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EOC TECH STUDENTS EXERCISE CITIZENSHIP

(CHOCTAW, Oklahoma) Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center students perform community service in Choctaw in honor of Constitution and Citizenship Day, September 17. Forty-eight students worked at the Veteran's Memorial, 23rd and Choctaw Road. Still under construction, the morning students prepared the grounds for sod and the afternoon students laid the sod in specified areas.

Prior to starting the service project, Mark Seibold, Choctaw City Planner and architect of the memorial gave a brief history of the project as well as the symbolism in the architecture. "This is a place to honor those who have served our country in war and peace, at home and abroad, in and out of uniform."

David Howe, a veteran himself and fundraising chairman of the project, was delighted to have the students assist with the efforts of the veterans. "This is wonderful! Their work is beneficial to the memorial and hopefully the experience will give the students some ownership in the project."

Every September 17th (unless it falls on a weekend or other holiday) Constitution and Citizenship Day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. This is one of the newest federal holidays to be established by Congress, as it was passed in just 2004. Citizenship Day was the name given to the holiday prior to its official designation.

Today we consider Constitution Day as a birthday for our country and it serves as a means for American citizens to express their pride in their citizenship. Constitution and Citizenship Day also

designates a time to honor the Constitution of America and learn more about the famous piece of legislation.

The approximate cost of the memorial is \$438,000.00. Monies are continuing to be solicited for individual, civic and corporate sponsorships, as well as in-kind donations of labor and remaining materials. If you would like to make a contribution to the Veteran's Memorial contact Choctaw City Hall at (405) 390-8198.

For more information on student activities and available courses at Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center, call (405) 390-9591 or visit our website, www.eoctech.org.



EOC Tech Electrical students, Zac Mac of Harrah looks on as Robert Childs of Choctaw levels dirt in preparation for the sod which will be put in place by a second group of EOC Tech students in honor of Constitution and Citizenship Day, Sept. 17.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Dorothy O'Boyle, EOC Tech.