

### Pi-Ume-Sha Court candidate Eva Katchia

Hello!

My name is Eva Katchia. My Indian name is Li-pat-qu, (wife of Tipso (Treaty Signer)); I am running for Miss Pi-ume-sha 2012/2013.

I am selling raffle tickets. I will be around the community asking for your support.

My family is: father, Gary Katchia Sr., mother Lavonne Boise, my grandfather is Lyle Katchia, grandmother's aut-wy Marilyn Meanus, Catherine Katchia, Laura Kelly.

Great grandmothers are Millie Colwash, aut-wy Prosanna Williams, Bernice Mitchell and Verbena Greene, Hilda Culpus and Jeannette Yazzie. My great-grandfathers are aut-wy Marvin Meanus and Cy Katchia. My other grandmas are: Louise Katchia, Annie Meanus, Lavina Colwash, OE Colwash. My other family is Betty George and James Katchia Sr., Sharon and Rayann Katchia.

This is the Forty-Third Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days—Please support this event. Neigh Pacwai,

Eva Katchia, Li-Pat-qu.



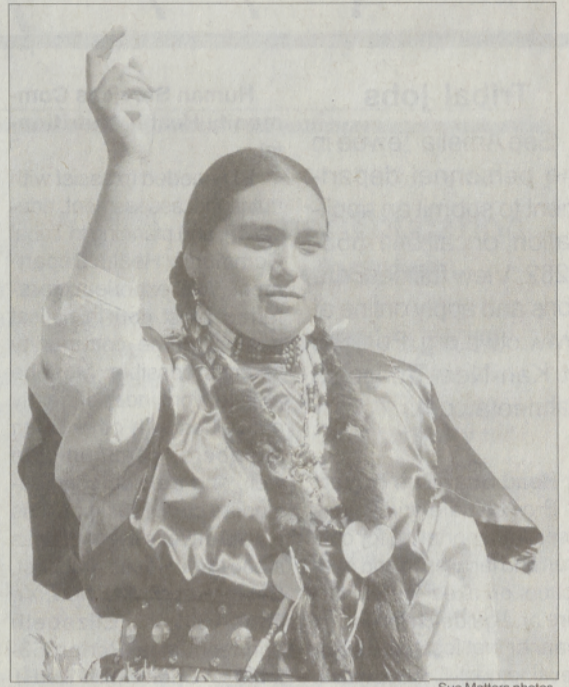
Pi-Ume-Sha Court Candidate Eva Katchia, Li-pat-qu.

### MHS graduation

Madras High School graduation was this past Saturday. Ceremonies included the Lord's Prayer performed by Tasheena George (right).

From Warm Springs about 32 students were part of the MHS Class of 2012.

The Warm Springs Graduation Banquet is Tuesday evening, June 19 at the Agency Longhouse.



Sue Matters photos.



## More News from Indian Country

### Choctaw tribe signs deal for new hospital

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. (AP) – A new \$55 million Choctaw Indian hospital is projected to open on the Pearl River Reservation in 2014.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians signed an agreement in May with the federal Indian Health Services.

The Choctaws was one of only seven tribes approved for the program by the Indian Health Services.

Under the program, the

Choctaws will build and equip the state-of-the-art health facility using IHS space and staffing metrics while the IHS will provide staffing and operational funding for 20 years.

The new facility will be approximately 161,000 square feet, two and half times the size of the current hospital.

The campus will have 20 acute care beds, expanded primary care, inpatient, outpatient, ambulatory, dental,

diagnostic and treatment facilities as well as behavioral health and community and public health services.

“Our current facility is outdated and very space constrained,” Chief Phyliss Anderson said. “Clearly there is a great need on the Reservation for better health care solutions.”

The current Choctaw Health Center was built in 1976 for a Tribal population of 4,000. Today the current 58,000 square foot facility

serves a population of more than 10,000 tribal members.

“With this new facility we will provide enhanced health care for our elders as well as preventative care and health education for our young children,” Anderson said.

The tribe also plans to renovate the current hospital to include pediatric services.

Separately, Neshoba County is building a new \$19 million hospital which is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2013.

### Casino proposal ignites turf wars with state, other tribes

AKELA FLATS, N.M. (AP) – The Fort Sill Apache Tribe has crossed another hurdle in its ongoing attempt to build a casino on its new reservation.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs recently sent a letter to the governor and other officials in New Mexico saying it has determined the tribe's reservation east of Deming is eligible for gaming, and it has begun the process of reviewing the tribe's request to build a casino on the

30-acre tract along Interstate 10.

But as the tribe moves forward with its plans, it has reignited old turf wars with the state over its true intent and with other tribes concerned about competition for gamblers.

Tribal Chairman Jeff Haozous says the tribe, currently based in southwest Oklahoma, needs the casino to get income to buy more land to help its members return to its homelands.

### Tribal council supports 2 tribes water rights

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) – The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes has passed a resolution supporting the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations in their dispute with the state of Oklahoma over water.

The two tribes filed a federal lawsuit against the state in August, seeking to maintain control of the water in

southeastern Oklahoma. The lawsuit, which seeks to bar the state and Oklahoma City from transporting water from the region, is on hold while the two sides work with a court-appointed mediator. A report on mediation efforts is due by July 20.

Fallin's office and an attorney for the tribes say they are prohibited from discussing

the mediation talks because of confidentiality provisions of the court's mediation order.

The Inter-Tribal Council approved the resolution during a meeting last Friday in Norman. “The Choctaw and Chickasaw nations do believe that it is our water,” said Choctaw Nation Assistant

Chief Gary Batton.

“We do believe those are our rights to that water.

“If people try to take things from our tribal members, we'll turn that (peace pipe) over and we're ready to fight at a moment's notice,” he said. “And that's what we're having to do right now with the state of Oklahoma.”

### Gray wolves trapped on Colville rez

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) – Two gray wolves were trapped on the Colville Reservation this week and outfitted with tracking collars.

The wolves were the first captured on the Northeast Washington reservation in more than 100 years.

The tracking collars will

help the tribe's biologists monitor the movements of the wolves, a 68-pound female and a 71-pound male. Both are about 14 months old.

Tribal official believe between three and four adult wolves inhabit the San Poil watershed.

### Man identified as victim in recent death

The victim in an apparent beating death in near the reservation has been identified as 48-year-old Dennis Michael Jones of Seattle.

The Jefferson County sheriff's office says two Warm Springs men were jailed in connection with the death, 31-year-old James Ryan Johnson and 23-year-old Steven Neal Anderson.

Jones' body was found May 30 in an abandoned railroad tunnel near a popular Deschutes River fishing spot just south of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Sheriff Jim Adkins says the victim knew at least one of the suspects and alcohol appears to have

been involved.

During a court hearing last week, both suspects appeared in court via camera in Jefferson County for a status hearing before Judge Annette Hillman. They requested and were granted court-appointed attorneys.

Families of both of the accused were present. Both of the accused appeared in a previous arraignment on Friday, June 1.

An autopsy was performed last week on the deceased, who was described as a transient from the Seattle area.

“We want people to know that the deceased was not just some random fisherman down the river,” Jeannie Brisbois said following the status hearing. “The details

are going to come out.”

“There is a lot more to this case,” Ina Anderson said. “The deceased was actually seen previously in the clinic at Warm Springs. People saw [him] following Steven around the community. The way the media makes it sound, people think that he was picked out and attacked or robbed.”

“There's a lot of information that people just don't know yet,” Anderson's father said. “There are things that the attorney is going to have to know, and it's going to be hard to talk about these things, as a father.”

(Note: The AP contributed to this article.)

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