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Twelve vie for the Choctaw Indian Princess Title

CHOCTAW, Miss. – (DRAFT) – As is tradition, the 67th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair will once again open with the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant on Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the amphitheater stage. Twelve beautiful young Chahta Ohóyo (Choctaw women) vie for the honor of becoming the 62nd Choctaw Indian Princess and the next ambassador of the Mississippi Choctaw. The pageant will take place after Chief Phyliss J. Anderson hosts Opening Ceremonies at 6:00 p.m.

The contestants have been attending practices throughout June. The Monday prior to the pageant a banquet sponsored by the Community Development Partnership will take place. In addition to crowning our new princess, other awards will be handed out pageant night including Miss Congeniality, Miss Photogenic, Best Essay, as well as First and Second Alternate.

The twelve contestants are:

- Alanta Anderson is the 16-year-old daughter of Craig and Daphne Anderson and is a member of the Conehatta community. Alanta will be a junior at Choctaw Central High School this fall. She is sponsored by the Conehatta Development Club.
- Kambree Chanae Chickaway is the 19-year-old daughter of LaShannon Ferris and Karady Chickaway and is a member of the Conehatta community. Kambree attends East Central Community College where she will be a sophomore. She is sponsored by the Non-Gaming Properties of Pearl River Resort.
- Kassie Lann Cox is the 18-year-old daughter of Warren and Chassidy Wilson and Daniel and Renee Cox and is a member of the Red Water community. This fall, Kassie will be a freshman at Mississippi College. She is sponsored by Choctaw Tribal Schools.
- Jasmine Hickman is the 18-year-old daughter of Joanne Hickman and the late Charlie Hickman and is a member of the Bogue Chitto community. Jasmine will attend Mississippi State University this fall. She is sponsored by the Bogue Chitto Development Club.
- Breanna Layne Isaac is the 18-year-old daughter of Rebecca Steve and the late Bert Isaac and is a member of the Pearl River community. This fall Breanna will be a freshman at Mississippi State University. She is sponsored by the Jackson & Mattie Isaac Family.
- Tiara Joe is the 18-year-old daughter of Adam and Patricia Joe and is a member of the Pearl River community. This fall Tiara will be attending East Central Community College. She is sponsored by the Pearl River Development Club.
- Autumn Diane McMillan is the 17-year-old daughter of Deanna McMillan and Fabien Tubby and is a member of the Tucker community. She will be a freshman this fall at Mississippi State University. Autumn is sponsored by the Youth Opportunity Program.
- Jayasri Mitch is the 16-year-old daughter of Ray and Alvina Mitch and is a member of the Standing Pine Community. Jayasri will be a junior at Choctaw Central High School this fall. She is sponsored by the Standing Pine Development Club.

- Ga'Yu'Eze Morris is the 17-year-old daughter of Jackie and Renata Morris and is a member of the Bogue Chitto community. This fall she will be a senior at Choctaw Central High School. She is sponsored by the Bogue Chitto Stickball Team.
- Emily Scobee is the 17-year-old daughter of Wanda Wilson and Gregory Scobee and is a member of the Red Water community. Emily will be a senior this fall at Madison Central High School. She is sponsored by the Choctaw Health Center Employees Association.
- Bethany Willis is the 18-year-old daughter of Martha Henry and John Willis, Jr. and is a member of the Pearl River community. Bethany will be attending East Central Community College in the fall. She is sponsored by the Smith John Justice Complex.
- Searra Wilson is the 17-year-old daughter of Lucretia King and Vincent Wilson and is a member of the Pearl River community. Searra will be a senior at Choctaw Central High School this fall. She is sponsored by the Gaming Properties of Pearl River Resort.

One of these twelve lovely ladies will be crowned by 2015-2016 Choctaw Indian Princess Emily LeAnn Shoemake. Throughout her year-long reign, the new Princess will serve as a goodwill ambassador of the Tribe.

To learn more about the 67th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair, visit www.choctawindianfair.com, like us on Facebook at Choctaw Indian Fair or call the fair hotline at 601-650-7450.

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