (1) Tribal member. For more information, please contact the Tribal Enrollment Office.

Resolution CHO 18-096(B), approving increase in blood degree and/or name change

for previously enrolled Tribal members, was ADOPTED - 13 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT; 4 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: The Resolution approves the increase in blood degree and/or name change for

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Building Leaders for Tomorrow



MBCI 4-H Youth Development

2018-2019 4-H Enrollment Schedule

For the month of September, the 4-H Registration Drive is set for the 2018-2019 re-enrollment and to accept new members. Children between the ages of 8-18 and adult (Volunteer) interested in joining 4-H Club may register at their respective community.

The 4-H staff will be at each facility building as scheduled.

Bogue Chitto - September 4, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.;

Pearl River - September 4, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Natural Resources Building/4-H Office);

Bogue Homa - September 7, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.;

Standing Pine - September 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.;

Red Water - September 10, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.;

Tucker - September 10, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.;

Conehatta - September 11, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.;

Crystal Ridge - September 13, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the 4-H Office, Department of Natural Resources at 601-656-2070. Staff members include: Virginia W. Willis, 4-H Program Coordinator (vwillis@choctaw.org); and Ronald Gibson, Program Assistant (ronald.gibson@choctaw.org).

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning Leadership, Citizenship, and Life Skills.



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bathrooms, bleachers, and parking.

“Welcome to our newest sports venue in the state of Mississippi, right here on the Choctaw Indian Reservation. I am excited to be with you all here today as we celebrate progress for our Tribe,” said Tribal Chief Phyllis J. Anderson.

“We have evaluated projects that would serve our people here. We have set goals that touch the lives of our Tribal members and are always looking for ways to benefit our Tribe. We’re making great progress here.”

Future plans under consideration for phase II include additional fields for softball, baseball, soccer, football, and stickball. The complex is under the operation of the Choctaw Recreation Department.

“Choctaw Recreation is grateful and proud to now include this new Choctaw Multi-Sports Complex as one of our facilities. Now we can say we have a softball complex that matches up against any other fa-

cilities that’s out there,” said Choctaw Recreation Director Jerod “Taco” Thompson.

“We thank Chief An-

derson, Tribal Council members and all individuals who made this

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Women's 1st Place - Bat Intentions



Women's 2nd Place - Natives



Women's 3rd Place - Lady Braves

twenty-one (21) Tribal members. For more information, please contact the Tribal Enrollment Office.

Resolution CHO 18-097(B), approving Tribal enrollment, was ADOPTED - 13 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 4 ABSENT.

SUMMARY: The Resolution approves Tribal enrollment for

sixty-eight (68) new Tribal members and directs that roll numbers be assigned. With the adoption of this resolution, there are 11,010 enrolled MBCI Tribal members. For more information, please contact the Tribal Enrollment Office.

Signed resolutions are available at www.choctaw.org. To request a

copy of the attachment, please fill out a request for a Resolution/Ordinance Attachment Form and submit it to the Policy and Legislative Office at krystina.thompson@choctaw.org.

Requests for attachments to Enrollment Resolutions will not be honored due to confidentiality rules.

possible with all their due diligence and hard work on this project. You made this dream

to fruition and we can't wait for more, especially with phase II."

The first event to be held at the com-

plex was the inaugural Chief's Summer Slam Softball Tournament "Showdown in Choctaw Town" on August 2-4. A total of 19 men's teams and 12 women's teams competed in a double elimination tournament with cash prizes totaling \$10,000 being awarded.

In the women's division, Bat Intentions placed first and received \$2,500. Natives placed second and received \$1,500 and Lady Braves placed third and received \$1,000.

In the men's division, Arrows placed first and received \$2,500. Indians placed second and received \$1,500 and Big Creek placed third and received \$1,000.



Men's 1st Place - Arrows



Men's 2nd Place - Indians



Men's 3rd Place - Big Creek

CCHS LADY WARRIORS 2018 SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 4	@Neshoba Central	10:15 am/11:30 am
	Jamboree	
13	@Newton County	6pm JV/7pm V
18	@Neshoba Tourney	TBA
20	@Caledonia	5pm JV/6pm V
21	Philadelphia	5pm JV/6pm V
28	Leake Central	5pm JV/6pm V
30	@Leake Central	5pm JV/6pm V
Sept. 4	@Kemper County	5pm JV/6pm V
6	Kemper County	5pm JV/6pm V
11	@Kosciusko	5pm JV/6pm V
13	Kosciusko	5pm JV/6pm V
17	@Velma Jackson	5pm JV/6pm V
18	Caledonia	5pm JV/6pm V
20	Neshoba Central	5:30pm JV/6:30pm V
22	@Philadelphia	10am JV/11am V
24	West Lauderdale	5pm JV/6pm V
27	@Neshoba Central	6pm JV/7pm V
Oct. 1	Velma Jackson	5pm JV/6pm V
2	@West Lauderdale	5pm JV/6pm V

2018 CCHS WARRIORS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 10	@ECCC Jamboree	TBD
17	Union	7:00 PM
24	@Cherokee, NC	7:00 PM
(Thurs.) 30	@Choctaw County	7:00 PM
Sept. 7	Newton	7:00 PM
14	Lake	7:00 PM
21	@Philadelphia	7:00 PM
(Thurs.) 27	Forest*	7:00 PM
Oct. 5	@Morton*	7:00 PM
12	Kemper* (HC)	7:00 PM
19	Winona	7:00 PM
26	@SE Lauderdale*	7:00 PM

Warriors Participate in All-Star Football Game

Choctaw Central High School 2018 graduates & former Warrior football players Brayton Jim, left, & Keanu Anderson participated in the Native All-Star Football Classic on the campus of Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. Keanu played with the Red Hawks, who won 14-7. Brayton played with the Blue Eagles & was named Offensive MVP. Since 2002, this game has given young Native American men the honor to finish out their outstanding high school careers, many of whom go on to compete at the collegiate level while others begin new endeavors outside of football. Game sponsor was Native ReVision of Dallas, TX.





A LOOK BACK!



July 11 - 14, 2018
CHOCTAW, MISSISSIPPI







2018 World Series Stickball Champions/MVP's



PUSHMATAHA DIVISION CHAMPIONS - OKA HOMMA



Pushmataha MVP
Robin "Bug" Willis, III



TULLI OKCHI ISHKO DIVISION CHAMPIONS - KONI HATA HIMITAH



Tulli Okchi Ishko MVP
Savalas Anderson



MEN'S 35+ DIVISION CHAMPIONS - RED CLAY HILLS



Men's 35+ MVP
Adam Lewis



WOMEN'S DIVISION CHAMPIONS - KONI HATA OHÓYO



Women's MVP
Melody Jimmie



MEN'S DIVISION CHAMPIONS - BÖK ČITO



Men's MVP
Trent Thompson

Teams Earn WSS Titles

From the first toss up on Monday, July 2, to the last tap of the goal on Saturday, July 14, the World Series Stickball (WSS) provided much excitement for stickball enthusiasts during the 69th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair.

Stickball has been a part of Choctaw life for hundreds of years. Opposing teams use handcrafted sticks (*kabotcha*) & a woven leather ball (*towa*) as they try to advance the ball down the field to the other team's goalpost using only their sticks, never touching or throwing the ball with their hands.

Points are scored when a player hits the opposing team's goalpost with the ball or tap their sticks on the goalpost with the ball in the cups of the sticks.

Over 40 stickball games in three adult & two youth divisions culminated with championships on July 13-14 at Choctaw Central High School's Warrior Stadium in Choctaw.

On Friday afternoon, July 13, Oka Homma claimed their first youth Pushmataha Division (ages 10-13) championship as they defeated defending champion Pearl River 4-1. Koni Hata Himintah won their third consecutive youth Tulli Okchi Division (14-17) title as they defeated Pearl River 6-3.

Later in the evening, Red Clay Hills defeated Bok Cito 1-0 to claim their first men's 35+ division title. Koni Hata Ohoyo repeated as women's division champion with a 2-0 win over Tiak Hikiya Ohoyo.

On Saturday evening, July 14, Bok Cito defeated Pearl River in sudden death overtime 3-2 to win the men's division.

"We had games that embraced all the excitement & energy of what makes stick-

ball what it is & stayed strong throughout," said WSS Commissioner Thomas Ben.

"Its always good to see tradition at its best through the game of stickball. And this game (Bok Cito vs Pearl River) took it to the next level. From the start to a strong finish like this, it couldn't be any better."

Pushmataha Championship Oka Homma 4, Pearl River 1

Pearl River was looking to capture their third consecutive Pushmataha championship, but Oka Homma was determined to win their first title.

Oka Homma struck first with a goal by Coby Willis early in the first quarter. Pearl River tied the game with Peyton Mingo's goal at the 4:15 mark. Late in the quarter, Oka Homma regained the lead with a goal by Maddux Dixon.

Tracon John scored with 7:38 in the second to give Oka Homma a 3-1 lead into the half.

Dixon scored again with :31 remaining in the third to give Oka Homma the lead for good & their first Pushmataha title.

Oka Homma's Robin "Bug" Willis, III, was named MVP.

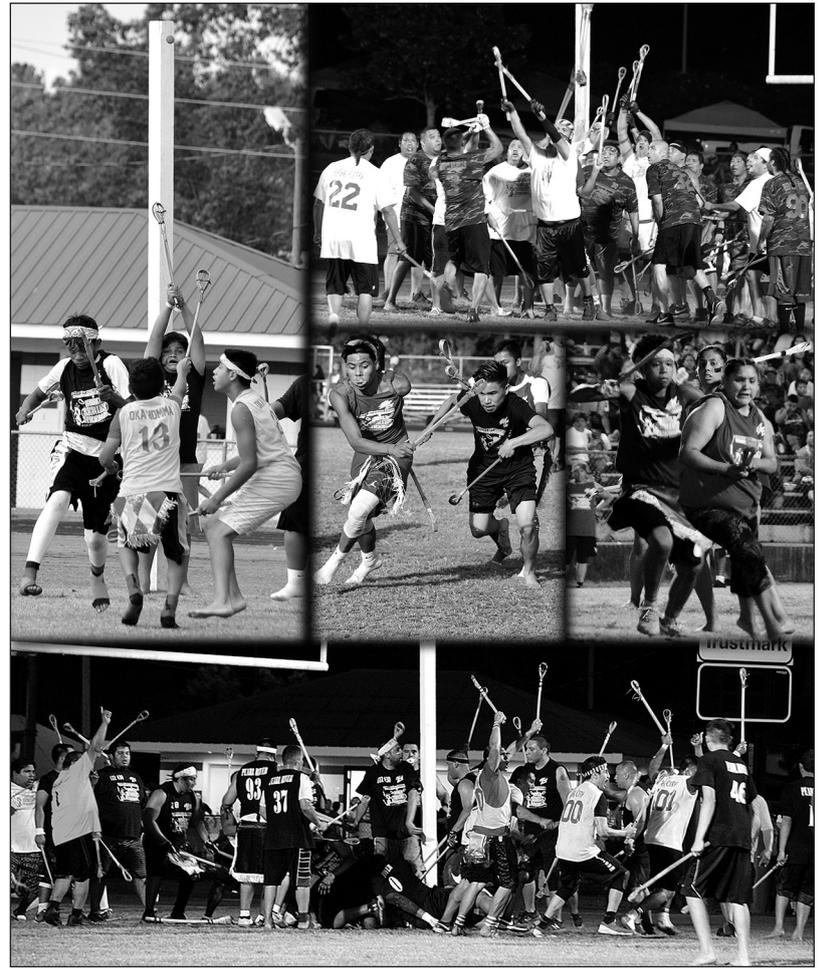
Tulli Okchi Ishko Championship Koni Hata Himintah 7, Pearl River 4

It was the third consecutive meeting between Koni Hata Himintah & Pearl River in the Tulli Okchi Ishko finals.

Koni Hata came out with sticks blazing as they scored three goals in the first quarter courtesy of Jaylen Willis (8:49), Dayton Jefferson (7:29) & Savalas Anderson (5:27).

Zales Lewis added to the Koni Hata lead with his goal 7:51 in the second.

Early in the third, Adam Joe, Jr. & Jefferson scored within a span of 20 seconds for a 6-0 lead, but Pearl River finally re-



sponded with three consecutive goals by William McKinney (8:21), Billy Isom (7:57) & Braden Bell-Ben (:38).

Koni Hata added to their lead with Jamal Jim's goal 8:43 in the fourth. Pearl River scored their last point with Gerald Isom, Jr.'s goal at the 5:52 mark.

"I don't know which one of ours was the better championship team. All I know is I always get good players & if it wasn't for them this would not have happened," said Koni Hata coach Eric Billy.

"I knew (Pearl River) was tough. I watched them & it's all about adjustment. We adjusted & would have liked a shutout, but that's impossible with that team."

Koni Hata Himintah's Savalas Anderson was named MVP.

Men's 35+ Championship Red Clay Hills 1, Bok Cito 0

After losing 2-1 in last year's final to Bok Cito, Red Clay

Hills redeemed themselves with a 1-0 victory as they captured their first division championship.

"We put up a good fight tonight. Defense played well with the shutout & the offense struggled at first, but we kept grinding & finally posted one. It took four quarters, but we got it," said Red Clay Hills coach Alaric Keams.

After three scoreless quarters, Galen John scored the lone goal of the contest at the 6:22 mark in the fourth.

"When its Bok Cito, it's always going to be a tough game. Our guys really fought all the way each game, the whole four quarters. It was one we wanted to be a part of," added Keams.

Bok Cito coach Van Morris said the game was a toss up of who would win.

"It was a hard fought game. They have a bunch of good guys over there, us too, so it could have gone either way."

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REZ RUN Results

The seventh REZ RUN was held on Saturday morning, July 14, as hundreds of avid runners & walkers participated in a 10K, 5K or one mile fun run/walk through the Choctaw Indian Fairgrounds & Choctaw Reservation.

Overall winners in the 10K run were: (female) Dana Dillisione with a time of 42:01; (male) Ryan Crandall with a time of 35:32.

Overall winners in the 5K run were: (female) Lucy Hardy with a time of 21:55; (male) William Kazery with a time of 17:33.

Listed below is the order & time of the top three finishers in each age category (excluding one mile run/walk participants).

10K AGE GROUP RESULTS

Female (0-14)

1st, Cyrenity Hardy, 54:41; 2nd, Mary Lee Williams, 1:00:22.

Female (15-19)

1st, Whitney Willis, 1:24:29.

Female (20-29)

1st, Breana Wesley, 54:16; 2nd, Brittany Johnson, 1:11:05; 3rd, Tia Grisham, 1:23:26.

Female (30-39)

1st, Mary Katherine DeBardeleben, 1:00:56; 2nd, Shannon Morrow, 1:03:47; 3rd, Tonta Mc-

Dade, 1:06:41.

Female (40-49)

1st, Hope Cheatham, 1:02:52.

Female (50-59)

1st, Linda McArthur, 1:10:35; 2nd, Tammy Johnson, 1:10:53.

Female (60-97)

1st, Ruthie Bell, 1:20:46.

Male (0-14)

1st, Evan Hallford, 48:48; 2nd, Will Williams, 52:40.

Male (15-19)

1st, Ichukash Solomon, 44:34; 2nd, Kyle Secakuku, 48:03; 3rd, Alonso Henry, 48:32.

Male (20-29)

1st, Preston Breazeale, 39:18; 2nd, Kevin Amos, 48:25; 3rd, Steven Alderson, 1:02:36.

Male (30-39)

1st, Caleb May, 48:18; 2nd, Curtis Bradley, 50:31; 3rd, Stephen Evans, 52:40.

Male (40-49)

1st, David Shirley, 53:41; 2nd, Dean Hite, 1:10:53.

Male (50-59)

1st, Douglas Weaver, 57:13; 2nd, Stetson VanAusborg, 58:09; 3rd, Dave Scott, 1:11:49.

Male (60-97)

1st, Michael McDONald, 1:02:20; 2nd, Steve Murray, 1:13:19.

5K AGE GROUP RESULTS

Female (0-14)

1st, Alyssa K. Jimmie, 28:48; 2nd, Leia Phillips, 30:27; 3rd, Atianna Anderson, 33:38.

Female (15-19)

1st, Taylor Ben, 24:18; 2nd, Sierra Wallace, 24:19; 3rd, Trinity Redhouse, 29:35.

Female (20-29)

1st, Jazzlynn Ben, 31:30; 2nd, Tamela Solomon, 31:55; 3rd, Erin Miles, 33:13.

Female (30-39)

1st, Jessica Robinson, 28:12; 2nd, Rachel Wallace, 29:22; 3rd, Marissa Bennett, 38:39.

Female (40-49)

1st, Dana Robertson, 32:26; 2nd, Jeannie Davis, 37:41; 3rd, Leticia Rangel, 41:32.

Female (50-59)

1st, Marion Sockey, 33:40; 2nd, Tammy Miles, 35:18; 3rd, Sue Ellen Smith, 36:16.

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Adam Lewis of Red Clay Hills was named MVP.

“Bok Cito is a highly talented team. I played with them last year & they got me stronger. Right now I’m out of breath & I’m thankful it’s over.”

Lewis also said he was inspired to play in honor of his fallen friend & teammate, the late Damian “Boss” Jimmie.

“This #30 right here, did it all for him. We always joked around. I did it for him.”

Women’s Championship Koni Hata Ohoyo 2, Tiak Hikiya Ohoyo 0

In another rematch from last year’s final, Koni Hata Ohoyo won back-to-back championships with a 2-0 win over

Tiak Hikiya Ohoyo.

“We won two years in a row so this feels pretty good, especially with Tiak Hikiya Ohoyo coming back for a rematch,” said Koni Hata coach Jeron Johnson.

“Our team wanted it more. We had something to fight for, something more.”

Denielle Phillips scored at the 8:40 mark in the second quarter to give Koni Hata the lead. After a scoreless third, Lashayla McMillan added another goal late in the fourth for Koni Hata.

Koni Hata Ohoyo’s Melody Jimmie was named MVP.

“It means everything cause it’s my first year playing & it feels good to meet up against a great team like Tiak Hikiya.”

In addition to their consecutive championships, Koni Hata previously won the women’s title in 2012 and 2014.

Tiak Hikiya Ohoyo coach Carl Hickman said after last year’s loss, his team was focused on one thing.

“We started practicing in April & our motto was ‘one team, one goal.’ To come here to the finals & try to win it, but we came up short. At least it was a good game.”

During the post-game trophy presentation, Tucker Alhiha was named recipient of the Barry Ben Team Sportsmanship Award in the women’s division.

Men’s Championship Bok Cito 3, Pearl River 2 (OT)

Pearl River stunned Bok Cito less than a

minute into the championship game as Randy Nickey scored for a 1-0 lead. Minutes later, teammate William Tubby added another goal at the 9:00 mark for a 2-0 Pearl River lead.

“We all said there was plenty of time. It was still a game with three more quarters to play,” said Bok Cito coach Craig Morris. “We had to keep grinding & chip away at the lead. That’s what we did.”

Bok Cito got on the board with a goal by Nathaniel Amos with 4:43 in the second quarter.

Dy’Ni Morris tied the game as he tapped the goal with 9:50 left in the third quarter. After a scoreless fourth, the game went into sudden death overtime.

After a back & forth

struggle for nearly 10 minutes, Bok Cito’s Leslie Wayne Morris found himself being in the right place at the right time, just inches away from the post.

“It all happened so fast. When our guy got the ball, they hit him & the ball was laying on the ground,” said Morris. “We all said just look at the ground for the ball & that’s what I did. I grabbed it & tagged it!”

It was Bok Cito’s ninth overall title & first since 2014.

“Pearl River gave us a hell of a game. We just stuck to our plans & played Bok Cito stickball. It’s good to be back. Hopefully we can keep this squad again. I’d go to war with them

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Female (60-97)

1st, Cheryl Denson, 41:23; 2nd, Debbie Pickle, 45:37; 3rd, Mollie Denson, 52:09.

Male (0-14)

1st, Cole Tadlock, 23:13; 2nd, Logan Tsosie, 26:23; 3rd, Matthan Weaver, 27:28.

Male (15-19)

1st, Dyami Mitch, 20:12; 2nd, Ryan Henry, 21:17; 3rd, Bryceton Jimmie, 21:38.

Male (20-29)

1st, Douglas Estes, 22:41; 2nd, Deshun Daniels, 25:27; 3rd, Nicholas McMillian, 30:36.

Male (30-39)

1st, Nathan Tadlock, 23:28; 2nd, James Rob-



inson, 27:45; 3rd, Jesse Hunter, 27:56.

Male (40-49)

1st, Charlie Creel, 21:43; 2nd, Darrell Mitch, 24:23; 3rd, Rob

Bourne, 26:30.

Male (50-59)

1st, Franklin Taylor, 28:25; 2nd, Steve Smith, 29:32; 3rd, K. Joe Pou, 34:42.

Male (60-97)

1st, Lee Dukes, 21:52; 2nd, Leonard Jimmie, 35:51; 3rd, Daniel Mit-tan, 37:46.

To see complete order

& time of 10K & 5K participants, go to the ORION Racing website at www.orionsportstiming.com.

any day," said coach Morris.

The entire Bok Cito team had dedicated their win to a fallen player, the late Hunter Morris, & several community members who had passed away during the year.

Trent Thompson of Bok Cito was named MVP as he gave credit to his teammates.

"We were down 2-0, but we didn't give up. I know how good my

teammates were so I knew we were going to come back & make it a good game. Pearl River is a good team we played."

"I can tell you there's 20-30 players that are way better than me right now & I'm really surprised I won (MVP), but I know my team put me in the right position to win it. I owe it all to them," added Thompson.

Pearl River coach

Randy Jimmie said one team had to be the victor in a hard fought championship game they had just participated in.

"Both teams made the plays, but one had to win. They gave it all they had, but we'll be back again."

Oka Homma was named recipient of the Barry Ben Team Sportsmanship Award in the men's division during the post-game trophy presentation.



Recipients of the Barry Ben Team Sportsmanship Awards included Tucker Alhiha (women's division), pictured left, & Oka Homma (men's division). Presenting the awards were Choctaw Indian Princess Sydni Tangle, Chief Phyliss J. Anderson & WSS Commissioner Thomas Ben.

Fair Exhibitors Honored

There were a total of 101 participants in three divisions in this year's exhibits showcased during the 69th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair.

There were 39 4-H members, 33 youths & 29 adults who displayed their artistic talents & skills to the public. Congratulations to the following exhibitors who received ribbons & cash awards for their entries.

4-H DIVISION

Lola Kay, \$151.75; DeShaylee Tubby, \$144; Faith Kay, \$141.75; Nollenn Bell, \$67; Skylar Comans, \$61.75; Chaisen Jimmie, \$61; Brady Rhodes, \$57; Zavion Tubby, \$40; Kaisen

Dixon, \$35; Breanna Mingo, \$34.50; Lela Morris, \$30; Xhaiden Dixon, \$22.50; Alexandria Wallace, \$22; Nyshea Hoskin, \$17.50; Rod Wallace, Jr., \$16.75; Jaykwon Miller, \$13; Tarlayah Brescia, \$11; Rikkayia Miller, \$11; Tegan Turner, \$11; Kacie Wallace, \$9; Easton Turner, \$9; Tessney Morris, \$8; Tiana Thompson, \$7.50; Jaquari Hughes, \$7.50; Tyvick Cotton, \$7; Quintin Willis, \$7; Brighton Jimmie, \$6.50; Jorgan Vaughn, \$6; Gannon Vaughn, \$5.50; Makayia Cotton, \$5; Sebastian May, \$4; Sissy Phillips, \$3.50; Channing Bloodsaw, \$3; Tarlayah Brescia, \$3; Diego Arvizu, \$3; Treyton Lindsey, \$3; Saneaya Martin, \$3; Cijilar Vaughn, \$3; Nikita Wallace, \$2.50.

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YOUTH DIVISION

Jaeden Wesley, \$67.50; Astin Eades, \$58.50; Iley Eades, \$50.25; Leilaya Mc-Millan, \$45; Nickolas Farmer, \$38.50; Alyssa Farmer, \$36.50; Emily Eaves, \$35.25; Trinity Redhouse, \$35; Laura Eaves, \$33.50; Jae Mc-Millan, \$27.25; Zachary Farmer, \$27; Teresa B. Willis, \$26.50; Hunter McMillan, \$25.50; Jabastian Ben, \$21; Makaya Hickman, \$19; Elliot Frazier, \$15; Rosa Shoemake, \$12; Seyonnie Thomas, \$11; Iylah King, \$11; Silvio Morales, \$10.75; Chloe Thompson, \$10; Angel Clemmons, \$8.75; Gillion Eaves, \$8.50; Miley Flores, \$8; Jase John-

son, \$8; Kassidy Keyes, \$7; Melody Frazier, \$5.50; Chassidy Keyes, \$4; Jaidyn Johnson, \$4; Kristeena Thomas, \$3.50; Nizhoni McMillan, \$3.50; Ladarius Frazier, \$3; Nela Terrell, \$2.50.

ADULT DIVISION

Gina Bell, \$81; Melba Jefferson, \$60; Bes-sie Wilson, \$54; Dora Nickey, \$40; Isaac Kay, \$36.50; Lori Wilson, \$32; Candy Jimmie, \$28; Sonja McMillan, \$28; Jackson B. Martin, \$24; Jessica Kay, \$21.75; Teresa Chick-away, \$20; Geraldine Mendez, \$19.50; Jaxie Willis, \$18; Michael Sockey, \$17.50; Chris-ton Flores, \$15; Manzie



Billie, \$14.50; Xavier Sam, \$14; Miriam Edwards, \$13.50; Sandie Gibson, \$13.25; There-sa Shoemake, \$8; Clay

Jimmie, \$8; Delores Bell, \$5; Mariah Clem-ons, \$5; Joni Vaughn, \$4; Grandale Tubby, \$4; Ronald Gibson, \$3;

Melody Charlie, \$3; Kevin Edwards, \$3; Vita Johnson, \$2.25.

What is a Victim Impact Statement?

Submitted by Family Violence & Victim's Services

When a person has been convicted of a felony criminal offense, such as homicide, there is a sentencing hearing in federal court. Prior to that hearing, information is gathered & presented to the judge to decide the length & matters pertaining to the sentence.

One of the important factors in deciding how long a criminal should serve time in prison is the Victim Impact Statement (VIS). A VIS is a written statement expressing how the person feels about the crime &

how the crime has impacted that victim.

The VIS helps to answer questions, such as the emotional impact of the crime, the financial cost(s) to the victim or family, & allows the victim or victim's family a chance to state their opinions on the crime.

Family Violence & Victim's Services (FVVS) helps victims & family members of homicide victims who have been asked to write a VIS. Victims receive the forms to write their statements from the court.

Often for the victim, describing the impact of a crime is very difficult & emotional, & there-

fore, at FVVS, we assist the family express what they feel & what they have experienced because of the crime.

Once the statement is complete, the VIS can be sent to the court. The judge receives the VIS & reviews it prior to the sentencing hearing.

VIS's were designed

to give the victim & family members an opportunity to be heard, which is extremely important. VIS's are reviewed & the feelings of the victims can be taken into account for the sentencing.

The VIS not only gives the victim & the family of the victim a chance to be heard, but also an opportunity for

healing through the process. If you have further questions, please contact FVVS at 601-650-1774.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Family Violence & Victim's Services will soon prepare for the annual Luncheon for The National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims. The luncheon will be in September.

If you lost a loved one due to a homicide, and you would like an invitation to the luncheon, please contact Kim Neal at FVVS at 601-650-1774.



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BIA's HIP to Assist Tribal Members with Housing Repairs

By Melford Farve,
CCN Staff Writer

The Choctaw Tribal Housing Rental Program's objectives are

to help Tribal members with emergency housing & help those on a housing list if a house or mobile home becomes available. The pro-

gram is now assisting qualified homeowners needing housing repairs through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Housing Improvement Program (HIP).

The HIP, established in 1929 by Congress under of the Snyder Act, is a safety-net program that provides grants for the cost of services to repair, renovate, or provide housing.

The program provides grants to the neediest of Native American fami-

lies who:

- Live in sub-standard housing or are without housing (requires ownership or leaseholder, not less 25 years at time of assistance); and
- Have no other resource for assistance.

Many tribal homes are over 40 years old & are in need of renovations & repair. This a great opportunity, upon selection, to improve & upgrade the condition of the owner's dwelling.

The HIP is adminis-

tered by the BIA & federally recognized tribes for American Indians & Alaska Natives (AI/AN) individuals & families who have no immediate resource for standard housing.

"Completed application packages for physical year 2018 for the HIP will need to be sent to the BIA by November 16, 2018," said Jaric Anderson, Assistant Manager/Housing Inspector

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We invite you to help us learn more about health and safety in Native American women's relationships. The information you provide will help address the safety needs of Native women in the US.

If you are eligible:

You will be asked to complete four web-based sessions, each approximately 60-90 minutes. For each completed session, you will receive a gift card:

Initial Session	\$ 20
3 Month	\$ 25
6 Month	\$ 30
12 Month	\$ 40
Total	\$ 115

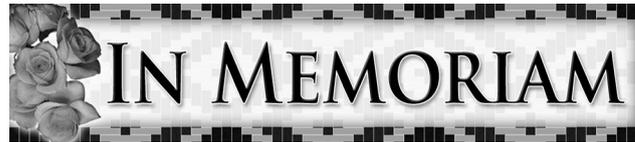
At the end of each session you will receive safety resources.

Find out if you are eligible:

<https://ourcircle.nursing.jhu.edu>

For more information, email us at: ourcircle@jhu.edu

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LEBER JIM WILLIS

Funeral service for Leber Jim Willis, 70, was held on Monday,

July 16, 2018, from the Red Water Community Gymnasium. Rev. Carl Wilson officiated.

Burial was in the Simon Isaac Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Willis passed away on July 11 at her residence.

She was employed with Choctaw Manufacturing Enterprise & Applied GeoTechnologies before her retire-

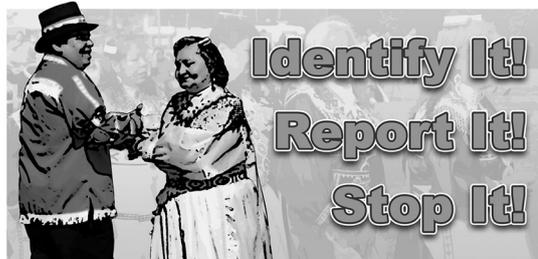
ment. She enjoyed being with family & watching western shows on TV. Early in her life she also enjoyed doing beadwork & quilting.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude & Annie Thompson-Jim; daughter, Priscilla Isaac; son, Rosco Willis, Jr.; sisters, Shirley Ann Jim, Annell Willis, Emilee Denson, & Ola Mae Jim; & a brother, Billy Jim.

Survivors include her husband, Rosco Willis, Sr.; daughters, Karen

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Prevent Elder Abuse



Warning Signs

- Fear, withdrawal, depression
- Shame, anxiety, embarrassment
- Unexplained bruises or injuries
- Hesitation to talk openly
- Isolation by caregiver
- Unkempt appearance
- Loss of self-esteem
- Unexplained disappearance of funds or valuable possessions

Recognizing the warning signs is the key to identifying and stopping an occurrence of elder abuse.

For more information on elder abuse, contact Family Violence and Victim's Services at 601-650-1774



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- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. - Evening Service
- 1st Sunday Service 4:00 p.m.
- Pastor: Rev. Samuel Dixon

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. - Pray Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. - Discipleship/
Family Ministry Class

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- John 8:31-32

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Pastor Thomas Ben

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Willis, Johnanna Frazier & Margaret Bell; sons, Bruce Willis, Vincente Willis, Reno Willis, & Richard Isaac; a sister, Marilyn Cotton; a brother, James Ray Jim; 23 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

SASHA LEE JOHN

Funeral service for Sasha Lee John, 43, was held on Saturday, July 21, 2018, from the New Canaan Baptist Church in Pearl River. Rev. Henderson Williams & Rev. Travis Willis officiated.

Burial was in the Canaan Baptist Cemetery.

John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. John passed away on July 17 at the Choctaw Health Center in Choctaw.

He was a member of Canaan Baptist Church & employed with Williams Brothers, Tribal Recreation then a dispatcher with the Choctaw Fire Department. He enjoyed playing sports & socializing with friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Freddy & Brenda Thompson John; grandparents, Una & Oden John, Oneva & Steve Thompson; a niece & a nephew.

Survivors include his sisters, April Allen & Rochelle Smith; adopted sister, Tiana John; & a host of aunts, uncles, great-aunts, great-uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

MELVIN RAY WILSON, JR.

Funeral service for Melvin Ray Wilson, Jr., 34, was held on Sunday, July 22, 2018, from the Pearl River Baptist Church. Rev. Ricky Thompson & Rev. Gilbert Breedlove officiated.

Burial was in the Isaac Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge

of arrangements.

Mr. Wilson passed away on July 18 at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing softball, social dancing, attending family gatherings, & making people laugh.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Norma J. Willis; grandparents, Robert Addison Tubby & Lecin Wilson, Nellie Bell Willis; & an uncle.

Survivors include two foster children; Carmon Steve & Keaton Steve; father, Melvin Wilson, Sr.; sister, Nora Wilson; brothers, Marvin Wilson, Junaluska L. Wil-

son, Sr. & Edison Wilson; & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

JAMIE VALE ANDERSON

Funeral service for Jamie Vale Anderson, 43, was held on Monday, July 23, 2018, from the Conehatta Community Gymnasium. Pastor Curtis Willis, Sr. & Pastor Thomas Ben, Jr. officiated.

Burial was in the Conehatta Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Anderson passed away on July 19 at his residence.

He was employed with the MBCI Department of Natural Resources & Agriculture. He enjoyed being with family, coaching softball, stickball, fishing, & traveling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy & Jeanell Anderson; a daughter, Javylinn Anderson; 4 aunts & 4 uncles.

Survivors include his wife, Ferne Anderson; daughters, Jenna Anderson, Javale Anderson, & Jamelynn Anderson; sons, Justice Smith & Elijah Teehee; step-daughters, Tayen Denson, Tahlyea Denson & Bema Reynolds; sister, Janet Anderson Willis; 6 aunts; 1 uncle; 2 grandchildren; & a host of relatives & friends.

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for the Tribal Housing Rental Program.

Program representatives, in conjunction with Tribal community development clubs, held HIP presentations during June & July to offer Tribal members assistance in filling out applications if needed.

Anderson also utilized social media to inform Tribal members.

You are eligible for HIP if:

- You are a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe or Alaskan Native Village;
- You live in an approved tribal service area;
- Your annual income does not exceed 125% of the DHHS poverty guidelines;
- Your present housing is sub-standard as defined in Section 256.2; and
- You meet the ownership re-

quirements for the assistance. Generally, this means that you own the dwelling or have an undivided 25 year lease on the dwelling. This will be determined during the application process;

- You have no other resources for housing assistance;
- You have not received HIP assistance since October 1, 1986, for repairs & renovation, replacement or housing, or down payment assistance; and
- You did not acquire your present housing through participation in Federal Government sponsored housing program that includes provision for the assistance referred to in paragraph of this section.

Documents required include:
1. Tribal Enrollment (CDIB);
2. Proof of Income/2017 Tax Returns, W-2's;
3. Proof of Ownership of the

residence and/or Land;

4. Physical Disability Documentation (two doctor statements required);
5. Court Documents for all Foster Children;
6. Authorization for Release of Information; and
7. Privacy Act Notice.

Completed applications will be sent to the BIA to be processed. Selections will be based on income & a points system. Selected applicants will receive up to \$30,000 worth of home improvements.

For more information or to make an appointment for assistance in filling out an application, contact Jaric Anderson or Tribal Housing Rental Program Manager Ben Stephens at 601-656-5496, or stop by their office located at 300 Choctaw Town Center, 3rd Floor, Suite 302, in Choctaw.



IDA MAE JOHN SAM

Funeral service for Ida Mae John Sam, 68, was held on Saturday, July 28, 2018, from the Pearl River Baptist Church. Bro. John Frazier & Rev. Robert Paul Tubby, Sr. officiated.

Burial was in the Canaan Baptist Church Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Sam passed away on July 23 at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson.

She was employed as a silverware roller at Golden Moon Hotel & Casino. She enjoyed being with her family & friends, attending family gatherings, fishing, listening to gospel music, going to flea markets, attending her grandchildren's ballgames, & listening to fiddle music.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roby & Sally Willis John; sisters, Edwina Bell, Vannell Billy, Rita Denson, & Bobbie Jean Velez; brothers, Edward Lee John & Bobby Lee John; first husband, Eddie D. Joe; & second husband, Jerry Sam.

Survivors include her son, Adam Joe, Sr.; sisters, Jennie Jackson & Laurine Jackson; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 3 foster grandchildren; & a host of relatives & friends.

DARRY LEE WILLIAMS

Funeral service for Darry Lee Williams, 69, was held on Saturday, July 28, 2018, from

the Hope Indian Baptist Church. Deacon William Isaac & Rev. Henderson Williams officiated.

Burial was in the Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Williams passed away on July 24 at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

He was a member of Hope Indian Baptist Church. He was employed with several riverboat companies, Pearl River Resort then with the MBCI Department of Natural Resources & Agriculture as a farmer's market assistant. He enjoyed fishing, gardening & cooking for his family. He also enjoyed playing sports & coaching during his younger years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Philmon & Aline Steve Williams; grandparents, Jonas & Maggie Lewis Williams Solomon, Rufus & Nellie Solomon Williams, & Smith & Winnie Smith Steve; brothers, Henry Lee Williams, Jimmy Ray Williams, Sammy Lee Williams, Dennis Williams, Jonas P. Williams, & Bradley D. Williams, & a granddaughter.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Williams; daughters, Amelia Williams, Megan Williams & Michelle Jim; son, Phillip Williams; sisters, Ruby Williams, Annie Bell, Fannie Willis, Wanda Isaac, Rose Mary Williams, JoAnne Williams, & Selma Den-

son; brothers, Wayne Williams, Ethan Billie, & Rev. Henderson Williams; 8 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

RAY CHARLES MITCH

Funeral service for Ray Charles Mitch, 56, was held on Monday, July 30, 2018, from the Hopewell Baptist Church in Standing Pine. Bro. Shelly Peoples officiated.

Burial was in the Standing Pine Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Mitch passed away on July 27 at his residence.

He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church & enjoyed being with family, camping, pick-up games, bowling, marathons, & playing hockey in the alley. He was employed at numerous areas during his life, but was last employed as a procurement clerk at Choctaw Health Center & worked part-time at Wal-Mart.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margie Mitch; step-father, Tim Huntley; &

grandparents, Irene Tubby Mitch & Wilson Mitch.

Survivors include his wife, Alvina D. Mitch; daughters, Jayasri Jordan Mitch & Anna Marie Denson; sisters, Angela Bryan & Susan Snyder; step-brother, Johnny Huntley; 1 grandson; & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

CHRISTINA LOUISE DENSON

Funeral service for Christina Louise Denson, 33, was held on Friday, August 3, 2018, from the Stonewall Baptist Church in Conehatta. Rev. Mark Patrick & Rev. Robert Patrick officiated.

Burial was in the Conehatta Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Denson passed away on July 29.

She enjoyed being with family & friends, cooking, fishing, &

hunting.

She was preceded in death by her father, Archie Mingo; brother, Steven Mingo; grandmother, Louise Anderson; & an uncle.

Survivors include her mother, Martha Denson; step-father, Rudy Wallace; sisters, Brittney Denson & Jasmine Wallace; brothers, Samuel Wallace & Nikki Shay Mingo; a companion, Relondo Willis; & a host of aunts, uncles, relatives, & friends.

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Iron Warrior 2018 Winners

Eric Pinto & Miranda Stamper once again took top honors in the finals of the fifth Iron Warrior competition on Saturday, July 14, as part of activities of the 69th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair.

Pinto won his second title in the men's division with a time of 3:38.11. Stamper won her fourth consecutive title in the women's division with her time of 2:04.81.

Time trial qualifiers were held on July 12-13 as participants competed in eight events for both men's and women's divisions. Events included a farmer's carry, tire deadlifts, atlas stones, tire flip, sandbag medley, sled push, and a truck pull. Women had a keg carry event while the men had a yoke carry.

In the men's division, Will Moseley placed second with a time of 4:06.57, Allen Scarborough placed third with a time of 4:20.00, Lorenzo Patrick was fourth with a time of 4:42.01, & Corey Stenton placed fifth with his time of 4:43.43.

In the women's division, Maleah Isaac placed second with a time of 2:12.28, Nicole Scarborough placed third with a time of 2:24.50, Alyssa Daniels was fourth with a time of 2:33.71, & Caitlyn Bounds placed fifth with her time of 2:37.06.

Cash prizes were awarded during a post-competition ceremony. Division winners received \$500, second place finishers \$200, third place \$100, fourth place \$75 & fifth place \$50.



Eric Pinto (left center) & Miranda Stamper (right center) repeated as Iron Warrior winners for 2018. Pictured on their left is Iron Warrior coordinator Samuel Farve with the 2018-2019 Choctaw Indian Princess Sydni Jade Tangle.



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Bogue Chitto Wins Booth Competition

Bogue Chitto Development Club placed first in the Choctaw Indian Fair's annual community booth competition on Tuesday, July 10. Conehatta Development Club placed second, followed by Pearl River Development Club third. Tucker Development Club placed fourth, Standing Pine Development Club fifth, (Henning) Tennessee Choctaws sixth, Crystal Ridge Development Club seventh, & Red Water Development Club eighth.

The competition is a part of the cultural booth exhibition as development clubs in each of the Choctaw tribal communities participate. Clubs design their exhibit to highlight community progress & accomplishments of their community members.

This year's theme was "Historical Events and Traditions of the Choctaws."