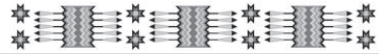




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Ada, Oklahoma

Pharmacy refill center to rise as part of Health System



CHICKASAW NATION
PHARMACY REFILL BUILDING
Ada, Oklahoma



This artist's rendering depicts the new pharmacy refill center. The center, adjacent to Carl Albert Hospital in Ada, is set for October completion.

New CNHS Health Facility okayed

ADA, Okla. - The budget for construction of a new Chickasaw Nation health facility in Ada was unanimously approved by the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature Jan. 20.

A new, 370,000-square-foot facility will almost triple the size of the current Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. A budget of \$135 million was approved.

"This new state-of-the-art facility will enable us to continue improving the level of health services for years to come," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the legislators who have worked alongside us.

We also appreciate the health service personnel and development staff who have helped develop these plans, which will dramatically increase the scope of health services available to Indian people in southern Oklahoma."

Current plans include a two-story, 70-bed hospital, a level 3 emergency department, an ambulatory care facility, a pharmacy refill center, a diagnostic imaging center and a women's health pavilion, all located on a single campus.

The proposed site for the facility allows easy access to the campus from State Highway 3.

After evaluating the positive and negative aspects of expanding the current facility, Chickasaw Nation Health System officials made the decision to build a new, state-of-the-art health care facility.

A study commissioned to compare costs showed almost identical expense for constructing a new facility compared to enlarging and remodeling the current Carl Albert. Constructing a new facility at a new location was determined to provide several advantages.

First, building a new facility will allow patient care at Carl Albert Hospital to proceed without interruption.

Second, constructing a new facility can be accomplished in considerably less time than expanding the current facility.

Finally, a new state-of-the-art facility should provide long term savings in maintenance, utility and operation costs.

Construction of the facility is expected to be completed in approximately three years.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

ADA, Okla. - Ground breaking ceremonies for the Chickasaw Nation Health System Pharmacy Refill Center were conducted Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Construction of the new facility will begin soon at the west end of State Street, directly south of Carl Albert Indian Hospital, 1001 N. Country Club Rd.

"Three drive-through lanes and state-of-the-art automation at this new facility will enable us to provide highly effective, efficient prescription service for all health system patients," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

A staff of 16 pharmacists and 16 pharmacy technicians at

the 11,000-square-foot facility are expected to fill more than 550,000 prescriptions annually.

The facility will provide all pharmaceutical services from Carl Albert Indian Hospital, as well as refill prescription service for all five CNHS satellite clinics.

In addition to the pharmacy services, the facility will also include patient counseling services, an anticoagulation clinic and a lipid management clinic.

Construction is to begin in February. The refill center should be completed by October.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Carl Albert's first baby of 2006



Paula, Andy and two-year-old Zane Pannell, of Sulphur, Okla., hold their newborn son and brother, Halen Sixx Pannell, the first baby born in 2006 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. Halen, born January 3, weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth. The Pannells were presented a car seat, diapers, formula and many other helpful items from Carl Albert officials as a gift for being the first birth of the new year.

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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
ADDITIONAL REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
December 1, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Scott Colbert

Members absent: Tim Colbert, Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms; Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guest present: Jeannie Copeland

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

No invocation was given.

Consideration of a Motion to Adopt a Shortened Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Sperry to adopt a shortened agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve a shortened agenda carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) **LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 23-010, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Lebanon, Marshall County, Oklahoma, containing 176 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The real property identified in this resolution contains buildings which once comprised Burney Institute, a Chickasaw girls academy. This resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the most reasonable acquisition price and purchase the tract of land described herein. It also authorizes the Governor to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-010. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Mr. Seawright stated he was in support of the historical value in the purchase for the property but had reservations about the discrepancy of the price. He suggested that security be provided after the property was purchased.

Dr. Goforth Parker noted the appraisal price was based on the building and property, not on historical value.

Ms. Green advised to place the Burney Institute on the National Register as soon as possible.

Mrs. Alexander requested after the property was purchased that the purchase price be disclosed to the Legislature.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-010 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
December 16, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Member absent:

Dean McManus

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms; Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Paula Woods, Geraldine Greenwood, Bill Simmons, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Tom Bolitho, Tony Choate, Sharon Nelson, Monica Fulsom, Ron Frazier, Jessie Kemp

AGENDA ITEM #3

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4

READING OF MINUTES - November 18, 2005

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to approve the November 18, 2005. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2005 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Steve Woods

No report.

(B) **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number GR23-027, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

The Chickasaw Nation leases office space to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The building that the Nation is currently leasing to them is too small for their needs and the available parking is insufficient. The original concept was to provide an office building that would address these two issues. During early development of this concept, it became apparent that economic constraints imposed by certain Federal regulations were threatening the viability of the project. At the same time other needs were identified of office space for other government and government related services. A decision was made to pursue this idea and develop plans for a facility that is now known as the Government Services Building.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$1,673,430 for the construction of a new Government Services Building and \$241,125 for the construction of a new craft room at the Tishomingo Senior Site.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to approve GR23-027. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-027 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(C) **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Dean McManus

Ms. Briggs gave the Human Resources Committee report in the absence of Ms. McManus.

See Minutes, page 33

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New clothing grants program helps our youngest Chickasaws

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

It has been written that one of the best ways to judge any civilization is to observe how it treats its children. Communities that pay little attention to the proper upbringing and nurturing of children suffer and most often disappear. Conversely, people who treasure their children and value how they are trained are most often rewarded with bountiful crops of young who grow up to become productive, caring members of society.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we have for many, many generations placed a very high value on our children. Our children are everything to us, and our tribal focus on their well-being has served all Chickasaws well. The historic strength of Chickasaw families, and their commitment to their children, has in many ways provided the bedrock of

our tribe's survival through the dark periods of the 19th and 20th Centuries. Our strong sense of family, and our commitment to our children, helped keep us together.

In our modern society, our Chickasaw children now may live far from the place that has been our home since 1838. The advances of technology, transportation and communication have now placed Chickasaw families across the country and the world.

But we retain our commitment to Chickasaw children. Each is a unique and special person, placed with us by providence and history. As a tribal government, we have a responsibility to each Chickasaw child to help provide for his or her essential needs, and to help as much as practically possible in building a positive future for all our children.

You know that the Chickasaw Nation has consistently sup-



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

ported and funded, to the fullest extent possible, the proper education of our children. Through good education, we believe, our children can understand and appreciate their tribe and the world, and can achieve real success in their lives as modern Chickasaws.

We fund grants and scholarships for Chickasaw students. We assist Chickasaws who want to attend college, graduate school or engage vocational

training. We provide internships so Chickasaws can gain valuable experience in their chosen careers. We help with books and tuition and, through a myriad of other programs, with all things essential for a positive learning environment.

Now, your tribal government will fund essential assistance to our youngest Chickasaw students. I have recently signed General Resolution 23-033. This resolution authorizes the funding of clothing grants in the amount of \$200 per child for Chickasaw students ages three to 18. Total funding for the program is approximately \$1.6 million and is open to eligible Chickasaw students no matter where they live.

There has been much done in the past decade to improve the prospects of Chickasaws

who advance to post-secondary institutions of higher learning. It is time, I believe, for us to bring this clothing grants program to Chickasaw families and children who need it most.

For young Chickasaw students, these grants can make a huge and positive difference. We may sometimes forget that the most important needs are often the most basic. School clothes represent one of those basic needs.

We will continue to advocate for our Chickasaw children, and we will work to develop programs that serve them well and fully. This clothing grant program is a good start. We plan on more programs that make a difference in our children's lives. We treasure our children and we will always seek the best for them.



Chickasaw administrator Woods is conferee

National aging conference targets prescription program

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Pat Woods of Sulphur, Okla. participated in the White House Conference on Aging Dec. 11 to 14 in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Woods, administrator of the Division of Program Operations at the Chickasaw Nation, was appointed a delegate by Fourth District Congressman Tom Cole, (R-Okla.) to attend at the recommendation of Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"Reauthorizing the Older Americans Act was the number one resolution that came about at the conference," said Mrs. Woods, who joined approximately 1,200 delegates from across the United States to vote on up to 50 resolutions that they believe are the most important for current and future generations of seniors.

For nearly two years, the council sought input from a wide variety of stakeholders to develop the overarching agenda and plan for the event. Emerging issues were identified and refined through public input received from approximately 400 events involving 130,000 people from across the nation.

"Although all of the resolutions that were voted on were put together before the conference, they did address many of the problems and services needed for our elders," said Mrs. Woods.

Conducted every 10 years, the conferences are designed to make recommendations to the president and Congress on national aging policies for the future.

Other issues addressed by delegates at the conference included the new prescription drug plan and funding for Native American programs.

"The delegates voted overwhelmingly to return the prescription drug program to government control, instead of having private sector providers," said Mrs. Woods. "Of course, more funding was requested for the Indian caregivers program as well as funding for elder abuse."

The council had a legislative mandate to focus on the aging of today and tomorrow including 78 million baby boomers who began turning 60 in January 2006.

"Planning for the aging of the

baby boomers will need to be addressed by the Administration on Aging very soon and need to be included in appropriations," said Mrs. Woods.

In convening the 2005 council, policy committee chairman Dorcas R. Hardy encouraged the delegates to "envision the future" as they worked on how the resolutions they selected might be put into action.

"I was very impressed with the multitude of people from all states, professions and backgrounds who had come together to express their ideas and con-

cerns for the elders of our nation" said Mrs. Woods. "Most of them were very interested in having their input heard."

"My experience in working in the aging field for the Chickasaw Nation and being an elder myself, gave me the insight to comment on the many concerns discussed."

By statute, the final report from the conference will be presented to the president and Congress by June, 2006.

"I look forward to reviewing the final report from the White House Conference on Aging as



Pat Woods

it is supposed to set the priorities for our nation over the next 10 years," said Mrs. Woods.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Tribe approves six-acre purchase in Duncan; senior site planned

DUNCAN, Okla. - Approval of the purchase of approximately six acres of land for the construction of a senior nutrition site in Duncan was recently approved.

Construction of the facility will fulfill plans announced by Chickasaw Nation Governor

Bill Anoatubby during a July 20, 2004 community dinner in Duncan.

"We are pleased to announce

we are on our way towards establishing a new senior site to meet the needs of Chickasaw citizens living in the Duncan or Marlow area," said Gov. Anoatubby after plans to purchase the property were approved.

"We appreciate the support and work of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, especially legislator Wanda Scott, who has been a strong advocate for our senior program in the Duncan/

Marlow area," he said.

Current plans call for construction of a senior nutrition site which will include a kitchen, dining room, activity area and administrative offices. Facility design is under way.

The six-acre plot is located at 1909 Plato Rd.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

New hospital will be the best in the United States



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and

Chairman of the Health Care Committee! We are so happy to report that the Legislature voted to build a new hospital! We understand that if the Nation builds the facility, then the Nation is eligible to receive funds from the Indian Health Service for equipment and staffing. The new hospital will employ approximately 800 people. We already own property on Stonecipher Boulevard just south of Ada that might be the location for the new hospital. The facility is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2007.

Kudos to the oversight committee, Neal McCaleb, Wayne Scribner, Bill Lance and Wes Brantley. Mr. McCaleb is the committee chair. The committee

is developing the plans which will be submitted for legislative approval. We expect the new Indian health facility to be the best in the United States! The project will be a government-to-government partnership between the Chickasaw Nation and the United States and will be a model that can be followed by other Indian nations.

Kudos also to the Chickasaw honor students at East Central University who graduate this year. At commencement next May, those students will be honored with a sash and pendant. This is the first year for such honors.

Wellness Centers are being planned for Sulphur and Tishomingo. The locations of

the Wellness Centers have not yet been named.

The Legislature also passed a resolution authorizing clothing grants for grade school through high school students. I have been asking for such a program for some time now and am very glad that it is coming about. A clothing grant of \$200 will be issued to Chickasaw school children ages 3 to 18, regardless of where they live, for each school year. The program is expected to cost about one and a half million dollars - money earned through the effort of Chickasaw Enterprises. Stay tuned here and on www.chickasaw.net for instructions on applying for the program.

The Chickasaw Census

helped the program come into being. See what good things can happen when you stand up to be counted?

Well, that is a lot of good news for this month. I will publish a report from the Health System again next month. Meanwhile, may God bless each of you readers and the Chickasaw Nation.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Historic Burney Institute acquired; new senior site set for Duncan



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!
“Busy” is synonym for “Legislator!” We have been BUSY! And it is an exciting time we are experiencing.

Of interest to Chickasaws everywhere is the acquisition of the historical Burney Institute. Many of us had ancestors who attended school there. My maternal grandmother Minnie Keel Liddell, who was an original enrollee and a full-blood Chickasaw, did so and thoughts of those who had been there were strong when we visited the site recently.

Also, FINALLY, we have acquired property to build a facility for our citizens in the Duncan/Marlow area. This acquisition was a long time in coming. On the way to its realization we

looked at many pieces of property before settling on the one chosen. Now we are anxious for the building!

Last Legislative Session was one of historical significance: By a unanimous vote the decision to build a new state-of-the-art hospital was made. The land where it will be located is already owned by our Tribe and it is a beautiful piece of rolling hills property. Much work by many people in our system was done prior to this decision to go forward.

The entire Legislature will be in attendance at the Listening Conference to be held in February in Oklahoma City. More than 400 people have already made reservations to be there and we look forward to meeting with them as we hear the thoughts and wishes of our citizens who live outside the boundaries of our Nation.

On Saturday, the 21st of January, I attended the final farewell to one of our noted elders, Opal Evans. She was the ultimate Chickasaw. Ninety-two years of wisdom left us in the most moving tribute to one of our own I think I have ever witnessed. The farewell was a beautiful celebration of a life well lived. It was held outdoors and the weather was crisp and clear. The music was familiar hymns

sung in Chickasaw and just before the service was over a lone eagle made large sweeping circles down toward the committal shelter and then suddenly changed course and flew straight and directly toward the sun. That happening caused those of us present to collectively hold

our breath, it seemed. And the most fitting of all tributes to this beautiful, brilliant lady was the ending of the farewell service being the unparalleled flute music played by Chickasaw Master Flute Tim Harjo. He is so gifted and hearing his music brought close the sense of all those who

have gone before.

We have been so dry here in the Chickasaw Nation with many devastating grass fires. Finally we have a bit of rain for which we are exceedingly thankful. I wish for all of you good weather and good fortune.

Linda Briggs

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

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Advance of our health system a tribute to Chickasaw will



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings. As you know by now, the Chickasaw Legislature has voted unanimously in favor of a new hospital facility. Needless to say, I am elated. As a member of the great family we call the

health care team, I would like to reflect on our past as a Nation. I attended the grand opening of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility when it opened more than 20 years ago. My father, Bill F. Goforth, was one of the first employees at Carl Albert. We used to visit Carl Albert during what I fondly call the hard hat days when the Family Prac-



Robert and Sanford Goforth

tice Clinic was a warehouse in the making, and you had to wear a government issued hard hat in order to enter the building. My father still works at Carl Albert, though in a different capacity. He is a member of our volunteer workforce.

In 1984, I was employed at Carl Albert as the Patient Educator, and we began a health care interdisciplinary group to address the problem of diabetes. Some of the same employees who started that work group are still employed for us in what is now called the Chickasaw Nation Health System. I am really proud to know that even during that early part of our history with diabetes, we recognized the problem and started trying to plan interventions to help combat the disease. Isn't it wonderful to know that we now have a diabetic team that is focused only on diabetes, and that we have a beautiful facility to help meet the needs of our diabetic patients? Not only that, we also are actively initiating lifestyle changes that are known to prevent diabetes.

After being sworn in as a Legislator in 1994, my first official duty was to attend the ceremony where the keys of the facility were ceremonially handed from Indian Health Service to Governor Anoatubby. It is hard to believe that we have been directing our own health care facility for almost 12 years. The changes that have been implemented include the diabetic center, family practice clinic, expanded eye clinic, numerous clinics and many other additions. Even today, we are attending a ground breaking ceremony for the new Pharmacy Refill Center.

We are broadening our services to include more primary and secondary prevention. Primary prevention is just as it sounds - keeping a disease from occurring. Secondary prevention is screening and early case finding. It used to be that a patient might first be diagnosed with diabetes when he lost his eyesight. Now, our early screening and case finding make that sort of event a rarity. It should not happen now. I am excited to be a part of the Chickasaw Nation, and I am hopeful for what we can



Dedication ceremonies in 1994 when the tribe assumed authority for Indian health care in its local service unit.

do in the future as we look for new ways to help those who live outside of the geographic boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

We will keep you informed of the activities that are going on as we look to the future and continue to plan for you a healthy future. Plan on visiting the health care facilities when you attend the Annual Festival this Fall. It will be a visit you will not

soon forget, and also something that you can be proud of. Also, visit the web page at <http://www.chickasaw.net>. Under services, scroll down to Health and the peruse the variety health care services provided.

You have a great day and health year. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Committee Reports

Education Committee
Jan. 9, 2006

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Scott Colbert

Jan. 17, 2006

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Scott Colbert

Election Rules & Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Jan. 9, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert

Finance Committee

Jan. 9, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Jan. 17, 2006

Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Linda Briggs

Health Committee

Jan. 9, 2006

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert

Human Resources Committee

Jan. 9, 2006

Present: Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Scott Colbert

Absent: Dean McManus

Land Development Committee

Jan. 9, 2006

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee

Jan. 9, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Dean McManus

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

Jan. 9, 2006

Present: Wilson Seawright, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert

Clothing grants great for Chickasaw kids everywhere



Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the passage of a general resolution by the legislature which provides for much needed school clothing for young Chickasaw students.

During our regular January session, as education committee chairman, I brought before the legislature general resolution 23-033. This resolution was passed on a unanimous vote and is signed by Governor Anoatubby.

With the passage of this resolution, our Chickasaw students ages three to 18 may now apply for clothing grants totaling \$200 each. This is a wonderful new

program for our children. These funds will go toward school clothes that many students would not otherwise have.

Total funding for this program is \$1.6 million, which will provide clothes for thousands of kids. Another great benefit of this program is that it is open to Chickasaw students regardless of where they live. They may live in California, Texas, Oklahoma, or any other state or locality. As long as they have a Chickasaw citizenship card, or a Chickasaw citizenship certificate (for kids under 12), and are in school, they are eligible.

This program will be administered through the Division of Youth and Family Services.

Children will receive a Visa card with \$200 limit to spend on school clothes. For a number of years we have provided clothing grants to post-secondary students. Now, for the first time, we are reaching out to families and younger children who also have real needs.

We anticipate a great response to this new program. And it will be gratifying to know Chickasaw children will all be going back to school with a basic necessity.

January 2005 Resolutions

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

General Resolution Number 23-029

Tribute to Legislator Mitch Sperry

Explanation: This resolution recognizes and acknowledges with great appreciation and admiration the loyalty and dedication of our colleague Legislator Mitch Sperry for the enrichment and betterment of Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw citizens and Indian people.

Requested By: Scott Colbert, Chairperson Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Presented By: Steve Woods, Chairman Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

General Resolution Number 23-030

Declaration of Vacancy and Request for Special Election

Explanation: This resolution declares that a vacancy exists on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature and that the vacancy creates an emergency. Further, this resolution requests the Governor call a special election to fill such vacancy and sets the schedule for the special election and any run-off election.

Requested By: Steve Woods, Chairman Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Steve Woods, Chairman Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

General Resolution Number 23-031

Resolution in Support of the Special Diabetes Prevention Program

Explanation: This resolution pledges the support of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature for the Special Diabetes Prevention Program. It states a request for all Chickasaw citizens and other American Indians living within the Chickasaw Nation and the service area of the Chickasaw Nation Health System to volunteer and be a participant in the Program. Further, this resolution asks all leaders within the Chickasaw Nation to take an active role in educating all people, and that they demonstrate a healthy lifestyle by becoming active and moving forward to put all people in motion in all communities throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

Requested By: Judy Goforth Parker, Legislator

Presented By: Mary Jo Green, Chairman Health Care Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

General Resolution Number 23-032

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the CNHS Master Plan, Project Number CNHS-1001, in the amount of \$135,000,000. Exhibit A provides the development projects, with documentation to be provided to the Legislature during committee meetings.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Linda Briggs, Chairperson Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

General Resolution Number - GR23-033

Authorization to Fund a Clothing Grant Program within the Department of Youth Services

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the use of tribal funds for the establishment of a clothing grant program for all Chickasaw children ages 3 through 18. Direct services in the amount of \$1,480,000 will provide \$200 per child per school year and \$120,904 will go toward the operation of this program within the Department of Youth Services.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Chairman Educa-

tion Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

General Resolution Number 23-034

Budget Modification for the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Explanation: This resolution approves the modification to the current fiscal year budget of the Chickasaw Nation Elec-

tion Commission as submitted by Governor Bill Anoatubby. It increases the budget of the commission by \$21,767 to pay the costs of a special election to fill a vacancy in the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature. The vacancy creates an emergency.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Linda Briggs, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert.

Open auditions Feb. 25 for world premiere of 'Te Ata'



MIDWEST CITY, Okla. - Open auditions for "Te Ata" will begin 9 a.m. Feb. 25, 2006 at the H.B Atkinson Theatre on the campus of Rose State College, Midwest City, Okla.

"Te Ata," by Chickasaw Playwright JudyLee Oliva, is a full-length play with music based on the real life story of Te Ata Fisher, a celebrated Chickasaw actress from Oklahoma.

Te Ata performed a one-person show of Indian folklore for more than 70 years, including performances at the White House as a guest of President Franklin Roosevelt and first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Te Ata also performed for the King and Queen of England.

Actors, singers and dancers are needed to fill 13 roles for the world premiere of the play scheduled August 5-13, 2006 at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha.

"Te Ata was a remarkable Chickasaw actress and her story, told on stage through words,

songs and dance is a spiritual journey," wrote Ms. Oliva in an open letter. "The play has been 13 years in the making, from my initial research, to meeting Te Ata and her family, to recording the music in Tucson, to working it at OU and at Te Ata's alma mater, USAO, to an Off Broadway reading in New York, and at long last, to premiering it on the very stage where Te Ata learned her craft."

Actors are asked to prepare a one-minute monologue and 16 bars of a song. An accompanist will be provided.

While auditions are open, Ms. Oliva has said that she wants to cast as many Oklahomans as possible. She anticipates taking the play on the road to venues across the state as a precursor to Oklahoma's Centennial celebration.

As part of the world premiere, the auditorium at USAO will be re-named "The Te Ata Memorial



JudyLee Oliva

Auditorium."

Original compositions and musical arrangements for the play are by Tucson composer Jay Vosk.

For more information, visit www.TeAtaWorldPremiere.com.

"CHIKASHSHA ANOMPOLI ALHLIA ITTIFAMA"

Gathering of the Chickasaw Speakers

Marie Bailey Building

1200 Jack John Circle, Ada, OK

Friday, Feb. 10, 2006; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All Chickasaw Speakers are invited to attend.

For more information, call the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center, (580) 332-8478.

Pauls Valley senior site a great place to make a difference

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. - Good food and good fellowship. What more does anyone need?

Not much, according to members of the Pauls Valley Chickasaw Nation Senior Site. But the craft classes, card games, computer lab, reading lounge, cooking classes, dominoes matches and road trips aren't bad either.

Pauls Valley elders don't have to spend much time looking to find something interesting to do at their senior site. Even if it's just to sit down and enjoy one of site cook Mary McGill's delicious lunches the seniors rave about.

"I come here because I like to talk to people," Steve Wade said, "but I like the food the most."

Mary's cooking may be what gets them in the door, but the fellowship and friendly faces are what keep them there.

Melvin and Betty Crabtree have been attending the senior site regularly since the new facility opened in October of 2004.

"The more you get involved," Betty said, "the more you like it."

The Crabtrees have made visiting the site a family affair. Betty's sister Lou Carlton and her brother Donell Somers are also both involved in the site activities. The siblings have taught a class on stained glass art and are currently working on craft projects to be used in fund raising events and at the annual senior Christmas bazaar. Some of Donell's art work is even on display at the senior site.

Steve Wade and fellow computer aficionado Jack Loyd are just two of the seniors who have taken advantage of the computer classes offered at the site. Site manager Sherri Sanders says many of the members enjoy the technology.

"We have seniors who will spend two, three or four hours in the computer lab every day," she said. "One of the guys is even in his eighties, but he'll be in the computer lab for hours."

Carol Reed is one of many seniors who also volunteers at the site. She helps out in the kitchen or wherever needed, and oversees fund raiser events the seniors conduct frequently to raise money for trips and special events.

The seniors plan to take a trip each year to visit a new and fun location. In 2005, the group traveled to San Antonio, Texas to see the famous River Walk and tour the Alamo.

Carol enjoys her time helping others at the site because "My father never got to reap any of the benefits made possible by our ancestors. Being able to take the trips and get together here at the site, we are all benefiting now."

Magdalene Montgomery is another senior who can be seen at the site every day. Even at 84, she volunteers in the kitchen and stays to finish cleaning dishes after every lunch, and she has been doing it since the first day the senior site opened.

"She comes in the morning and doesn't leave until she has the dishes washed," Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging Administrator Karen Cook said. "We don't know what we would do without her."

Co-treasurers Janet Smith and

Carolyn Claxton stay busy keeping up with funds raised by the seniors throughout the year.

"We get very good community support at our fund raisers," Janet said. "We have a good connection with the school and some people from the community will even show up early to our bake sales just so they can get their favorite baked good first."

"This is just a great place to be. We look out for each other here and call on each other if someone is out for a day or two. It gives us a reason to get up, get out and get going."

This is a sentiment reiterated by Betty Crabtree.

"The site gives us purpose and something to do," she said. "Otherwise, I would probably sleep late and form bad habits."

But there's no sleeping late for the Pauls Valley seniors. There's too much going on that they might miss, and plenty of friends who would miss them.

Maybe it's not the good food and good fellowship after all. Maybe it's just good people.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



After taking a computer class offered at the senior site, Jack Loyd enjoys spending time using his new skills in the computer lab.



Pauls Valley senior site members brag about the cooking and line up every day for a warm and tasty lunch.



Carol Reed and Ron McCurly relax in the lounge area reading next to a stained glass lamp handmade by fellow site member Donell Somers.

Hundreds scheduled to attend February listening conference

More than 450 Chickasaw citizens have registered to attend the Chickasaw Nation listening conference Feb. 12 through 14 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

"We are conducting this conference because we are in a position to begin offering services never before available to those living outside the Chickasaw Nation jurisdictional boundaries," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "As we begin this historic effort, it is very important that we hear from our citizens so we can work together to develop programs and services which will best meet their needs."

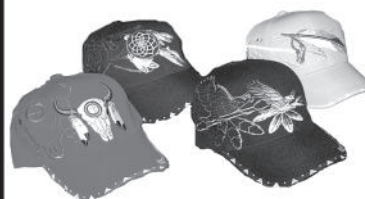
Tribal officials are conducting the conference to learn the ideas and priorities of tribal citizens concerning the expansion of programs and services including aging, housing, health care, education and more.

Those unable to attend the conference are being encouraged to submit their ideas by email at comments@chickasaw.net or by calling Stacy Edgar of Chenae Casady at (580) 421-7711.



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Achille senior site benefits from new parking, improvements

Members of the Achille Senior Site can now walk a little easier with the safety of a recently installed new parking area at their site location on Main Street in Achille, Oklahoma.

Once a parking lot made of dirt and gravel, it was difficult for some members to enter the building. However, through recent efforts made by the Chickasaw Nation, a paved parking lot, an overflow parking area, creek bed improvements and a newly constructed bridge with handrails have been completed to make the senior site accessible and safe for all.

"We want our seniors to stay active," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It is important that we make sure our elders are safe

and healthy so they can continue to be involved."

The construction not only benefits the seniors, but serves as a benefit to many others in the community as well. The overflow parking and creek bed improvements will help out the Achille Volunteer Fire Department which sits adjacent to the senior site. Drop off and pick up will be made easier for residents who participate in the Chickasaw Nation food distribution program which takes place at the senior site.

Site member Barbara Beshirs said that, with the completion of the construction, it allows room to have more functions like the chili and bean dinner the senior site hosted recently to benefit the

volunteer fire department.

"It's a big help," said site member Rastus Love. "It's a lot easier for everyone to walk on."

Future construction plans include landscaping, securing the site's storage building and placement of a new sign that will mark the location of the center.

Pictured at right, a few Achille senior site members stand in front of their center on their newly constructed parking area. Back row from left are, Gene Connelly, site manager Melba Love, Rastus Love and O.C. Beshirs. Front row from left are, Wanda Connelly, Pat Mosley and Barbara Beshirs.



Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Transfers to tribal government help fund programs, capital projects

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and governor's and Lt. governor's

offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending December 31, 2005

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$7.6 million for the month and \$21.7 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$2.8 million and \$6.7 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of \$41 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for November totaled \$45 million and \$136 million year-to-

date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$46.6 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$19.6 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2005

Revenues	\$	
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		21,243,884
Total funds available		21,715,520
Expenditures		
General government	1,368,167	
Legislature	321,641	
Judiciary	122,940	
Education	1,046,071	
Heritage Preservation	536,236	
Health	1,504,045	
Youth and Family Services	561,465	
Nutrition Programs	424,881	
Regulatory	323,218	
Assistance Programs	519,723	
Transfer to Loan Program	-	
Gaming expense		47,064,094
Other businesses' expense		48,274,509
Total expenditures	6,728,387	95,338,603
Increase in net assets	14,987,133	19,692,168
Beginning net assets	170,105,605	209,018,691
Ending net assets	\$	185,092,738

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2005

Cash and Investments	\$	48,508,527	99,367,809	147,876,336
Receivables		428,443	18,361,076	18,789,519
Inventory			4,215,342	4,215,342
Prepaid expenses			4,067,522	4,067,522
Other Assets			29,420,686	29,420,686
Fixed assets		136,465,262	137,283,462	273,748,724
Less payables		(309,494)	(64,005,037)	(64,314,531)
Net Assets	\$	185,092,738	228,710,859	413,803,597

Statement of Net Assets

At December 31, 2005, the tribal government funds had \$48 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$9.3 million is in the BIA Trust funds.

The businesses had \$99 million in cash and investments of which \$64 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$30 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new busi-

nesses.

As of December 30, 2005, tribe operations had assets totaling \$478 million with \$64 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$414 million compared to \$391 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 or an increase of \$23 million for the period then ended.

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Tribal arts official sees China-Chickasaw art, culture connection



**Chickasaw Nation
Arts in Education
manager**

Laura Morrison

The Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education Department has a vision – a vision to not only reach students across the Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma, but nationally and globally as well. It seemed a lofty goal until recently, when Arts in Education Manager Laura Morrison boarded a plane headed for Beijing, China.

Morrison crossed the ocean to join hundreds of other educators from the United States who were taking part in the People to People Ambassador Programs' U.S.-China Joint Education

Conference on December 5 – 7, 2005 in the heart of China's capital.

Morrison was one of 53 art education delegates invited to represent the U.S. on the educational and enlightening trip.

National Art Education Association (NAEA) President Susan Gabbard, who served as the U.S. Art Education Delegate Leader for People to People, was instrumental in securing an invitation for Morrison, who was the only delegate representing a tribe.

Close to Home

Morrison also had the honor of serving as a presenter at the conference. Her research on "Cultural Connection" showed how American Indians and Chinese used similar patterns, shapes and symbols in their ancient art.

"I had gone to a cultural workshop a year or two ago," Morrison stated, "and there was a Chinese presenter talking about the four directions and the different animals that would equate to those four directions, and I thought it sounded so much like our medicine wheel and our culture, and it really sparked my interest."

Morrison went on to research

the idea of how ancient art from the different cultures were so similarly linked. She found that not only the four directions and animals paralleled, but the seasons, colors, elements and virtues too.

Her presentation included pictorial examples of pottery, paintings and carvings that showed the correlation between the two cultures in design, picture writing, characters and many other art elements.

Site Seeing

Part of Morrison's travels included visiting elementary schools and art academies in Beijing. This gave her a chance to observe art students and their instructors as they worked on projects like pencil drawings, masks and paintings.

The group was also given time to tour some of Beijing's most iconic attractions including the Monument of the People's Heroes, Tian'anmen Square, the Great Hall of the People, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall.

"We drove for about 30 minutes by charter bus to get to the Great Wall," Morrison stated. "As we drove along, we were looking at the geography and how it changed as we came into the mountainous area. Then all the sudden we started seeing it in the distance, and I kind of got goose bumps just knowing what I was going to get to see."

Morrison said that walking through the Forbidden City was also a unique experience because of the details and intricacy that went into building the layers of the emperor's palace.

"The Forbidden City was very ornate," Morrison said. "The stone carvings were just amazing. It is a huge place and you could just walk in there for hours."

More to Come

Morrison said that the things she was able to see and experience in China truly reiterated the idea that there is a cultural connection in art. She said she also plans to continue researching the concept, as well as exploring the connections between American Indian and Chickasaw art with other cultures as well.

"There was a Chinese professor that came up after my presentation," Morrison added.



Laura Morrison stands atop an area of the Great Wall of China with National Art Education Association President Susan Gabbard. Miles of the wall can be seen crossing the landscape in the background.

"She asked if she could do some further work with me because she was going to be traveling to the U.S. I told her to definitely contact me.

"It was reaffirming to me that my research lined up with the

Chinese art delegates. I'm really excited that there is going to be more work done on the subject after this trip."

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Laura Morrison poses in front of the Forbidden City while wearing a traditional Chinese hat given to each of the delegates.

Chickasaw Language Classes Spring 2006

Beginning Chickasaw classes:

Sulphur : Sulphur Community Center
Tuesday, February 7, 6-9 p.m.

Ardmore: Ardmore Area Office, GED room,
Tuesday, February 21, 6-9 p.m.

Ada : Human Resource training room
Tuesday, February 7, 6-9 p.m.

Tishomingo: Community Center
Monday, February 27, 6-9 pm. GYM at community center

CONTINUING CLASSES: ADVANCED

Tentative: Ada, advanced only
Ada: Human Resource training room
Saturday, February 11, 9 a.m - noon

Tishomingo: Community Center
Monday, February 27, 6- 9 pm.

Purcell: Purcell Area Office
Monday, February 6, 6 – 9 p.m.

Each class is scheduled for a total of 10 weeks.

For information or to apply for classes, contact Terri Haney at (580) 332-8478.

Birthdays

Nukne (Nuk) Isknose Greenwood celebrated his fourth birthday November 9, 2005 with a Spiderman party at his G-ma Lou's house in Glenpool, Okla.

Family and friends wore Spiderman masks and were entertained by Nuk and his cousins smashing a candy-filled piñata. Everyone feasted on hamburgers, hot dogs and a birthday cake made of Spiderman cup cakes as he opened his gifts.

Special guests were his Granny Greenwood, Latta, Okla., aunt Carolyn and uncle Jess Mendoza, Oklahoma City, and friends Cloey and Jason.

Nuk is the son of Chiefy Greenwood, Tulsa, and the grandson of Lou Boston, Glenpool.

He is the great-grandson of Geraldine Greenwood, Latta, and the late Virgil Greenwood. He is the nephew of Robby Boston, Glenpool, and Mariah and David Adair, Tahlequah, Okla. His cousins are Piper, Nikiah and DJ Adair all of Tahlequah.

Nuk is Chickasaw-Seminole and was brought out to the powwow dance arena this past summer, by an elder of the Seminole tribe in a ceremony as a Chicken Dancer.



Nukne Greenwood with his Dad, Chiefy Greenwood.



Olivia Greenwood

Olivia Anne Greenwood, Chickasaw, celebrated her third birthday with family and friends Jan. 7, 2006 at her home in Blanchard, Okla.

Livy's party theme was Dora the Explorer. Some of her favorite things are playing on the trampoline, swinging on the swing set, her Dora toys and playing with her cats, Peanut Butter and Jelly. She attends Blanchard Day Care.

Livy is the daughter of Lynn Gray and Dewayne Greenwood and sister of Jackson Greenwood and Kyle Gray, all of Blanchard.

She is the granddaughter of Pat Mills, Socorro, N.M., Waylon Sampson, Aurora, Colo., Geraldine Greenwood, Latta, Okla., and the late Virgil J. Greenwood.



Caden Hart

Caden "Little Sippy" Hart, celebrated his first birthday Jan. 8, 2006. A fish fry and Scooby Doo cake was served at the Hart home place near Coatsworth, Okla., with many family and friends in attendance.

Caden is the Chickasaw son of J. Levi and Angela Hart and brother to Jazlyn, 3, of Ada, Okla.

He is the grandson of Gerald and Rita Hart, of Bromide, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of the late Sippy and Pearl Hart, and James and Greta Willis. His other great-grandmother, Geraldine (Hart) King of Bromide was a cherished family member to join the event.

Little Sip, your great-grandparents would be proud, just like we are!!



Sarah Shelton

Sarah Shelton celebrated her 17th birthday Jan. 27, 2006.

She is the daughter and step-daughter of LaDonna and Roger Bass, Ardmore, Okla.

She attends Ardmore High School, where she earns excellent grades and works part time.

It's wonderful to see your children grow up to have such fine beliefs and values.

Happy Birthday!
Mom and Dad



Daisy Hawley Blackbird

She was born in 1903 before Oklahoma became a state.

Her parents were Elizabeth (Lizzie) and Arthur E. Hawley.

She was born and raised on a farm about three miles south of Tupelo, Okla. She had six sisters and three brothers, all deceased except her younger sister, Wanda Montgomery.

She completed high school in Tupelo and attended Kansas City University. She taught school for several years. Later she worked at the State Capitol as a payroll clerk for the Supreme Court where she met and married her husband, William H. Blackbird, Supreme Court Judge. They were married 50 years before his death.

She has been awarded several honors, one honoring her 100th birthday from President Bush and another award from Governor Bill Anoatubby for being one of the few original enrollees in the Chickasaw Nation.

She is ¼ Chickasaw and resides in her home in Oklahoma City. She is very proud of her ancestry in the Chickasaw Nation.

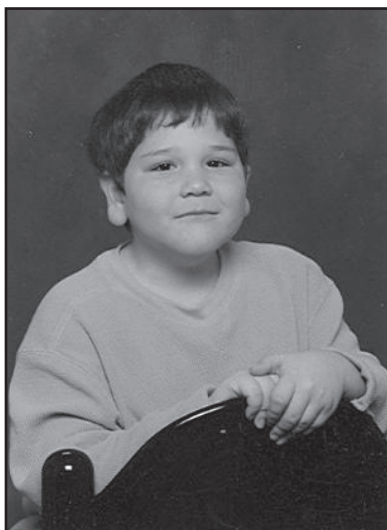
Daisy Hawley Blackbird celebrated her 103rd birthday Jan. 18, 2006.

She was born in Indian Territory in

C.L. (Bill) Harkins of Tishomingo, Okla., celebrated his 95th birthday on Dec. 23, 2005. He attended a party in honor of his birthday on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Lindsay, Okla., at the home of his daughter and son-in-law's, Sue and Don Sanders.

Many were there to congratulate and help him celebrate; niece and husband, Mary and Ed Childs; great-nephew and wife, Rick and Joyce Corn; friends, Mary Ellen and Bob Fox; his three grandchildren Mike, Brenda, Brooke and Savanna Sanders; and seven great-grandchildren, Greg, Kristi, Jesse, and Gage Sanders; and Donna, Tony, Dillon, Morgan, and Jason Wildman were there to help celebrate.

He has lived in Tishomingo since 1976. He is the grandson of former Governor Robert Harris. He is still active in gardening, mowing the yard, visiting with his daughter, grandchildren and their families. He likes to attend senior citizen activities. He and his wife, Evelyn, attend First Baptist Church of Tishomingo. His family loves him so very much and wishes him many more years and we're looking forward to a really Big celebration for his 100th birthday!!



Jordan Bass

Jordan Bass celebrated his 7th birthday Jan. 27, 2006.

He is the only son of Roger and LaDonna Bass, Ardmore, Okla., to carry the on the Bass name and heritage.

Jordan is a tried and true Chickasaw boy. He is a first grader at Lincoln Elementary. He was born 10 years to the day of his half-sister Sarah.

Happy Birthday!
Dad and Mom

Birthday



Tisha Cully

Tisha Michelle Cully celebrated her 19th birthday, Jan. 4, 2006.

She is the daughter of Tom and Barbara Gaines, Ada, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of William and Zella Gaines, Ada, and the late Esloney and Betty Cully.

Grandma Cully was proud of you the day you were born and would be today. She is looking over you forever and always.

Happy 19th Birthday Baby

Girl!

From your parents and grandparents

With Loving Thoughts of you, Daughter

To see you happy - laughing, dancing, smiling and content striving towards goals of your own, accomplishing what you set out to do having fun with yourself and your friends. Capable of loving and being loved is what we always wished for you today.

We thought about your beautiful face and felt your excitement for life and your genuine happiness and as your parents, burst with pride as we realized that our dreams for you came true... What an extraordinary person you have become and as you continue to grow please remember always how very much WE LOVE YOU.

Poem by: Susan Schultz



Chickasaw Nation Rep in Chickasha

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on February 21* to answer questions about tribal programs.

To find out more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month. *February's visit will take place on Tuesday due to holiday closings.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Births



Joel Wolfe

Joel Mingo Wolfe was born Dec. 8, 2005 at Las Vegas, Nev.

He weighed 7 lbs., 15 ozs., and measured 19 inches.

He is the son of Glenn Wolfe and Mary Gonzales Wolfe. His siblings are Alysha, 13, Floyd, 12, and Geronimo, 7.

He is the grandson of Floyd and Alice Wolfe, who are very proud of the newest addition.

They are all doing well in Las Vegas and are proud to be Chickasaws. Little Joel has a long list of great-grandparents and family members enrolled in the Chickasaw Nation. A lot of thought and research by his father resulted in his name "Mingo," which means Chief in Chickasaw.

Births



Hagen Owens

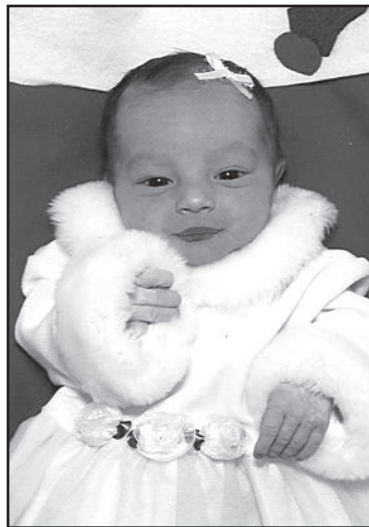
Eric Eugene and Rachel Kay (Frazee) Owens of Moore, Okla., announce the birth of their first child, Hagen Gene Owens. Hagen was born 7:37 p.m., Dec. 21, 2005 at Lakeside Women's Center, Oklahoma City. He weighed 6 lbs., 7ozs., and measured 19 1/4 inches.

He is the paternal great-great-grandson of original enrollee Virgil Owens and the great-great-great-grandson of original enrollee Bina (Underwood) Owens, both from Oklahoma.

His paternal grandparents are Smitty Eugene and Sherry Christine (Hutzel) Owens, of Oklahoma City. His great-grandparents are Hagen Eugene and Sarah Norma Joan (Lewis) Owens, of Oklahoma City, the late William Clifford Hutzel and Gayle Hutzel, of Oklahoma City, and Carroll Lee and Mary Catherine (Mason) Pyron, of Hot Springs, Ark.

His maternal grandparents are Reverend Danny Leigh and Judy Kay (Adcock) Frazee, of Oklahoma City.

His maternal great-grandparents are the late Everett and Helen (Smith) Frazee and the late Rudolph Lee and Bona Jean Adcock.



Madison Caldwell

Madison Blake Caldwell was born Dec. 9, 2005 at Norman Regional Hospital. She weighed 5 lbs., 9 ozs.

She is the daughter of Blake and Danielle Caldwell, of Pauls Valley, Okla.

She is the maternal granddaughter of Alexa and Danny Wootten, of Paoli, Okla., and the paternal granddaughter of Brenda Bradley, of Pauls Valley, and Randy Caldwell, of Pauls Valley.

Paternal great-grandparents are Novaline and Charles Fox, of Pauls Valley. She is the maternal great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Millenda Gibson Blackwood.



Jaydess Mason

Jaydess Nicole Mason was born Nov. 8, 2005. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and measured 19 inches.

She is the daughter of Lisa Mason and the granddaughter of Jimmy and Verna Mason.

She is the great-granddaughter of Kuton and Leona Smith, and Jim and Janice Mason. She is the niece of Shari and Sharon, and Madelyn and the cousin of Jordan Alexander.



Maggie Stone

Matthew and Amanda Stone announce the birth of their first child, Maggie Joyanna, born at Norman Regional Hospital, Dec. 15, 2005 at 6 p.m.

She weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs., and measure 20 1/2 inches.

She is the granddaughter of Pam and Jimmy Stone, Galey, Okla., and Terry and Vickie Stone, Stonewall, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Lyda and the late Cecil Stone, Galey, Claude and Juanita Blackwell, Ada, Okla., the late Joe and Joy Stone, and Maggie and Riley Harmon, Stonewall.



Blaze Northam

Blaze Brett Northam was born Dec. 20, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and measured 20 inches.

He is the son of Faith and Jason Northam, Ada, Okla. He has two brothers, Aaron, 6, and Ethan, 3 and a sister, Jaydess, 2, all of Ada.

He is the grandson of Michelle Neeley, Sulphur, Okla., Ronnie Smith, Stratford, Okla., Tracy Northam, Ada, and Richard Northam, Shreveport, La.

He is the great-grandson of Roger Neeley, Bartlesville, Okla., Judy Knuntson, Ada, and Dick Smith, Stratford.

He is the great-great-grandson of Lillie and Joe Anderson, Allen, Okla.

Honor Guard presented artwork for Moving Wall service



As a thank you for participating in a ceremony to honor Vietnam veterans, members of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard were presented a print of the "Heroes of Vietnam" painting by Gordon and Linda Kiselburgh at a recent Honor Guard meeting.

The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard was recently presented with a gift of appreciation at its monthly meeting in Ada on January 9.

Gordon and Linda Kiselburgh traveled from Del City, Okla., to thank the group for its participation in a ceremony which honored Vietnam veterans and ushered in The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Moving Wall tours across the United States every year, spending time in each city, to allow family and friends who cannot visit the memorial in Washington to the pay tribute and honor the veterans who lost their lives in Vietnam.

When The Moving Wall came to Del City, the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard volunteered to read the names of the fallen heroes during a candlelight ceremony.

As a gesture of gratitude for their participation, Mr. and Mrs. Kiselburgh presented the group with a signed and framed print of the "Heroes of Vietnam"

painting by artist Ray Simon. According to the artist's web site, the painting was created to "honor those who served, those who gave their lives and those who remain missing in action."

An additional print of the painting was also given to the Honor Guard to present to the Chickasaw Nation and Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"We are honored to accept this gift on behalf of our Chickasaw veterans," Governor Anoatubby stated. "We are proud of our veterans and all the men and women who serve our country."

The print includes a 1961 quote from former President John F. Kennedy which states, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of freedom."

The Honor Guard plans to display the print in its future office area once it is completed.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Ardmore Head Start January 'Star Students of the Month'

Chickasaw Nation Head Start, Ardmore, Classroom #3, has announced its Star Students of the Month for January: Courtney Taylor, Hawk Anderson, and Nicole Barnes.

Courtney is the five-year-old daughter of Stephanie Taylor. Courtney's favorite color is blue. When she grows up, Courtney wants to be a grown-up and have a house.

Hawk is the three-year-old son of Dustin and Janette Anderson. Hawk's favorite color is red. When Hawk grows up he wants to be a fireman.

Nicole is the daughter of Fonda Barnes and Jeremy Barnes. Nicole's favorite color

is purple. When she grows up, Nicole wants to be like her mommy.



Courtney Taylor



Nicole Barnes



Hawk Anderson

Applications available for Chickasaw Nation internship program

Applications are now available for the Chickasaw Nation internship program.

College sophomores through graduate school 18 to 25 years old are eligible for the program.

Interns gain valuable hands-on experience and knowledge about the workings of both tribal and federal government as they work in a variety of government offices in across the U.S. or in Chickasaw Nation businesses and departments throughout Oklahoma.

Internships are designed to

help train students to work with government leaders to address challenges facing Indian country. The tribe selects and funds participants in hopes they will gain the experience and knowledge to become effective leaders and facilitate a continuing improvement in government-to-government relationships.

Chickasaw students selected for internships receive a weekly stipend and paid round trip airfare, if applicable, and paid housing from the tribe.

These tribally-funded internships are designed to help prepare students to work with leaders in the nation's capitol to address challenges facing tribal governments.

Interns serve four to eight weeks in a variety of offices, including Chickasaw Nation businesses and departments, the Indian Health Service, Congressional or Senate offices, Indian Affairs Commission, Environmental Protection Agency and others.

Location and dates of service are determined by the Chickasaw Nation after selection.

For information or an application contact: Chenae Casady by phone at 580.421.7711, e-mail at education.services@chickasaw.net or 124 E. 14th Street Ada, OK 74820.

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Haiku in memory of Grandma Lupe

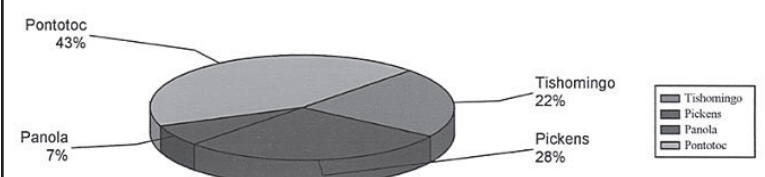
Shiny sparkly night
I know Grandma smiles
at me.

Bright star in the sky.
I look at the sky
Grandma's star is shiniest
Bigger than Texas

By: Amanda

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,432	Panola	1,334
Pickens	5,847	Pontotoc	8,907
		Total	20,520





Chickasaw naval pilot receives delayed WWII medals

Some 60 years after serving in World War II as a pilot of a dive bomber, J.W. "Chub" Strickland received proper recognition for his service to the United States. A number of U.S. Navy officials came to Mr. Strickland's home in Shawnee, Oklahoma to award numerous medals to the Chickasaw veteran for his distinguished service.

Mr. Strickland, now 86, served as a Navy dive bomber pilot from 1941 to 1946, earning a Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy Commendation Medal, American Campaign Medal, Air Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and a World War II Victory Medal.

Among those presenting the medals were U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Gregory J. Slavonic, U.S. Navy Capt. Peg Klein, Oklahoma State Rep. Kris Steele and Native American Veterans Inter-Tribal Association representative Jerry Riley.

Mr. Strickland joined the U.S. Navy during his third year at Oklahoma Baptist University, where he was attending college on a combined football, basketball and tennis scholarship.

Surrounded by notebooks full of clippings and other memorabilia, he recalled going with a college friend to enlist.

"In my third year of college I got a notice of the draft. A friend of mine got one too," said Mr. Strickland. "He lived in Oklahoma City, so I told him 'let's go over there and sign up and control where we go.'"

"So we went the next morning and there was line about a mile long. That was for the Army Air Force. We looked and there was a small line over there and that was the Navy Air Corps. I said 'I don't want to get in that line, it would take us all day,'" he added with a laugh.

"So we got in the other line and it took us an hour to get signed up."

While Mr. Strickland was an excellent athlete, he did face a challenge during enlistment because of his height.

"The height had just been reduced to five foot six inches and I was five foot five and about a half or three-quarters," said Mr. Strickland. "But (the recruiter) said 'well, I'm going to put six.'"

"And I said 'I'll get some more heels in my shoes.'"

Size was seldom an issue for the dive bomber who passed the rigorous training and took his place among a group of pilots who flew 547 missions totaling more than 21,000 pilot hours in combat.

Mr. Strickland's daughter, Debbie Payne, said her father's stature did become an issue after Japanese kamikaze pilots flew into the USS Bunker Hill while Mr. Strickland was on board.

Early one morning while he was talking with his commander about an upcoming flight, kamikazes struck the carrier.

She said that after feeling the force of the impact, he jumped from a second deck of the carrier to the third deck and saw fuel flowing toward flames.

He grabbed a hose to stop the fuel from catching fire, but the force of the water lifted him off the floor.

She said her father told her "he was riding that hose and guys were having to grab it because it was slamming him around pretty good for awhile."

That did not stop the young



J.W. Strickland, wife Dorothy and daughter Debbie Payne display some of the World War II veteran's medals.

pilot from continuing on his mission to fight the fires and rescue the injured.

Mrs. Payne also said that as her father helped fight the fire, he was continually searching for one of his closest friends.

Holding hands with an unknown shipmate, Mr. Strickland made several trips below deck through thick smoke to rescue injured sailors, all the time hoping to find his friend alive.

Finally, when the action has slowed and the smoke began to clear, Mr. Strickland discovered the unknown shipmate who had helped him rescue other soldiers was, in fact, the friend he had been searching for.

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Chickasaw Marine visits tribal classrooms to say 'thanks' for care package

Private First Class Brandon Brown, USMC, recently visited the children of the Chickasaw Nation Child Development

Center in Ada.

PFC Brown, stationed in Pensacola, Florida, received a care package from the Chickasaw Nation which included drawings, cards and special notes created by the children. While on leave back in his hometown of Thackerville, Oklahoma, PFC Brown stopped by the center to say thank you to the kids and staff.



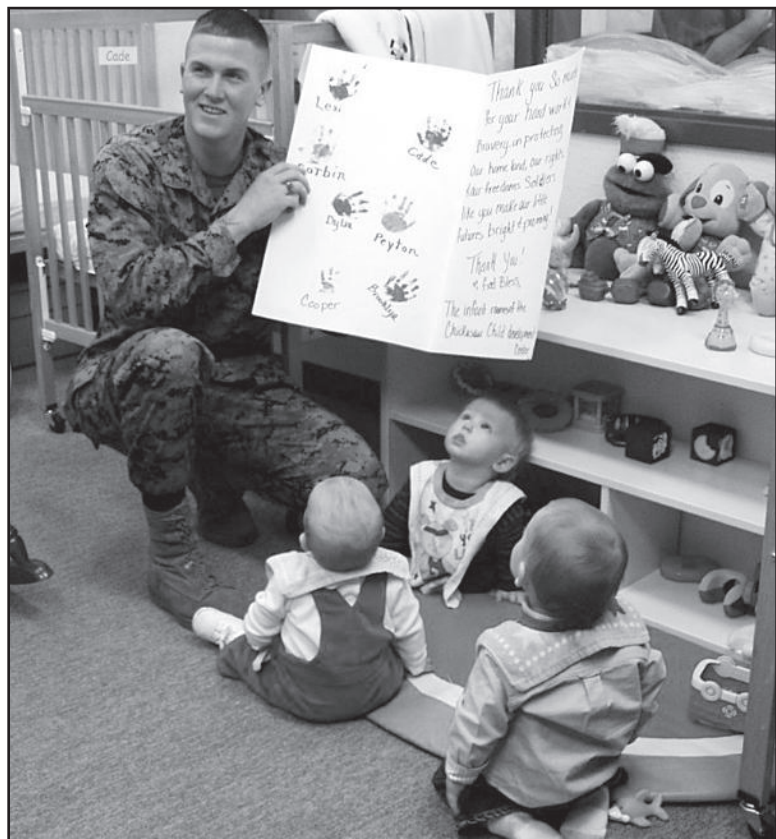
The children at the Ada Child Development Center enjoy playing with PFC Brandon Brown during his recent visit.

"I really wanted to come by and

see them," PFC Brown said. "I knew they would like to meet someone from the military, and I just like kids."

PFC Brown received his care package as part of an effort in which the Chickasaw Nation sent packages to those in the military who are Chickasaw or have family members employed by the Chickasaw Nation.

PFC Brown is studying aviation electronics. He is the son of Glenda McNutt, assistant cage manager at WinStar Casinos in Thackerville.



Little ones look on as PFC Brandon Brown shows a card he received during his recent visit to the Ada Child Development Center. The card had a thank you message and the hand prints of each infant.

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Chickasaw composer receives grant for concerto



Jerod Tate

Joyce Foundation President Ellen Alberding announced Jan. 23 that a grant of \$50,000 will be awarded to the American Composers Forum in St. Paul, Minnesota to support the commission of a new concerto for guitar and orchestra by Chickasaw composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate.

This award is one more indication of the success Mr. Tate has enjoyed as a classical composer who incorporates his Chickasaw heritage into his compositions.

Tate made the decision to incorporate his American Indian heritage into his music after his mother, a dance instructor, commissioned him to compose the music for an original ballet based on American Indian music.

"That just completely blasted open a whole new door for me

in composition and I knew right away that I wanted compose and I wanted to compose as an Indian composer," said Tate during an July, 2005 interview. "That was really important to take that specific path."

"I had decided that I wanted everything that I do as a composer to be related to either my tribe or other Indian tribes.

"So I've used tunes and stories and different pieces – that kind of thing. Everything I've done has been based on Indian material.

A composition incorporating Chickasaw language premiered Sept. 21 at the Kennedy Center.

"Iholba is the word for a vision of something – it's like an image that you see," said Tate in an interview prior to the premiere. "To me, it's called the vision."

He is also composer-in-residence at the recent Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and the Grand Canyon Music Festival's Native American Music Apprentice program.

A score he composed for "A Seat at the Drum," part of the Public Broadcasting Service documentary series Native Americans in the 21st Century, first aired in the fall of 2005.

Tate is also working to have "Tracing Mississippi," a flute concerto commissioned by soloist Christine Bailey, and

Iholba recorded by the London Symphony.

Tate has also been commissioned to compose a work for the opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in 2007.

Launched in 2004 as an annual competition, the Joyce Awards target cultural organizations in Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, and St. Paul/Minneapolis. While the Chicago-based Joyce Foundation has long provided major funding to Chicago-area cultural institutions, the establishment of the Joyce Awards marked the expansion of its culture grantmaking to other Midwest cities.

"This year's recipients of the Joyce Awards present a diverse and socially conscious group of projects," said Ellen Alberding. "We are pleased to present these artists and organizations with Joyce Awards, part of our continuing commitment to support the creation of important new and engaging work by artists of color. We look forward to the completed works, and the related programming, which we anticipate will draw new audiences to these outstanding institutions."

The Joyce Awards grants are made directly to arts organizations and are awarded in dance, music, theater, and visual arts. This year's competition drew 54 entries from around the region. Projects were reviewed by

independent arts advisors from outside the Midwest and voted on by the Foundation's board in December. Each award supports the work of the individual artist

as well as significant community engagement efforts.

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Teaching assistants earn CDA credentials

Patricia Baker and Melissa West, teacher assistants at the Ardmore Chickasaw Nation Head Start, have been awarded Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credentials were awarded by the Council of Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood education profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve early childhood education and care by evaluation and recognition of the skills of individuals providing care. The first credential was awarded 30 years ago, and now 48 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their childcare licensing regulations.

Parents who use early education and care are especially concerned, today, about their children's welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA

assessment process, every candidate for the CDA Credential is observed working with young children or families by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

The CDA Credential is having a positive effect on the quality of early childhood education and care. Its impact is evident in center-based and home visitor programs as well as family childcare, the most common form of care for children under five years old.

Childcare staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write to the Council for Professional Recognition at 2460 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009-3575, or call the Council at (202) 265-9090 or (800) 424-4310.

Youth Winter Lock-in



During an all night Youth Winter Lock-In at the Lazer Zone in Ada, participants got to enjoy a concert by Christian alternative band Radial Angel.



Band members from Radial Angel perform for more than 100 youth who spent the night at the Lazer Zone in Ada during the Winter Lock-In in December.



Brittany McLaury and Brandon Blankenship stop to take a moment to socialize with other teens during the Youth Winter Lock-In at Lazer Zone in Ada.



Tammy Blevins-Purser named 'CHR of the Year'

During an average day, Community Health Representative Tammy Blevins-Purser may check to be sure an elder has all the medications she needs, make a visit to the pharmacy, install a car seat, complete applications for tribal services, chair a meeting of the child prevention task force, visit with a local Chamber of Commerce representative or maybe even make a visit to the state capitol.

Blevins-Purser, who was honored as tribal CHR of the Year during a recent conference of the Oklahoma Area Association of CHRs, could be the symbol for multi-tasking.

But she wouldn't have it any other way.

In fact, she pursued the job for more than two years before she finally had the opportunity to interview for a position.

"Being a CHR is a great experience," said Blevins-Purser. "I begin each day with eagerness. It's not just a job for me. It's my career choice. I love what I do and I hope to do it for many years to come."

"It just makes me feel good at

the end of every day knowing that I'm able to help people meet their needs."

With approximately 150 active clients, she is meeting a wide variety of needs for a wide spectrum of clients.

One particularly rewarding experience came when she was able to take one of her clients to the state capitol for the Native American heritage celebration, where State Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy, a Chickasaw, was honored.

"One of (Billy's) aunts is one of my elder clients and I got to assist and accompany her in making the journey to the capitol that day," said Blevins-Purser. "That was quite an experience. I was very, very proud and thankful that I got to attend and to make Mrs. Johnson's day. When I took her to see her niece at the capitol be a guest speaker – she received an award and she spoke to the folks – that just touched my heart because it made her so happy."

As one of the first tribal programs in existence, CHRs have long provided primary health

care services. Another important service they offer is to help Native American families identify and access a wide variety of services.

After determining the needs of a particular family, Blevins-Purser will complete the applications and get the paperwork to the proper office.

"If people ask me something and I don't know the answer, I'll make it a point to try to find out what that answer might be and head them in the right direction," she said. "When you're a CHR for the Chickasaw Nation if you don't know you just go make a couple of phone calls, make a couple of contacts, send an e-mail and do what you've got to do to find out an answer for that person for them to have the tools they need to be able to have a better life, get an education, meet their medical needs, or whatever need that may be."

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Chickasaw Nation CHR Tammy Blevins-Purser, left, was honored as tribal Community Health Representative of the year at the recent annual educational conference of the Oklahoma Area Association of Community Health Representatives. Chickasaw Nation CHR Pamela Aguilar, vice president of OAACHR, right, presented the award.

Chickasaw flag over Iraq



Sgt. Danny Tiger presents a Chickasaw flag which flew over the 120th Engineering Battalion base near Fallujah, Iraq to Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. Flags from each of the Five Tribes were presented to tribal representatives during the Jan. 20 meeting of the Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in Durant, Okla. Base Commander Sergeant Major Ronald Gott said many soldiers from across the U.S. noticed the flags, which served as an opportunity for Native American soldiers to share their pride in their heritage.

Pharmacy refill center groundbreaking



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, tribal legislators, Chickasaw Nation Health System officials and hospital pharmacy personnel break ground for the new pharmacy refill center. The center will provide faster, more efficient prescription service to Health System patients. The new facility will be located adjacent to Carl Albert Hospital in Ada. There will be both walk-in and drive-through service. Completion of the refill center is scheduled for October.

Tribe using GPS technology to map Chickasaw cemeteries

Ancient history and technology may not seem a logical combination, but the Chickasaw Nation Department of Cultural Resources has found a new way to use technology to help preserve the past.

Using the Trimble global positioning system (GPS), the department is mapping out the locations of cemetery sites once used by Chickasaws. By tracking and finding the burial sites using the GPS, directions and locations can be stored on computer and used to relocate the areas in the future.

GPS works with a series of orbiting satellites which transmit signals to monitoring facilities

on the ground. Signals are then transmitted to receivers, like the one the cultural resources department utilizes, and measurements are converted to distances. Latitude, longitude, height and time are recorded to determine location.

This system will allow the Cultural Resources Department to pinpoint and relocated cemetery areas even if the geography of the location changes over time.

Cultural Resources Department director Eddie Postoak received training to become certified in using the Trimble GPS in 2005. He and department personnel began using

the system this year and hope to become more efficient and effective with further use.

Postoak said the use of this system will enhance the cemetery program which works to "protect existing cemeteries from potential disturbances through clean up, identification and documentation activities."

By using new technology and continually updating the system, the cultural resources department is helping to secure Chickasaw history for future generations.

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Leerene Frazier, of the tribal Cultural Resources department, uses the new GPS receiver to record the location of Ayakatubby Cemetery near Jesse, Oklahoma.

Painted seal for Camp Simpson

BROMIDE, Okla. - Camp Simpson is a scenic camp grounds nestled in the woods of Johnston County near Bromide, Oklahoma on the banks of Delaware Creek. It has been the site of summers of fun for area Boy Scouts since the early 1930s.

Resting on a piece of land in the middle of the Chickasaw Nation, sitting next to a creek named for its one-time tribal residents, the camp has chosen to embrace the area's history and maintain a connection to its American Indian roots.

Camp Simpson's Indian Village, which requires a canoe trip to reach, plays a part in educating and enlightening campers every year. Its dining hall displays tribal seals from almost every

Oklahoma tribe and now displays a new and freshly painted seal of the Chickasaw Nation.

After a 10-year hiatus serving the Boy Scouts of America in a different position, Arbuckle Area Council Scout Executive Bill Nichols recently returned to Oklahoma and the Camp Simpson area. During his time getting reacquainted with the camp grounds, Nichols noticed the absence of the Chickasaw Nation seal on the dining hall walls. Taking into consideration that the camp calls the Chickasaw Nation home, he had to question why the seal would be missing. His research came up with a soggy conclusion.

Nichols was told that the Chickasaw Nation seal was

on display one summer at the entrance of the camp's Indian Village. The village sits on the banks of Lake Sam Noble, which happens to be a flood control lake for the area. That rainy summer, as the waters rose, the banks disappeared and the Chickasaw seal became afloat. Unable to be saved, the seal, made of paint and plywood, became water logged and found its final resting place at the bottom of Lake Sam Noble.

Now, a few years later, Nichols knew that a search and rescue effort would be futile. Instead, he turned to the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Department in an attempt to replace the once prominent display.

Just like that, after four days of priming, painting and clear coating, art Instructor Kelly Reed had recreated a beautiful and precisely accurate, three and one-half foot diameter rendition of the Chickasaw Nation seal.

Ready to be put back on display, Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education Department manager Laura Morrison proudly presented the seal to Nichols and Camp Simpson on December 29, 2005.

Now the new and freshly painted seal of the Chickasaw Nation will once again be displayed for hundreds of young scouts to see, proving the Chickasaw people are not only "unconquered and unconquerable," but possibly unsinkable too.

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Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education Department Manager Laura Morrison presents Arbuckle Area Council Scout Executive Bill Nichols with a newly painted Chickasaw Nation seal. The seal will be displayed at the Boy Scouts' Camp Simpson in Johnston County, Oklahoma.

Transportation Department awards



The Chickasaw Nation Transportation Services Department awarded three employees for individual achievement. Those awarded were Bobby Johnson, Richard Carney and Kenneth Frazier.

The Chickasaw Nation Transportation Services Department recently honored three of its employees at a year-end ceremony. During the event, the outstanding employees were presented framed certificates and recognized for their individual achievements.

Those recognized were Bobby Johnson, Richard Carney and Kenneth Frazier.

Bobby Johnson, who has been with the Chickasaw Nation four years, received a certificate of appreciation for serving in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam conflict. Johnson volunteered in the U.S. Army for three years before joining the U.S. Navy. He served most of his time in Vietnam on a transport/supply mission. He retired from the military in 1968 after serving a

total of seven years.

Richard Carney, a 14-year Chickasaw Nation employee, received a certificate of achievement for having his artwork included in the Chickasaw Historical Society 2006 calendar. The calendar highlights Chickasaw artists and their talents. Carney's flute and eagle staff carvings are featured in the month of April.

Kenneth Frazier, with the Chickasaw Nation for five years, was presented the "Beyond the Call of Duty" Award for his efforts to serve the Indian people while quietly and efficiently doing his job in a professional manner. Frazier was recognized for the kindness he shows his clients while never complaining about his duties.

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Over 100 at tribal baseball camp



Chickasaw Nation Winter Baseball Camp MVP Drew Harrison waits for a pitch during batting practice. Harrison is a freshman and plays for his high school baseball team in Waxahachie, Texas.

ARDMORE, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Winner Baseball Camp recently completed another successful session on December 22-23, 2005 at Ardmore High School. More than 100 boys ages nine through 18 participated in the two-day skills camp.

Several coaches and players from the high school, college and professional levels were in Ardmore to assist in teaching

and motivating the campers. Some players include Aaron Looper of the Seattle Mariners, Josh Wahpepah of the Milwaukee Brewers, Mike Clay formerly of the Kansas City Royals, Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Rolan Fanning and Chickasaw Tyler Gillum from Seminole Junior College.

University of Texas assistant coach Tom Holliday and Haskell Indian Nations Univer-

sity head coach Harold Moore were joined by many coaches and scouts from high schools, colleges and major league teams across the league.

The highly qualified camp staff instructed campers on improving the fundamental skills of hitting, pitching and fielding. Emphasis was placed on proper instruction to help improve campers' level of play and decrease the potential for injury. The coaches and players also spoke to campers about success on and off the field. Campers were taught life skills such as goal setting, dedication and self-discipline.

Campers were treated to a banquet dinner and each received a t-shirt and hooded pullover warm-up jacket. Best Camper and Most Improved Player awards were presented to outstanding players from each of 14 camp teams. Each winner received a new glove. An overall camp Most Valuable Player was also awarded for outstanding achievement in on-field play, teamwork and attitude. The MVP received a new glove and bat.

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The winners are as follows:

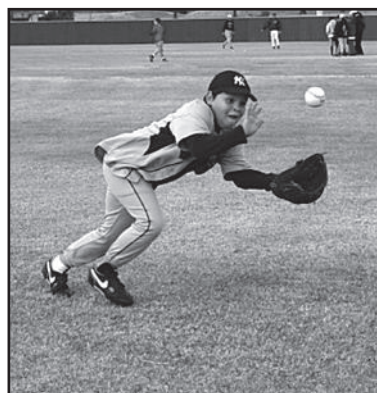
Most Improved Player

Royals – Hunter Fox
Rangers – Chris Kirk
Rockies – Tye Rambo
Mariners – Luke Davis
Padres – Tyler Clifton
Reds – Robert “Tex” Johnson
Tigers – Daniel Reese
Braves – Jacob Chancellor
White Sox – Kodie Joe Shepherd
Angels – Derek Blakemore
Red Sox – Junior Alvarez
Dodgers – Codie Bolin
Cardinals – Josh Willis
Marlins – Kyle Needham

Best Camper

Royals – Braden Fortner
Rangers – Kanan Wisdom
Rockies – Jacob Lindsey
Mariners – Jordan Wilson
Padres – Austin Burch
Reds – Clint Crane
Tigers – Louis Jake Willis
Braves – Clayton Mincey
White Sox – Bryce Bumpass
Angels – Tyler McCollum
Red Sox – Leslie Wesberry
Dodgers – Brandon Marris
Cardinals – Frank Bo Pershica
Marlins – Jacob Chad Colbert

Overall Camp Most Valuable Player – Drew Harrison of the Red Sox



At left, camper Sequoyah Lindsey makes a diving catch while his team practices fielding and cut-off throws.

At right, Lane Decker, a scout for the San Diego Padres, works with catchers on correct form and positioning for throws to second base.



Council House Museum exhibit - ‘Our People Have Done Good Things’

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - A new exhibit at the Chickasaw Nation Council House Museum in Tishomingo features eight Chickasaws who have gained recognition for their contributions to society.

Chikasha althliha nunna chokma hokanimitok “Our People Have Done Good Things” is the name of the exhibit, and those featured made their mark either in entertainment, aviation, sports or politics.

Te Ata, Ataloo, Lushanya, Pearl Carter-Scott, John Herrington, Jesse Barnard “Cab” Renick, Euel Walton “Monk” Moore and Overton James are featured in the exhibit.

The exhibit represents eight months of work, and includes larger than life photos of each Chickasaw featured, along with short biographies and a variety of interesting memorabilia.

Te Ata, Ataloo and Lushanya were entertainers who gained international recognition for their contribution to the arts.

In 1928, Chickasaw aviatrix Eula “Pearl” Carter-Scott became the

youngest pilot in the U. S. at age 13.

Commander John Bennett Herrington, USN, became the first Native astronaut when he flew in a Nov. 2002 space shuttle mission to the International Space Station.

Jesse “Cab” Renick was captain of the 1948 gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic basketball team and is one of only three Native Americans to win Olympic gold.

Euel “Monk” Moore, a former major league pitcher with the Philadelphia Phillies, was posthumously inducted into the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame in May, 1989.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Museum seeks information on Chickasaw Hall of Fame members

Chickasaw Council House Museum staff members are currently working on an exhibit featuring members of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Museum staff are seeking information, photos and selected memorabilia readers of the Chickasaw Times might have pertaining to any members of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame listed below.

Overton James, Clayburn Straughn, Te Ata Fisher, Vinnie Mae “Sadie” Humes, James A. Jennings, Edmund Pickens, Sally Chloe Grinslade Bell, Kenneth Meeler, Overton “Buck” Cheadle, Elba “Cutchie” Johnston, Judge Haskell Paul, Colbert Ashalatubbi Burris, Eula “Pearl”

Carter-Scott, David Stout, Revered Jesse Humes, Jesse “Cab” Renick, Euel “Monk” Moore, Adam Charles Walker, Douglas H. Johnston, Robert M. Harris, Thomas Embert Phillips, Kenneth Lance, Sam Paul, Neal McCaleb, Helen te Ata Gale Cole, Mike Larsen, John McClish, Palmer S. Mosely, James Cotton, Geraldine Factor Greenwood, Martin Van Buren Cheadle, John Bennett Herrington, Edgar Allen Abury, Jr., Stanley M. Speaks, Chenena Roach, Helen James, William Paul and Tom Cole.

Contact Amy Von Tungeln at the Chickasaw Council House Museum (580) 371-3351.

JOM Students of the Month named in Stratford



Stratford (OK) School October JOM Students of the month are, from left, Melissa Keel, T.J. Gaines, Cassidy Wood, Tonya Underwood, Zac Crowell, and Chase Chamberlain.

Tishomingo High School Academic Team succeeds in conference play



Team members are, back row, from left, Randi Eckman, Jeremy Webb, Eric McCallay and Josh Bristow. Front row, from left, are Samantha Livesay, Catherine Cunningham, Kelci Furr and Tabbitha Livesay.

The Tishomingo (OK) High School Academic Team worked hard to succeed in conference play and tournaments. The Indians finished the season with a 7-2 record, placing second in the Lake Country Conference.

Chickasaw student Jeremy Webb received a plaque for Top Scorer at the Lake Country Con-

ference. The team placed first at the seeding tournament, which advanced them to Regionals. The team was runner-up at the Regional tournament and competed in the Area tournament at Latta. Unfortunately, they were not successful at the Area tournament.

Moccasin Trail 'In Your Corner'

Tip of the month: Anyone can substantially improve his health and quality of life by including moderate amounts of physical activity in his daily lives. For those who are already achieving regular moderate amounts of activity, additional benefits can be gained by further increases in activity level.

The Moccasin Trail program congratulates the following participants for achieving over the 1000 mile goal: Bonnie Danyern, Dylan Graves, Reagan Holland, Jimmy Reed, and Rocky Wright.

Congrats gals and guys for your success!!!! By Anona McCullar



Stratford (OK) School November JOM Students of the month are, front row from left, Lane Martin and Brianna Miner. Back row from left, Ethan Priddy, Meleah Underwood and Jeffrey Wells. Not Pictured: Ashley Macy

Tribal calendar inspires family to celebrate with traditional food



The family of LeRoy and Betty Howard of Koshkonong, Missouri, celebrated 2005 Christmas Dinner with traditional food including stuffed turkey, pashofa, Indian fry bread, pumpkin soup, creme fraiche, grape dumplings, pecan pie and sassafras tea. The recipes for this successful feast came from the 2005 Chickasaw Nation calendar. Family members include, front row from left, granddaughter Courtney Reeves, Betty Howard and LeRoy Howard, granddaughter Ashton Rees. Middle row from left, daughter-in-law Angie Reeves, daughter LaRee Rees, granddaughter Heather Reeves. Back row from left, grandson Jesse Reeves, son Chris Reeves, son-in-law Ray Rees, grandson Jacob Sims and grandson Nick Sims, with Duke. Betty Howard is the granddaughter of Nannie Kennie Polk and the great-granddaughter of Cyrus Harris.

Foster Care and adoption applications now being accepted

The Chickasaw Nation is accepting applications for persons interested in foster care and adoption. There is always a need for compassionate, nurturing Native Americans to provide loving care for our tribal children.

Those interested need to complete a Foster Care/Adoption application and should be at least 21 years of age. Applicants can rent or own their home, can be single or married (if married, be married one year or more) and must submit to criminal and child welfare background checks.

All foster and adoptive applicants are required to attend tribal PATH training. This training is designed to help applicants identify and manage behaviors and crises consistent with children who have experienced abuse, as well as to gain insight into the behaviors and to learn behavior modification techniques to help manage children in care.

All approved applicants are eligible to receive limited financial assistance, day care benefits and health coverage for each child placed in their care.

All interested persons should contact Arthur Ellsworth, Foster Care Manager or Aurelia Chaney, Foster Care Specialist at (580) 252-4119 ext. 13 and 14, or you can contact any local Chickasaw area office and speak to a social worker who can give further information.

BIA offers 'No Trespassing' signs

ADA, Okla. - The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Chickasaw Agency, 1500 North Country Club Road, Ada will be providing U.S. Government, NO TRESPASSING signs to those individual owning restricted/trust properties within the Chickasaw Nation jurisdiction at no cost.

Due to the severe wildfires within our jurisdiction, the BIA must identify those tracts of land for reporting purposes. Therefore, the signs will make the reporting much easier for the firefighters so that all loss maybe reported to the appropriate office.

For further information contact Bradley Williams or Jessie Kemp at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Chickasaw Agency, Ada, Oklahoma, phone number 580-436-0784.

Chickasaw Upward Bound students enjoy Bricktown snow



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students recently visited Oklahoma City's Bricktown for "Snow Tubing at the Brick."

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound monthly meeting for December was a trip to Oklahoma City's Bricktown for "Snow Tubing at the Brick," a towering adventure slide located at the RedHawks Ballpark. Although it was man-made snow, actual snowfall occurred that day in Oklahoma City. The students were also scheduled to take a water taxi cruise along the Bricktown Canal to see the Christmas lights. Unfortunately, a downed power line from the storm caused a power outage in the Bricktown area while the group was at a restaurant preparing to eat a meal. The students loaded up on the bus and were taken to a restaurant in Norman. Overall, the students had a good time and even brought toys and canned food donations for the annual community service project.

Students attending were Stephanie Benner, Taylor Britt, Michael Brown, Jessica Carter, Johnathan Cobble, Kim Lewis, Amanda Riley, Brandon Wilkerson, Annester Wilson, Armon Wilson, Peyton Woolly, Shane Woolly, J.R. Wyler, Beth Huddleston, Theresa Brewer, Kaylea Daniel, Shellan Gray, Curtis Harpole, Riley Harpole, Nick Lambert, Felix Martinez, Christine Pittman, Heather Pugh, Kathryn Robertson, Jerry Rojas, Jacob Standridge, Shannon Underwood, Kodie Whitbeck, Tyler Wise, Edward Wise, Justin Dillard, Kacie Morgan, Jayne Taylor, Sirena Adams, Justin Costley, Sharla DeWitt, Julie Emerson, Sarah Kirk, Cynthia Lozano, Lilnita Lozano, Lynd-

sey McNeil, T.J. Phipps, Janie Sampson, Patricia Schwartz, Rachel Wilkins, Hanna Wolf, Chelsey Courtney and Jacob

Hubbard. Staff attending included Susan Webb, Tracey Vasquez, Rebecca Easterling and Rici Love.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation donates money from the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan(ECCP) to local charities. One of the charities selected this year was the Pontotoc Animal Welfare Society (P.A.W.S.)

P.A.W.S. provides temporary homes for lost or unwanted animals. They attempt to reunite as many as possible with their owners and try to find new homes for those which are adoptable. P.A.W.S. will provide education to the public on issues

such as responsible pet ownership, care of pets and the need to spay or neuter their animals. They now offer a low-cost spay/neuter program for those in need of the service.

P.A.W.S. relies heavily on donations made to them. The donation made by the Chickasaw Foundation thru the ECCP allowed them to help with the cost of the spay/neuter program as well as emergency veterinary care for the shelter animals.

Chickasaws Wanted!

Would you like to attend a vocational/technical school, but don't have the money to attend? We have your answer! The Chickasaw Nation Education Services Department has a program that can assist you in furthering your education through vocational/technical schools.

The application process is easy, there are no income guidelines, and you can live anywhere

in the United States.

To find out more about this wonderful program please contact Ms. Tammy Abney or Ms. Jennifer Walker at 580-421-7711 or you can e-mail them at tammy.abney@chickasaw.net or jennifer.walker@chickasaw.net.

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to further your education!

Chickasaws do well in Dickson spelling bee

Two Chickasaw students and one Choctaw student were recent winners of the Dickson (OK) Schools spelling bee.

Chickasaw second-grader Katie Bolin took first place in the second-grade division.

Chickasaw third-grader Hunter Sowders was runnerup in the third-grade division, and Choctaw Ashchen Bean was first place in third grade.

The spelling bee was conducted January 6.

Foundation receives ZOO FUNd for Kids grant

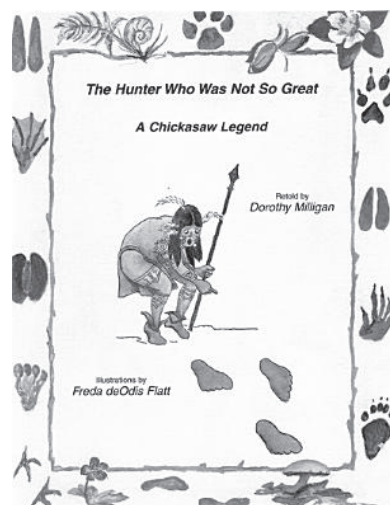
The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the receipt of the ZOO FUNd for Kids grant award. The Oklahoma Zoological Society (OZS) presents grants to schools and non-profit organizations to meet the cost of education activities and classes at the

Oklahoma City zoo or the traveling science classroom, the Zoomobile, complete with learning animals, "biofacts" and a teacher who visits the schools. The Zoomobile will soon visit all the Chickasaw Nation Headstart sites.

The Hunter Who Was Not So Great:

A Chickasaw Legend The Hunter Who Was Not So Great centers around a brave hunter who becomes a little too confident in his abilities and must learn the lesson of not bragging. This lesson is delivered by Ihoff, the giant who lives deep in the forest and possesses strange powers including a "secret weapon."

You can receive a FREE copy of this book with your \$25 donation to the Chickasaw Foundation. Complete the order form below and mail, with your donation, to the Foundation at P.O. 1726, Ada, OK 74821-1726 or visit our office at 110 West 12th Street in Ada.



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7th Annual New Creations Youth Rally 2006

March 16, 17, 18, 2006
Little River Mission
Seminole, OK

Everyone Welcome! For youth of all ages!

Come and unite with the young generation in one mind and one accord to praise and learn about the Lord.

For more information contact Helen or Phillip, (405) 382-6905 or Redman Wolf, (405) 382-3771.

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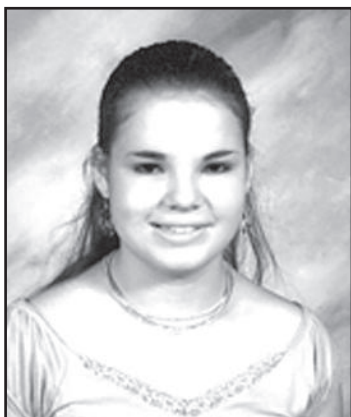
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Gridiron art



This football field artwork was created by Chickasaw artist Joe Edelen for the Washington (OK) High School field. Edelen is the art teacher at Washington High as well as the golf coach and assistant basketball coach.

Melissa Stewart on honor roll



Melissa Stewart

Tishomingo (OK) Middle School recently released the names of students who earned a place on the "All A" honor roll.

Among those earning the honor was Melissa Stewart, a seventh-grade Chickasaw student.

Melissa is the daughter of Doug and Stacy Williams; the granddaughter of Sandra Seeley; and the great-granddaughter of Dorothy Green and the late Johnny Green.

Fundraiser powwow set for March 4 in Ardmore

ARDMORE, Okla. – The Ardmore High School Native American Club and the Southeastern Oklahoma Inter-tribal Powwow Alliance have scheduled a fundraising powwow for March 4 in Ardmore.

The powwow will be conducted at Heritage Hall, 220 W. Broadway in Ardmore. There will be arts and crafts, kids' contests, food and raffles.

The powwow schedule includes gourd dance from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., with a break from 5

p.m. to 6 p.m. for supper. Gourd dance will resume from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and grand entry will be from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

All veterans, princesses, drums and dancers are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to bring a folding chair.

For powwow and arts and crafts information, contact Cedric Ketcheshawno, (580) 326-4979 or (580) 317-3767; or Thomas Cronemeyer, (580) 277-9481.

Indian country fire ban enforced by Lighthorse Police

The fire ban instituted throughout much of Oklahoma has been extended to include all lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police officers will be participating in enforcement of the fire ban on trust and restricted lands within the Chickasaw Nation.



Jimmy Wynne

Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne was selected as a student for the Superintendent's list. He is a third grader at Bridge Creek (OK) Elementary.

He is the son of Jennifer and Jimmy Wynne.

He is the grandson of Willie Juanita and Jimmy Wynne and Jesse and Olivia Cancino.

Centennial director to speak at OKCCMCCC meeting

The Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Complex and Centennial Commission, Jeanie McCain Edney, will be the Feb. 7 guest speaker at the Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council meeting.

Edney will give a slide presentation on all the scheduled events planned throughout the state in honor of Oklahoma's Centennial. She will also entertain a question and answer period.

Upon scheduling Edney, Chair Giles commented, "We all are interested in learning about the events surrounding

this great State's Centennial celebration. This presentation promised to be a very informative evening."

Chair Giles also said that time will be set aside during the meeting for further discussion on "Listening Conference" issues.

All Chickasaws are urged to attend the February 7 meeting beginning at 7 p.m. at the OKCCMCCC building located at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City.

For more information call (405) 204-0536 or visit the OKCCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org

Ode to my Indian ancestors

Tales of enchantment,
Mounds like the Pyramids.
Billowing sails did present,
The beginning to an end bid.

Arrows for rifles,
Skins for pots.
Only a trifle,
Each easily bought.

Your religion rejected,
Dancing and medicine was banned.
With Christianity expected,
White ways would command.

Long hair was shorn,
And names replaced.
New Indian boys and girls born,
Their heritage erased.

Beautiful dark skin turned pale,
Ceremonial pipes set to the side.
In their place was white man's ale,
Taking away the last shred of pride.

The willows wept,
As your families walked by.
A sad fate you had to accept,
All had gone awry.

English was learned,
But old ways were not forgot.
With strength returned,
Time it was to devise a plot.

Unite the nations,
The tribes would endure.
Built on thought and determination.
It was the answer, the cure.

Oppression could be fought,
Tradition could return.
With this strength is brought,
New generations would learn.

By Jennifer Miller – Chickasaw Tribe

Elders hear Lighthorse program; seek Chickasaw language speakers

By Bob Perry

This report covers the December 2005 and January 2006 meetings of the Council of Elders (COE), conducted at the Sulphur Chickasaw Motor Lodge. Attending the January meeting were five Chickasaw legislators and other guests.

Mr. Kirk Perry gave copies of Chickasaw topic excerpts from two versions of Florida of the Inca and of the DeSoto Chronicles for elders to read for themselves. He reported an educational tour of the homelands is being planned for this spring to include administrators, directors and legislators who need an understanding of our history.

COE wants to attend Gathering of the Nations in Albuquerque or visit another tribe. Bob Perry was appointed to make a written request for funding in behalf of COE for trips not in the 2006 COE budget. It is good that COE learns about the old written culture, in order to be good tribal representatives in far away places.

Ms. Paulene Brown noted that the Princess candidates must be good tribal representatives; they could use COE help to choose appropriate traditional dress and Chickasaw style dances. COE services would be offered. Ms. Beck noticed at Carl Albert hospital that people waiting for services were being allowed to use cell phones, known to interfere with medical equipment. This as well as people improperly dressed without shoes would be brought to the attention of hospital security. Ms. Beck also suggested that the Tishomingo museum be kept open during the lunch period for area workers using their time off.

The speaker for the January meeting was Officer Cozad of the Chickasaw Light Horse with Nero, his K-9 dog. Nero is a dual purpose dog, trained for patrol and finding different narcotics. He has also been requested to track an Alzheimer patient who roamed off. The Light Horse has two trained dogs that cover critical crime periods across the broad expanse of Chickasaw Nation. Nero is an aggressive alert dog with high drive trained to home on the prey. The dog will not give up his attack (unless commanded); it's important

that Officer Cozad be watchful that the dog doesn't get hurt, for example, rushing into a busy street.

Suggestions were made to the officer on known areas that could use K-9 patrolling. Legislator Dean McManus remarked that the Light Horse is earning a good name because of the excellent service they give along with community cooperation for better crime control within the Chickasaw Nation. Most County Sheriffs are short-handed without funds for K-9 services.

Kirk Perry said that about 1900 a number of Chickasaw schools are named in historic documents. Some were national, neighborhood, and missionary Schools in the Chickasaw Nation. Education was important to our tribe. Many of the smaller schools are nothing but memories only in our oldest people. He asked if any members knew exact locations of some of the lesser known schools to let us know. There is a plan to create a new map for exhibits in the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Announcements: Legislator Mary Jo Green reported although 65 per cent of the citizens live outside the Chickasaw Nation, the Constitution now allows programs and services only to Chickasaws within the tribal boundaries. The Nation plans to allocate \$10 million for programs and services for citizens beyond the Nation's boundaries.

Chickasaws living beyond the boundaries have been invited to a special meeting in Oklahoma City for February 12-14 to discuss health, housing, aging and education programs. Attendees will help set priorities on what programs they receive.

Legislator Green reported that the new Chickasaw hospital will be built south of Ada (Stonecipher Exit of Hwy 3) with completion late 2008 or 2009. Because the tribe is doing the construction, Indian Health Service will provide a staff of 800 (Carl Albert employs 500) with new medical equipment. A new automated prescription drug facility is planned to be built near Carl Albert hospital.

All Chickasaw language speakers are invited to a February 10 gathering at Marie Bailey Village in Ada; non-speakers

were encouraged to attend and to hear the Chickasaw language. Next COE Meeting: since the Sulphur Motor Lodge is to be rebuilt, the next meeting will

be at the Davis Microtel. COE usually meets the third Thursday, but because of scheduling conflicts will meet Wednesday February 15. Because of the

increasing number of dialysis patient transports, a transportation programs speaker will be invited to explain how rides for treatment are arranged.

Ada council sees K-9 squad in action

The Ada Chickasaw Community Council met January 19 at the Marie Bailey Community Center. President Pat Cox opened the meeting and introduced our guest speakers.

We were honored to have Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Criminal Investigator George Jessie and K-9 Officer Steve Cash along with his partner, Kiaya. During his presentation, Officer Jessie informed us that there are currently 20 Lighthorse officers, outlined the jurisdiction of the Lighthorse Police, and

detailed how the department assists other law enforcement agencies in the area.

One of the most exciting times of the evening was when Officer Jessie donned the protective suit and demonstrated how effective Kiaya can be in assisting Officer Cash apprehend a dangerous suspect.

Officer Cash also showed us how Kiaya assists the District Attorney's Drug Task Force in detecting drugs such as marijuana, heroin, and methamphetamine by hiding a drug-scented

bag in the community center. Kiaya searched the building, and when he located the bag, he backed up and sat down, waiting for his reward. We appreciate the great job they do and coming to share with us.

Please come and be a part of our next Community Council meeting February 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Marie Bailey Community Center.

Naval officer honored

A Chickasaw naval officer has recently been honored for his service in the Middle East.

Lt. Walter B. Egge IV, USN, will soon wrap up a four-year tour of duty to Bahrain. During his tour, Lt. Egge was deployed to Iraq, North Africa and Afghanistan.

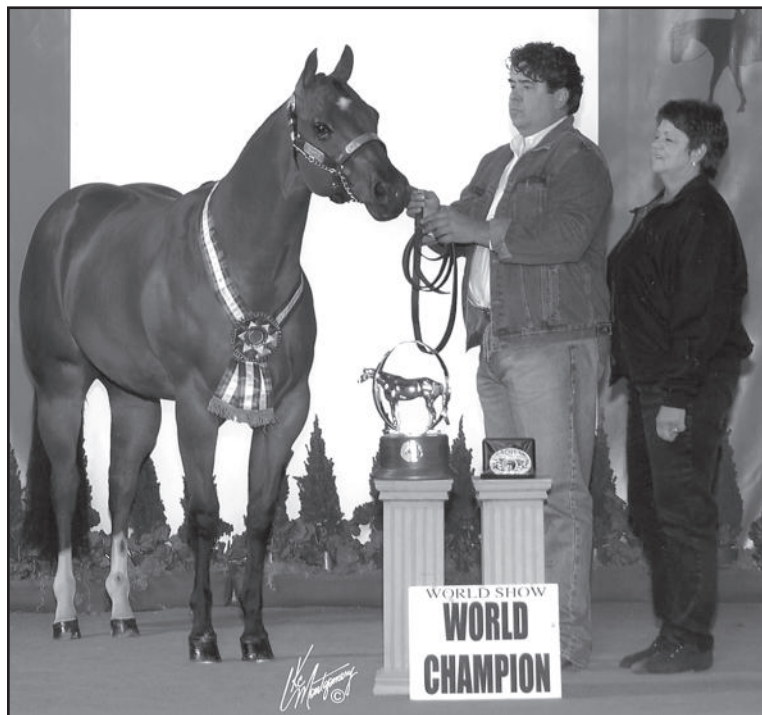
Lt. Egge was honored with the Admiral Stan Arthur Award for excellence in logistics. The award was presented in June 2005.

Lt. Egge's next assignment will be at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He has received early promotion to Lieutenant Commander.

Lt. Egge is a descendant of original enrollee Mary Sugars Johnson. Lt. Egge and his wife, Sheila, have two daughters, Jerris and Chelsea, and the family home is in Hemet, Calif.

His parents, Walt and Val Egge, both U.S. Marine Corps veterans, live in Hurley, N.M.

Top honors at AQHA horse show



Freda Ozbirn and Mike Murray with champion yearling Simply Jewel.

Two Chickasaw horsemen recently took top honors at an international horse show.

Freda Ozbirn and son Mike Murray won the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) 2005 world championship with their yearling filly Simply Jewel. The filly claimed the yearling mare world championship at the AQHA World Show in Oklahoma City Nov. 6-20.

The World Show is the largest and richest single breed horse show. Nearly \$2.2 million was awarded to winners from among

3,057 entries from across the U.S. and six foreign countries.

Ozbirn and Murray also recorded a top 10 finish in the weanling gelding division with Telusive Forever, a bay American quarter horse gelding.

Ozbirn is the granddaughter of original enrollee Bruce Mack Bradley, and is an employee of the Chickasaw Nation Duncan area office.

Murray began showing animals in 4-H. This event marked his fourth World Championship.

Bank2 recognized

OKLAHOMA CITY - Bank2, the tribally-owned Oklahoma City bank, has recently been recognized as one of the top minority-owned businesses in Oklahoma.

DiversityBusiness.com ranked Bank2 11th overall in its 2005 top 20 rankings of Oklahoma minority businesses.

Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame nominations being accepted

Nomination deadline for the 2006 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame is growing closer. Nominations must be received at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters by the end of business March 10, 2006.

Nominations of living or deceased individuals will be accepted for consideration.

Nominees must have distinguished themselves in their business, profession, craft, or vocation, thereby bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation, and/or have made outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation or society in general.

Inductees must be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation or be eligible to become a citizen of the Nation.

Elected officials of the Chickasaw nation are not eligible for induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame while holding office.

Inductees must commit to being present for the induction ceremonies, which are tentatively scheduled August 11, 2006.

A nomination form is available on the Chickasaw Nation Website. www.chickasaw.net

Tribal Q&A

Q: Why use an Indian Development Community Development Block Grant to help fund construction of a community facility?

A: Providing funding for community facilities such as the Tishomingo wellness center is a primary purpose of the Indian Community Development Block Grant program.

Using ICDBG funds helps the Chickasaw Nation provide the best possible community facilities at the lowest possible cost and helps preserve tribal funds for other programs and services.

Indian Community Development Block Grants enable the Chickasaw Nation to utilize federal funds for projects which help enhance the quality of life for local citizens while still maintaining tribal control over how the funds are used.

Another benefit of using an ICDBG is the process involves community meetings, surveys and interviews which are conducted to enable the community to become involved in the process of identifying needs and developing plans to meet those needs.

Indian Community Development Block Grants also help provide an additional layer of accountability because those funds are subject to federal audits to ensure the funds are used effectively and efficiently.

KADA GM to lead broadcasters

A Chickasaw Nation radio executive has recently been selected to lead his state industry's trade association.

Roger Harris, general manager of the tribe's KADA-AM, KADA-FM, and KYKC-FM radio stations, was elected chairman of the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters. Harris will assume his leadership role in April.

Harris has served on the organization's board of directors for the past 12 years. He succeeds KFOR Channel 4's Wes Milbourn.

As chairman, Harris will represent Oklahoma television and radio stations to federal and state legislators, the Federal Communications Commission and other regulatory bodies.

Nomination Form CHICKASAW NATION HALL OF FAME For 2006 Nominees

Eligibility Requirements

The Chickasaw Nation accepts nominations of both living and deceased individuals who meet the eligibility requirements outlined below to be considered for induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

To be eligible to receive this high honor, the nominee must have distinguished themselves in their business, profession, craft, or vocation, thereby bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation, and/or have made outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation or society in general. Inductees must be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation or be eligible to become a citizen of the Nation.

Individuals selected for induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame must commit to being present for the induction ceremony or they can not be inducted that year. Elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation are ineligible for induction into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame while holding office.

Deadline for 2006 Nominations

Nominations must be received by March 10, 2006 for consideration in 2006.

Name of Person Being Nominated (Include Maiden Name, if Applicable)

Contact Information for Nominee

Mailing address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Name and contact Information of Person submitting Nomination

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Seconding Letters

Seconding Letters are not encouraged unless they provide additional relevant information. No more than two seconding letters should be submitted.

Submitting Nominations

Nominations must be sent to the following address:

Hall of Fame Selection Committee
Chickasaw Nation
P. O. Box 1548
Ada, Oklahoma 74820

Information to be Submitted with Nomination

Please use the space below to provide a concise statement as to why this nominee should be inducted in the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

In addition, please attach additional information providing basic biographical information on the nominee and detailing relevant past and present activities, accomplishments, awards, and/or special honors that the nominee has received. Biographical sketches, resumes, vitas, newspaper or magazine articles also may be submitted to support the nomination.

It is time once again to feature our Chickasaw High School Seniors!

The *Chickasaw Times* would like to congratulate each of you on your accomplishment by featuring you in our May 2006 issue.

Your biography and photo will appear in this special issue if you complete the form below and mail it to us with a photo no later than ***Friday, April 21, 2006.***



Senior Profile Form



Please include
return address
with photo

Name _____

Home town _____

High School _____

Parents/guardians _____

(If parents are deceased or divorced, please indicate)

Grandparents _____

Information about graduate *(include school activities, extracurricular activities, future plans, etc.)*

Please mail your completed form to
The *Chickasaw Times*, 2612 East Arlington, Suite B, Ada, OK 74820

HONOR YOUR GRADUATE

Teresa Bolin



Teresa Bolin

Name of Candidate: Teresa Bolin

Position candidate is filing for: Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information: Teresa Bolin was born August 11, 1961 at Sulphur, Okla., to the late Orvan and Edith Hubbard. She is the granddaughter of the late Jackson Emerson, a full-blood Choctaw and original enrollee, and May Pearl Durin, a full-blood Chickasaw and original enrollee. She was raised in Mill Creek, Okla., and has lived her entire life within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. She is ¼ Chickasaw and ¼ Choctaw.

She has worked in many capacities within the Chickasaw Nation. She began her career with the Chickasaw Nation as a Community Health Representative (CHR), and worked in the education department with the Johnson O'Malley and

pre-school, Carter Seminary as director and as a budget analyst. She has taught two years at Springer Schools. She has been director of Indian Education at Dickson Schools for the last nine years.

Educational background: She attended Mill Creek Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. She graduated from Mill Creek High School in 1979 and is a 1983 graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla., graduating with a bachelor's degree in education.

Civic and/or community activities: Teresa Bolin attends Springer Missionary Baptist Church at Springer, Okla. She is active and participates in the Johnson O'Malley State and National Conference and the

National Indian Education Association Conference.

Awards and honors: She was an alternate of the National Johnson O'Malley Committee

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: I will work for new programs and expansion of existing programs to benefit the Chickasaw citizens who live both inside and outside the Chickasaw Nation. I also believe that our tribal businesses must be kept strong and diversified in order to provide for the needs of the Chickasaw people.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Bolin's husband Glenn is employed at Michelin Tire Company. Their son Codie is a freshman at Dickson High School and is active in basket-

ball and baseball and plays fast-pitch softball for the Mill Creek Chiefs. He is a member of the Dickson High School Student Council and Pickens District Youth Council. Their daughter Kaitlin is active in basketball, t-ball and cheerleading.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: "I believe I have the knowledge, desire and experience to help improve the quality of life for the Chickasaw people. I will listen and be available to all the Chickasaw citizens. I will be open to ideas and concerns from the people. I believe we must work to preserve our tribal culture and sovereignty."

Thomas E. Farve



Thomas E. Farve

Name of Candidate: Thomas E. Farve

Position candidate is filing for: Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information: Thomas Farve is a native of Southern Oklahoma. He has been married to Darlene Leibrock for almost 17 years. They live in Lone Grove with their two sons, Tyler, 14 and Brett, 7. He was born Sept. 25, 1964 at Ardmore, Okla., to Tom and Sandra Farve of Enville, Okla. He has two sisters, Keri Hartman and Robbie Hartman both of Ardmore. He is the grandson of Lena and the late David Farve. He is the great-grandson of former Chickasaw Nation legislator and interpreter for the Chickasaw Nation, James Cotton McCurtain and Fykie McCurtain. His great-grandfather James Cotton McCurtain was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame this past year. He has several nieces and nephews that he enjoys spending time with. He has been employed with Mi-

chelin Tire Company for almost 16 years.

Educational background: He attended Plainview Public School until the fifth grade until his family moved to Enville. He started sixth grade at Marietta Middle School and graduated from Marietta High School in May of 1982. During middle school and high school he participated in football, basketball and baseball. He enjoys all sports but loves baseball and enjoys rodeoing.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Farve and his wife Darlene have two sons, Tyler, 14 and Brett, 7.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: "I am a dedicated family man. I enjoy hunting, fishing and coaching my son's baseball team. I have been coaching their summer league teams for the past eight years. I would like to pass on some of the values my father has taught me. I have always encouraged good sportsmanship and team unity above all else.

Growing up I have always been proud of my Indian heritage. My parents worked hard to provide for us and we were very fortunate to have a roof over our heads. The Chickasaw Nation built a home for my parents when I was a young boy and that is something that I have

always appreciated. I would like the opportunity to give back to the Chickasaw Nation anything that I can. I would like to be a

voice for the people. I will make myself available and would like for the Chickasaw public to know that I believe no issue is

too small. I strongly believe in a government of the people 'For the People.'"

Linda Blackwood Harris



Linda (Blackwood) Harris

Name of Candidate: Linda (Blackwood) Harris

Position candidate is filing for: Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information: Linda Harris is the daughter of Bill Sr., and Zettie Blackwood. She is the granddaughter of original enrollee Emily (Loomer) Gibson nee Blackwood. She has 25 years of teaching experience presently teaching

at Elmore City Public Schools since 1982. She has experience as a classroom teacher, a physical education teacher, teaching the computer lab, assistant principal at the elementary and high school level.

Education background: She is a 1976 graduate of Elmore City High School, a 1981 graduate of East Central University with a bachelor of science in elementary education. She received her master's degree from East Central University in elementary education and received her elementary principal certification in 2000.

Civic and/or community activities: She has been an active member of the local Bargaining Committee serving as chairperson one-year, local OEA serving as president, vice president and secretary one year, serving on the Johnson O'Malley Committee two years, and a member of OEA and NEA since 1981.

Awards and honors: She is listed as a 2005 *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and is a 2006 *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* nominee.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: I have a passion for education, the elderly and health care. As your next legislator I will work tirelessly to improve educational opportunities for all Chickasaw children, so "No Child Will Be Left Behind." I promise to be an "Advocate" for new state of the art elder care programs and services. My vision for health care is to see more innovative programs implemented into the Chickasaw health service delivery system.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Harris is married to Wayne Harris, a retired fireman. She has two children, Mikel and Justin, and daughter-in-law Sunny and two grandsons, Sean and Joshua.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: "I WILL BE A VOICE FOR YOU. I will represent you to the best of my ability. Your expressed wishes, ideas, and recommendations will be heard. You may contact me at anytime at (580) 220-1121. I look forward to meeting and talking to each one of you."

Jessie Lynch



Jessie Lynch

Name of Candidate: Jessie Lynch

Position candidate is filing for: Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information: Jessie Lynch was born and grew up in the hills of Coal County, Oklahoma. Her mother, Nancy Roberts Harris, a full-blood Chickasaw and her father Osborne Harris, a full-blood Choctaw, were both original enrollees. She is very proud of her Native American heritage. She feels it gives her strength of character to strive to be the

very best she can be in all her endeavors. She works to keep the language and culture alive and growing.

Civic and/or community activities: She is a member of the Duncan senior group and enjoys helping plan and participate in their activities.

Name of spouse and children: Jessie Lynch has been married to Kenneth for more than 50 years. They have two daughters and seven grandchildren. They live in Duncan on her father's original allotted land.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: "I am a

former tribal legislator and have a keen sense of the needs of my people, especially the elders. I worked seven and a half years as a CHR for the Chickasaw Nation. As tribal government

grows and expands I feel that it is more important than ever to keep in touch with tribal affairs and at the same time keep the tribal members abreast of this expansion."

Ray McCarter



Ray McCarter

He retired in 1996 but wasn't finished serving the public. He ran successfully for the open District 51 seat in the Oklahoma House of Representatives serving 10 years. He was instrumental in passing many landmark pieces of legislation. He has been responsible for most of the legislation passed for disabled veterans over the past decade and has been instrumental in many economic development issues. A member of the leadership of the House, he served four terms as Assistant Majority Leader.

With many brothers and sisters, he knows the problems facing our families. A family man himself, he has been married 40 years to his high school sweetheart, Kathy. They have raised two children, who are public school teachers. His mother, Marjean Colbert, a member of

the Pontotoc District, lives in Walters, Okla., and his many brothers and sisters live across the United States.

Educational background: He received a Bachelor of Arts in History/Education from Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts, Chickasha, Okla.; a Master of Arts in History/Education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Okla.; a Master of Arts in Guidance/Counseling from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.; and a doctorate in Education Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. McCarter and his wife of 40 years, Kathy, have two children. They have two grandchildren, Brandye a graduate of Marlow High School and Codye an eighth grader at Marlow Jr. High.

Name of Candidate: Ray McCarter

Position candidate is filing for: Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information: Ray McCarter is the grandson of original original enrollee Nana M. Ryle. He is a resident of Marlow, Okla., and has lived in the Pickens District most of his life. He has dedicated most of his professional life to the service of others, spending almost 30 years in public education.

After serving four years in the military including a tour of duty in Viet Nam, he returned to earn three college degrees in education. After teaching and coaching at Okarche and Mustang, he served as counselor and principal at Waurika. After earning a master's degree and a doctorate in educational administration he completed his educational career as superintendent of schools at Marlow.

The Chickasaw Nation Special Election Ada, Oklahoma

A Special Notice From The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission:

A vacancy exists in Pickens District, Seat 2 of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature due to the death of Mitch Sperry. Upon request of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, Governor Bill Anoatubby will call a Special Election.

Listed below are the tentative Special Election dates:

***February 1, 2, and 3 Candidate filing period.

(candidates must file with the election secretary in the Election Office. Please bring bio./resume & photo when filing.)

***February 17 Ballots mailed to all qualified voters in the Pickens District.

For more information, please contact the election secretary at 1-888-661-0137.

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL SPECIAL ELECTION 2006 SCHEDULE Pickens District, Seat 2

February 1-3

Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Election Secretary's Office)

February 7

Challenge to Candidacy ends

February 8

Voter registration closes

February 9

Drawing for position on ballot-Election Secretary's office, 10:00a.m. *Candidates may also pick-up label, printouts & diskettes*

February 17

Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters in the Pickens District

March 8

Last day to appoint watcher

March 14

2006 Chickasaw Special Election

Last day to return ballots ***no later than 10:30 a.m.***

Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press release made public

March 14

Voter registration re-opens if there is no run-off election

March 17

End of recount period

March 20

Oath of Office Ceremony @ 1:30 pm. (*if there is no run-off election*)

2006 Election Schedule SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE

March 20

Candidates may pick-up adhesive labels, print-out & diskettes

March 20

Ballots mailed to all voters in run-off election district

April 5

Last day to appoint watcher

April 11

2006 Special Chickasaw Run-off Election

Last day to return ballots ***not later than 10:30 a.m.***

Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press release made public

April 11

Voter registration re-opens

April 17

Recount period expires

April 18

Oath of Office Ceremony @ 1:30 pm

Sherri K. Sanders



Sherri Sanders

Name of Candidate: Sherri K. Sanders

Position candidate is filing for: Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information: Sherri Sanders is a 1981 graduate of Pauls Valley High School and a 1981 graduate of Mid America Vo-Tech with a degree in distributive education. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Melinda

Gibson and the granddaughter of the late Lillian Fowler. Her grandmother influenced her life greatly teaching her about her heritage, culture of her people and how important it is to take care of her Chickasaw brothers and sisters and to always be proud that God blessed her to be Chickasaw.

Educational background: 1981 graduate of Pauls Valley High School, 1981 graduate of Mid America Vo-Tech with a degree in distributive education. She has completed 25 hours in business degree at NCTC, earned a certificate for food safety, a certificate for hazardous materials, a certificate for Employee Relationship Enhancement Training, completed 100% and received a certificate from Children's Institute of

Literature.

Civic and/or community activities: She has been a volunteer at the Marietta Library for two years, a Bible instructor for eight years and has coached girls softball for eight years.

Awards and honors: She has received writing awards for poetry. Her poetry has been published in several magazines and newspapers and in the Anthology of Poetry Book.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: To continue to provide service for the programs currently available. To implement new ideas such as aquatic programs to help arthritis patients and develop new programs for special needs patients. We have great programs called the Get Fresh Program that teaches seniors

how to cook and eat healthy, but I feel we should have a diabetic specialist to visit each site and teach about his terrible disease. To continue to benefit health care issues, education, and special care needs to all Chickasaw people by listening to what they say.

Name of spouse and children: Ms. Sanders has a daughter, Heather Jo Sanders.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: "I would like to thank you for the opportunity to run for such an important position. I believe in our culture and in preserving all of the old ways handed down from generation to generation, to instill in our young the pride they should have as a Chickasaw. For they are our future, future storytellers, artist, writers, doctors, law-

yers, activist and leaders.

I believe we have to continue to provide the guidance and financial help needed to educate our youth now and generations to come. The world is fast paced and forever changing and we must stay focused on the important issues and never forget our heritage and old ways but mesh them with this world we live in. Education is the best tool we can provide to our people. We must continue to have the best health care for our people. Your words will not fall on deaf ears, I will listen and implement the needs of my Chickasaw brothers and sisters. The bottom line is to provide the best quality of life for the Chickasaw people. I will do my best to serve you.

Thank you,
Sherri Sanders

Stephen G. Wall



Stephen Wall

Name of Candidate: Stephen G. Wall

Position candidate is filing for: Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information: Stephen Wall was born December 10, 1953 at Talihina, Okla. He is a resident of Ardmore, Okla., and was raised in the Bay area of California and in the Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma. He is the son of the late Mary Lois Wall, a full-blood Chickasaw, and Peter J. and Gale Wall. His grandparents are Able and Salina Brown, full-blood Chickasaws. He has been employed at Michelin North America (Uniroyal) for 33 years.

Education background: Stephen Wall is a 1972 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and East Central University, Ada, Okla. As an employee of Michelin

Tire Company he received training in production, cost management, and human resources and sensitivity training.

Civic and/or community activities: Stephen Wall has served the Indian community for more than 26 years as a pastor. He has served on the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and the Executive Board for Indian Falls Creek. He has served as youth director of the Chikasha Baptist Association.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Wall has six children, Stephanie, Joe, Leslie, Stephen Bryce, Wyatt and Shelly, the 2004-05 Miss Chickasaw.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My objective would be to focus on our future. I believe we can enhance and expand our present programs to better serve our tribal citizens. Strengthening the family unit continues to be an absolute necessity in our environment today. Strong families mean strong tribal government and a more successful future. We must also remember that we are a part of a large picture outside of the Chickasaw Nation. We should use all of our resource; tribal, state, and federal to produce the best lives possible for our Chickasaw citizens and the

communities around us.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: "My personal message to the Chickasaw people would be that the future is for those who are willing to lead, to be pacesetters and those who are willing to step out with confidence. It is time for our Chickasaw people, not to follow

those around us but to continue our journey that will lead us to excellence and success. Much has been accomplished in the field of economics, but the best is yet to come. We have improved our education services, but the best is yet to come. We are making advances in health care, but the best is yet to come.

We are providing homes for our citizens, care for our elders, and opportunities for our youth. We are working to preserve and teach our culture, but we have not arrived yet. There is more we must do. The best is yet to come. May God bless the Unconquered and the Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation."

Patrick James



Patrick James

Name of Candidate: Patrick James

Position candidate is filing for: Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information: Patrick James was born July

19, 1968 at Talihina, Okla. He was raised and has lived in the Dickson/Ardmore (OK) area all his life. He is the son of full-blood Chickasaw the late Alex James and full-blood Mississippi Choctaw Larine Johnson Christie. He is currently a police sergeant for the Ardmore Police Department and started his own business, Luxury Limousine Service of Ardmore.

Education background: He is a 1986 graduate of Dickson High School.

Awards and honors: His awards and honors include: Council of Law Enforcement Education and Training, police certification; Commendation for Bravery; named Officer of the Year 1995-1996; Promotion to police sergeant; received the Community Policing Officers Award; Medal of Merit, narcotics supervisor and advanced

police officer certification.

Name of spouse and children: He and his wife Lynne Clark James have three sons, Matthew, Anthony and Thomas.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: "I love the challenge of trying something new. My wife and I talked and put a lot of thought and prayer into the decision to run for Chickasaw Legislature. The thought first came when a friend asked if I ever considered running and I actually hadn't until that time. I researched what a legislature is and does and am very confident I can do the job if elected. I enter this race wholeheartedly and am committed to what I set out to do. I will work with and for the people of the Chickasaw Nation and for what's best for the Nation as a whole."

Randall Neasbitt

Name of candidate: Randall Neasbitt

Position candidate is filing for: Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, seat 2

Background information: My family has its roots in the Enos, Powell, Kingston and Durant areas. Our original allotment land is near Rocky Point. Much of my extended family has always lived in Pickens District. I grew up in the panhandle of Texas and returned to the Chickasaw Nation after college. We have family living in the Chickasaw Nation, in Texas and elsewhere across the United States. My extended family has provided me, I believe, a good understanding of the needs of Chickasaws wherever they may live. My upbringing taught me that family is the most important part of our lives. Having compassion for others and being willing to help are essential lessons I learned growing up. It is my desire to help Chickasaw people with the important things they need in life. As a tribal outreach worker in Ardmore, I see firsthand the many challenges faced by Chickasaw people. My work involves assisting people and solving problems

after other courses of action have been exhausted. I help Chickasaw elders who need a plumber, an electrician, an exterminator or other service. I assist in delivering groceries and medicine to Chickasaws. I accompany Chickasaws to court and serve as their advocate. All these experiences tell me there is much to be done for our people, and I believe I can make a positive difference in the lives of Chickasaws.

Educational background: Mr. Neasbitt is a 1969 graduate of Phillips High School and a 1971 graduate of Frank Phillips College.

Civic or community activities: As an administrative outreach worker for the tribe, I am involved in many aspects of Chickasaw life in a number of communities. The most satisfying recent project is the upcoming establishment of a community center in Enos. The Enos community, and other surrounding communities, have very much needed a community center for gathering, sharing meals, discussing current events and enjoying each others' company. I am happy I was able to help make the community center a real asset for the people of the

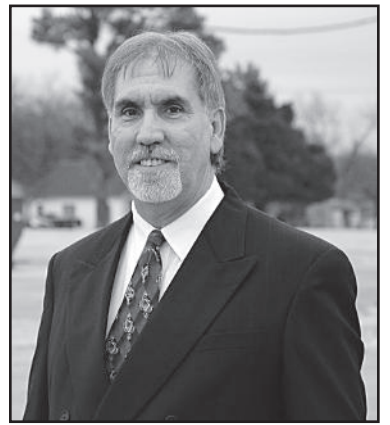
district. The 10 acres for the center have now been purchased and final approval of the project is upcoming. There will soon be a great, new community center in Pickens District.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: In Pickens District, I see a real need for **jobs**. Our Chickasaw people in Pickens District need more job choice, and they need good-paying jobs from which to choose. Many Chickasaws in Pickens District need regular **transportation**. Pickens is a large district, and many Chickasaws have real challenges getting to work, to essential medical appointments, and to the grocery store. Finally, I believe we must **diversify our tribal economic base** and invest in good, solid businesses that will provide jobs for Chickasaws and keep our tribe strong for generations to come. Our gaming industries have built a foundation for future growth. I believe we must now seek out new sectors of commerce to complement the success we have already had.

Name of spouse: Randy Neasbitt and his wife, Darla, have been married for 20 years. The couple makes its home in Ardmore.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *"It is of prime importance that each tribal legislator remember it is the Chickasaw people we serve. I promise you that as your legislator, each day when I get up I will be reminded that my job that day is to do my very best in service to Chickasaws."*

"I have seen firsthand the environments that surround many Chickasaw people. There are many needs, from the most basic like food, medicine and clothing, to the more advanced like education scholarships, mortgage options and specialized health care. I have gained experience working in these and other areas of need. I will put that experience to work for you in the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature."



Randy Neasbitt

"I promise that, as your Pickens District legislator, you will always come first with me. You can count on me to respond to your needs and serve as your advocate inside the tribal government."

"Thank you very much for your vote, and God bless you."

**Special Election:
Pickens District, Seat 2
Ballots mailed February 17
Ballots must be returned by 10:30
a.m., March 14
Ballot tabulation begins at 11 a.m.,
March 14**

Donna Hartman



Donna Hartman

Name of Candidate: Donna Hartman

Position candidate is filing for: Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, Seat 2

Background information: Ms. Hartman is the granddaughter of Minnie Keel Liddell, a full-blood Chickasaw and

original enrollee #2983 and the daughter of Billy Liddell, Sr. and the late Bonnie Liddell. She is 1/4 Chickasaw from a family of eight children and has lived most of her life in the Pickens District. She attended school in Thackerville, Marietta and Leon. After rearing her children in the rural community of Leon, she now lives and works in the Ardmore area.

After working in assembly-line plants, at age 32 she returned to college as a nontraditional, single-parent student and graduated at age 35 with a degree in elementary education. In 1988 while teaching, she completed a master's degree and in 2002 she completed her second master's degree. Ms. Hartman is a counselor for East Central (OK) University's Talent Search Program. For 16 years, she has assisted students

in grades 7 to 12 at 10 public schools in Carter, Love, Garvin and Stephens counties to explore career options and continue education and training after high school graduation. She is an Oklahoma certified teacher who taught four years at Turner elementary school and in 1985 assisted in writing a grant which purchased computers, printers, and educational programs giving Native American students in grades 1 to 8 their first technological opportunities.

She previously was a part-time tutor for Carter Seminary, the Chickasaw Nation's Adult Basic Education program and an adjunct instructor at Murray State College.

Education background: Ms. Hartman has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University (1982);

a master's degree in human resources counseling from East Central University (1988); and a master's degree in human resources administration from East Central University (2002).

Civic/Community Activities: Ms. Hartman has been active at local, state and national levels. Her involvement includes serving as a:

- Chickasaw Nation Historical Society member
- Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislator (three terms)
- Chickasaw Community Councils
- National Congress of American Indians member
- Johnson-O'Malley Committee member (President)
- Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance Executive Board member (secretary, treasurer and President)
- March of Dimes volunteer

and team leader

- National Council of Educational Opportunity Association delegate for Oklahoma

- Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs Regional Board representative for Oklahoma

- YWCA board member
- Summer baseball coach, manager and activities fundraiser

Awards and honors: Ms. Hartman was named Best All-Around Girl Academic/Athletic Award (1962); received the English Honor Award- High School Senior (1966); was a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society at Murray State College (1970-1971); was on the Southeastern Oklahoma State University President's and

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Vice-President's Honor Roll. She received her 15 year TRIO service awards in 2004. She was one of five educators who met with the Oklahoma U.S. Congressional delegation in 1995 in a successful effort to preserve Trio educational programs.

Goals as a Member of the Chickasaw Legislature: The broad goals as your legislator are: 1) to continue expanding and upgrading our services and opportunities for Chickasaws both inside and outside the Nation's boundaries; 2) to equally distribute service facilities and businesses throughout Pickens District, and 3) to maintain integrity in the tribal governmental processes and procedures.

Specific goals to address are: to adopt a precise procedure for annual identification and accountability of unspent program and tribal money and the reallocating of those dollars into the next fiscal year's budget; to support strong economic development through business diversification to ensure the continuity of tribal self-sufficiency; to increase funding in health care, education, senior services, and housing programs including assisted living facilities; and to approve individual benefits to all Chickasaw citizens, inside and outside the boundaries.

Name of spouse and children: Ms. Hartman's three sons and their families live in Pickens District. They are Danny and granddaughter, Jenna; Ricky, and Ronnie and grandson, Asher.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: "I believe the Nation's greatest resource is the Chickasaw people from our Elders through the generations to our children. The tribal FY 2006 budget is \$6.3 billion with \$135 million approved for capital investment in building projects and land purchases. It is time that Chickasaw citizens more equally benefit from our progressive and prosperous Nation with no cuts to existing programs.

Major issues as your legislator that I advocate, support and uphold are:

- Direct investment in Chickasaw people with expansion of services

- Protection of sovereign

rights and self governance at local, state and federal levels

- Information disclosure to Chickasaw people

- Assurance of continued Healthcare and Educational funding on the national level

- Approval of a capita payment for revenue sharing to Chickasaw citizens

During my nine years as a legislator, I served on and chaired many committees. While serving as finance committee chairman, legislation was passed to provide the first public hearing for all citizens' comments on the tribal budget. Also, under my chairmanship and for the first time an independent CPA was used by the finance committee in the reviewing of the annual budgets and for an objective assessment of the tribal accounting procedures. I am an advocate for this practice to be reinstated to ensure precise legislative oversight of tribal budget management. Although tribal funds for health care have increased, the need for improved and expanded care is urgent. I will continue to work to enhance the Chickasaw Nations health care system to ensure that all Chickasaw people have access to adequate care. I also supported the establishment of our criminal court system, education increases, and the Chickasaw Police, the Light Horsemen. I have demonstrated my commitment to the growth and development of the Chickasaw Nation by supporting land base expansion and economic development, however, it is essential to be fully informed about major investments and expenditures. My voting record reflects that type of leadership.

As your representative I have worked to assist Chickasaws with problems and by making productive, progressive and well-informed decisions. Whether it has been helping a child with a Christmas wish, a student with a scholarship need, an adult with health-care, housing, or employment needs, or exploring options of greater tribal self-sufficiency, I have given my full attention and commitment.

My grandmother, Mammaw, inspired my strength, pride and heart in being Chickasaw.

Mammaw's spirit has taught me the importance of heritage, the common bond of all Chickasaws.

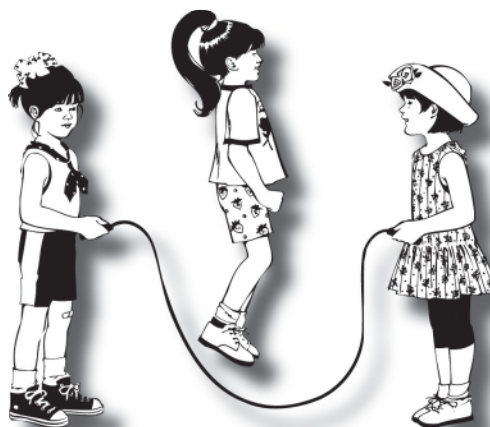
Her inspiration drives my commitment to the preservation of our Chickasaw culture, traditions and heritage. As I have drawn from my grandmother's

strength, I will continue to draw from the strength of the Chickasha people.

As your representative, I will make informed decisions on issues such as health care, budget appropriations, land acquisitions, water rights and sovereignty. I am available to listen

and respond to your concerns. Your input to me is vital to attain a government that stands for the best interest of the Chickasaw people, not just for an individual or an individual group.

You may contact me at 580-226-4385 or donhart@cs.ecok.edu.



SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE AND JOY!

We want to feature your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. in a special "Pride and Joy" section in our April issue of the Chickasaw Times. Please send a photo with you special child's name, age and guardian information. Include a note about why they are your "Pride and Joy!"

We need to receive these by **March 22, 2006**. Please send to: **The Chickasaw Times, c/o Pride and Joy, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.**

Please send a photo!

(We will return if you provide us with a return address.)

Child's Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian (you can also include grandparents): _____

City/State: _____

This child (children) is my pride and joy because:
(include sheet of paper, if necessary)

Chickasaw History Quiz

Post Removal Edition – The 1840s

By Richard Green

Choose the best of the four selections.

1. When Chickasaws completed the Trail of Tears, they were directed to emigrant camps in the eastern Choctaw Nation (today's Choctaw Nation). From these camps, they expected to move west to settle in the Chickasaw District (today's Chickasaw Nation) of the Choctaw Nation. But by 1844, the federal government estimated that three-fourths of the Chickasaws were still living among the Choctaws. Why hadn't they moved into the Chickasaw District?

A. They didn't want to leave the first adequate supply of food since leaving the homeland.

B. The first groups of Chickasaws attempting to settle in their District had been raided by tribes rustling their livestock or by tribes, like the Kickapoo, that had been traditional Chickasaw enemies.

C. The trauma of removal combined with receiving money from annual disbursements (annuity payments) by the federal government sapped their will to emigrate to their District.

D. Many Chickasaw quickly had established settlements and farms in the area that enabled them to live relatively well where they were.

2. By the early 1840s, the Chickasaws were governed by three different authorities. Which of the following was not one of those governing authorities?

A. A district chief and elected representatives serving on the Choctaw tribal council

B. King and Clan Council

C. Chickasaw Commission appointed by the federal government to manage Chickasaw financial matters

D. A governor with broad-based power

3. The three levels of government (referred to in question 2) met at Boiling Spring in 1845 to determine which would control the federal annuity payments. Name the Chickasaw leader who prevailed?

A. Pittman Colbert

B. King Ishtehotopa

C. Isacc Alberson

D. G.P. Kingsbury

4. The Chickasaws drafted a simple constitution in 1846, a more elaborate one in 1848 and amended it in 1849 and 1851. Since the Chickasaws were living in the Choctaw Nation under its laws, what was the purpose of formulating and amending a tribal constitution?

A. To demonstrate to the federal government that the Chickasaws needed more financial assistance

B. To indicate an intention to secede from the Choctaw Nation

C. To indicate to the Choctaws that they should give the Chickasaws more power in the Council.

D. To demonstrate to Chickasaw tribal members a growing sense of self-reliance and pride

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'Its About Money'

Indian Nations need bond parity



J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

Access to capital continues to be a major obstacle for continued economic expansion across Indian Country. This is true both for individual Indian entrepreneurs as well as for Indian tribes and nations. Providing Indian tribes with bonding parity on the same basis as state and local governments will go a long way towards facilitating tribal access to capital markets.

There are two immediate legislative actions that in put into effect will allow tribes to issue bonds on the same basis as state and local governments. The first action has to do with amending the Securities Act of 1933. The second action involves authorizing Indian tribes to issue private activity bonds in the same manner as allowed for state and local governments. These two actions, taken together, will greatly open

up to access capital investment through bond financing.

Congress should consider amending the Securities Act of 1933 to allow Indian Tribal Governments access to the same exemption from securities registration that state, county and local governments currently enjoy with respect to the issuance of tax exempt bonds. Presently in order to access the mainstream bond markets tribes are forced to go through an expensive and time consuming registration process. Generally tribes will avoid this process and will turn to the private placement market. This entails paying higher yields and fees on their paper than what could otherwise be expected in the mainstream bond market.

To the extent that the Congress sees fit to so amend the 1933 Securities Act, I would further suggest amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian Tribal Governments to issue "private activity bonds" in the same manner as allowed for state and local governments. In addition, I would suggest exempting tribes, under certain circumstances, from the "vol-

ume cap" requirements of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code.

By providing Indian Tribal Governments with equal footing as that enjoyed by state and local governments with respect to the issuance of private activity bonds it will greatly stimulate the flow of capital to Indian Country. Also, by granting an exemption to Indian tribes, under certain circumstances, from the "volume cap" restrictions will mean that tribes will not have to request a private activity allocation from a state government who may be unwilling or unable to grant such allocation as an Indian tribal government is not a political subdivision of the state.

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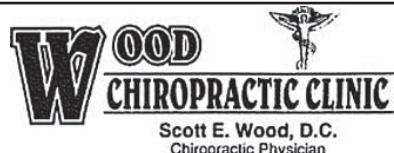
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Students of the month in the Tishomingo District are **Cheyenne Eason**, Ravia Elementary, **Kayla Martinez**, Milburn Jr. High, **Tyler McCollom**, Tishomingo Jr. High and **Jessica Collins**, Milburn High School.

"Cheyanne Eason is an excellent student," said Debbie Alins. "She gives 100% in everything she does. She is always willing to go the extra mile."

"Tyler McCollom is a hard working student," said Donna Owens. "He makes good grades and participates in class discussion. He participates in several extracurricular activities, but is responsible to keep schoolwork done and attend class. He treats his teachers and schoolmates with respect and is a well liked young man."

"Kayla Martinez has a wonderful personality and gets along great with all of her peers," said Patty Ford. "Everyday she comes to class with a beautiful smile on her face. She always has something good to say about everyone and always has a positive attitude."



Tyler McCollom

"Jessica Collins is an outstanding and hard working student. She is a great asset to our school. Jessica is always willing to help and assist others."

Students of the Month of the Panola District are **Alexis Olguin**, Colbert Elementary, **Taylor Burkhalter** and **Cody Hughes**, Colbert Jr. High, and **Chealsie Wines**, Colbert High School.

"Alexis Olguin is a sixth grade student at Colbert East Ward Elementary. She has a bubbly personality and is always smiling and very friendly," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "She is an honor student and a hard working student. She participates in all of the JOM and Title VII activities the school offers. Alexis is a good candidate for your award."

"Taylor Burkhalter is an eighth grade student at Colbert Middle school. She is an excellent student, very responsible, and a hard worker," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "Taylor is involved in several school organizations as well as being active in her church. She is well mannered and has a terrific personality. Taylor participates in the J.O.M. and Title VII programs and activities offered and enjoys learning about her heritage."

"Cody Hughes is an eighth grade student at Colbert Middle School. He is a very intelligent, well-rounded young man," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "Cody is an excellent student and well liked by his teachers and classmates. He is responsible and considerate. Cody would be a well deserving candidate as a Student of the Month."

"Chealsie Wines is an excellent student. She is consistently on the Superintendent's Honor Roll, making straight A's," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter.



Taylor Burkhalter



Cody Hughes



Chealsie Wines

"Chealsie is actively involved in several school organizations. She is a hard worker and very conscientious. Chealsie is very active in church and community services. She has a pleasant personality and is a good role model. Chealsie is the student representative on our Title VII Committee. She enjoys learning and sharing her Indian culture with others."

Student of the Month for the Pickens District are **Paige Hopson**, **Jake Standridge**, Comanche Elementary, **Shytana Johnston**, Fox Jr. High, **Benjamin Graham**, Comanche Jr. High, **J.J. Ralls**, Turner High School.

"Paige Hopson is a very dedicated and responsible student," said Lisa Rogers. "She does what is expected of her at all times. She puts great effort into her work. She is always willing to help others and offers suggestions to make things easier for them."

"Jake Standridge is a helpful, bright young man," said Linette Simpson. "He is respectful of others. He leads by example. He is friendly and works hard on his class work. Jake likes to read, when he is finished with his class work, he will read his library book. He arrives to school on time and is rarely absent."

"Shytana Johnston is a great student. She is always pleasant and helpful, genuine and upbeat. She is in the seventh grade this year. When she was in the first grade she suffered with an optic nerve tumor. Thankfully, it was benign, but left one eye damaged. She almost died with the illness, but she is so grateful to be alive and so are we."

"Benjamin Graham is a very responsible and intelligent young man," said Kelli Bolton. "He has won many academic awards and is always on the A Honor Roll. He is never in trouble and has a good head on his shoulders. I believe he will make a very good Student of the Month. He is a very positive role model and



Jake Standridge



Shytana Johnston



J.J. Ralls

a well rounded student. Ben is involved in sports, church and agriculture. He is a hard worker and cares about his classmates. Ben rarely misses school and seems to enjoy it."

J.J. Ralls is a tremendous student in and out of the classroom," said Sue Kelley. "He is a leader. J.J. is a well mannered young man. He displays himself with great pride. It is my privilege to nominate him."

Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District are **Laney Deaton**, Allen elementary, **Mike Anderson**, Latta Elementary, **Kortney West**, Latta Elementary, **Ethan Priddy**, Stratford Jr. High, **Cortnee Cantwell**, Latta High, **Jeffrey Wells**, Stratford High School.

"Laney Deaton was selected as Student of the Month because of her desire to succeed," said Shirley Scroggins. "Laney has never missed turning in a homework paper or failing to do her class work. She always does neat work and tries her best in everything. Laney is liked by all her class mates and is friendly and polite. She uses kind words in speaking to others and always has a beautiful smile. I feel Laney will deserve to be selected as student of the month."

"Mike Anderson should be selected for many reasons. He entered Latta this year and I was immediately glad to have him," said Kristi Smith. "He is an excellent worker in class, plus a good friend to others. He is respectful to everyone and has a wonderful attitude about school and life."



Mike Anderson



Laney Deaton



Kortney West

many activities and does well at them all. I feel that Kortney would represent the Student of the Month very well."

"Ethan Priddy is an awesome young man who has overcome several obstacles to reach his goals," said Angela Martin. "Until about three months ago, Ethan was basically deaf in one ear. Despite this hindrance, Ethan participated in the school band and worked very hard to maintain good grades. This past summer, Ethan was fitted with a cochlear implant to aide in improving his hearing. Ethan still works hard to maintain an excellent GPA and to be involved in activities as school. He was recently named to the school's honor roll and to the Governor's Honor Club. Ethan is a humorous, bright and delightful young man and is very deserving of this award."

"Cortnee Cantwell is a real pleasure to have here at Latta High School," said Stan Cochran. "She is a very mature student, she conducts herself in a responsible manner. She always seem to have a smile on her face and she strives to take care of business both in the classroom and out. Cortnee is well-liked among other students and among her teachers because of the respectful way she treats others. We believe she is a positive representative of Latta High School and she is deserving of the Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month."

"Jeffrey Wells is a witty, smart and fun young man. He is very responsible and likes to be involved in activities at school," said Angela Martin. "He is a member of the varsity football team and of FFA. Jeffery has also participated in numerous youth activities sponsored by the Chickasaw nation. He was recently named to the school's honor roll and to the Governor's Honor Club."

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Ethan Priddy



Cortnee Cantwell



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Students of the Month in the Tishomingo District are **Sadie Tyson** and **Eli Hallmark**, Tishomingo Elementary. **Sadie Williford** and **Blaine St. Clair**, Tishomingo Jr. High.

"Sadie Tyson is a very fun loving, intelligent child, with a good attitude," said Gary Webb. "She is a hard worker and is a pleasure to have at school."

"Eli Hallmark has really grown and matured over the past few years that I have known him," said Gary Webb. "He has developed into a good student and is an asset to our school."

"Sadie Williford is an excellent candidate for Student of the Month. She works hard at both extra curricular activities and at school work," said Donna Owens. "She maintains good grades and is responsible regarding school work. She presents a positive attitude and treats her peers and teachers with respect."

"Blaine St. Clair is an excellent student. He works hard in all his classes. He presents a positive attitude both in and out

of the classroom," said Donna Owens. "Blaine shows respect to his peers and his teachers. He is conscientious about getting to class with the appropriate materials and about getting assignments completed on time. He is a good candidate for Student of the Month."

Students of the Month for the Panola District are **Raychel Turner** and **Remington Boney**, Achille Elementary, and **Padyn Hobgood**, Colbert Jr. High.

"Raychel Turner is a straight A student, who works very hard and cares about her education," said Vernen Johnson. "Raychel is friendly to all and is always pleasant to be around. She also finds time to play basketball and is a member of the Jr. high academic team. Raychel deserves to be the Student of the Month."

"Remington Boney is a very dedicated student. He strives for academic excellence," said Pam Reynolds. "He has a positive attitude and enjoys learning. He not only learns what is required but goes beyond that to build a deeper knowledge base. He is always well prepared for class and utilizes his time efficiently. He also works well with others in a learning environment."

Padyn Hobgood is an eighth grade student at Colbert Middle School. "She has a pleasant personality and is well liked by her peers and her teachers," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "Padyn is an excellent student and is actively involved in sports, Vo Ag, and music. She is a positive role model for all her fellow students. Padyn participates in the JOM and Title IX programs and activities offered at Colbert Schools. She enjoys learning and sharing her Indian culture. Padyn would be a well deserving candidate for your Student of the Month."

The Students of the Month for the Pickens District are **Danielle Whitener**, Wilson Elementary, **Mason Bowen**, Comanche Elementary, **Kelsie Tucker**

Comanche Jr. High, **Trampus Weant**, Kingston Jr. High, **Lee Armstrong**, Fox High School.

"Danielle Whitener always has her work completed and turned in on time," said Sheila Fulton. "She strives to make good grades. She focuses on details and accuracy on her assignments. She is a model student who displays good citizenship and excellent classroom manners. She is well respected by her classmates."

"Mason Bowen is a very good student," said Lisa Rogers. "He is always prepared for class and participates in learning with a positive and enthusiastic attitude. He gets along with his classmates and is always willing to lend a helping hand."

"I am proud to nominate Kelsie Tucker for Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month," said Debbie Carr. "Kelsie maintains good grades, displays outstanding citizenship, participates in extra curricular activities and proves to be an all around great student. Certainly, I am happy to nominate her for this award."

"Trampus Weant is a outstanding all-around student," said Mrs. Cathy Osborn. "He is very considerate of others and is well mannered and respectful."

"Lee Armstrong is a top notch individual," said Rozella Peuchruse. "He works hard. He is dedicated to being the best he can be whether it is in school or out of school. I believe in his ability to succeed. He is polite and courteous. He has a straight A grade point average. Thank you for allowing us to nominate these students."

Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District are **Tatum Taylor**, Lexington Elementary, **Hunter Capps**, Francis Elementary, **Marcella Sweet**, Latta Jr. High, **Garrett Weatherford**, Wynnewod Jr. High, **Tosha MacCollister**, Latta Jr. High, **Bryson Vann**, Wapanucka High School.

"Tatum Taylor is being nominated for the J.O.M. Student of

the Month for many reasons," said Meredith Jones. "She is a good worker with a positive attitude. Tatum is always considerate and respectful of her peers and teachers. She is involved in cheerleading and exhibits good citizenship. Therefore, I am hoping Tatum Taylor will be selected for the J.O.M. Student of the Month."

"In a world where most people are looking out for themselves, it's refreshing to see a young student who continually uses good manners and strives to help others. A new student recently enrolled at our school who has emotional and strong academic needs. Hunter Capps has made a point, on several occasions, to assist this new student, with making friends, helping catch up on an assignment, showing him around our school, even at the risk of being ridiculed by others."

"Marcella Sweet is new to Latta School this year, but seems to fit in very well. Marcella is a good student and well liked by her teachers and peers," said Terry Painter. "She is involved in many activities in school and seems to excel in everything she does. Marcella is very deserving of this honor."

"Garrett Weatherford is a very likeable young man," said Terri Hays. "He is well respected by his peers and his teachers. He

has a very easy going personality, but yet he is still a hard worker. He always puts forth his best effort. Even when things gets tough Garrett keeps on trying till he gets the job done. He is an outstanding young man and for all these reasons, I nominate him for the Student of the Month."

"Tosha MacCollister is very deserving to be named our school's Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month," said Stan Cochran. "She is a good leader both in the classroom and around campus. She always serves as a positive representative of Latta School in her school activities. She is also very involved in promoting the positive culture of the Chickasaw Nation. We are extremely proud of Tosha and her accomplishments and we know she will continue to be successful after completing her diploma."

"It is with pleasure I write a letter of commendation for such a fine young man," said Max Rowland. "Bryson Vann has been active in many activities throughout his high school career. He is a student who works hard and takes his education very seriously. Bryson consistently displays the utmost respect for his classmates as well as teachers and administration. He would be an excellent choice for any scholarship or position he is striving to obtain."

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Danielle Whitener



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Jamie Battiest

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"I wanted to become a peer counselor because I wanted to help other mothers who were as uninformed about breastfeeding as I was initially, Mrs. Battiest

said. "I know how difficult it can be to do something no one in your circle of family and friends is familiar with." "Breastfeeding is so taboo to some people and there are hundreds of myths to scare moms away from breastfeeding. I am so thankful that I had positive support from a well-informed lactation consultant. She had confidence in me and

encouraged me that 'Yes, I can do this!' Just having her there to call in a moment of panic when I thought the world was caving in on me was such a blessing. I want to do the same for other moms. I believe breastfeeding is best. It is a worthwhile investment that gives a lifetime of rewards. Most of all, I want to give back what was given to me. That's why I wanted to become a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor."

Mrs. Battiest and her husband Walker have two children, Kathleen 2 1/2, who was breastfed for 13 months, and Carson, 15 months who is still currently breastfeeding. The Battiest family will also be welcoming its newest member in August. The family makes its home in Duncan, Oklahoma.

The WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program was established to provide support and education to mothers who want to breastfeed. Peer Counselors

are available in all WIC locations and surrounding areas in the following cities: Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell. Debra Cox, a board certified Lactation Consultant, coordinates the program and offers specialized help to moms having difficulties establishing breastfeeding.

The programs goal is to make breastfeeding the preferred method of infant feeding for all mothers as is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For help and support in the area of breastfeeding call (580) 399-2002, (580) 310-6420, or the toll free breastfeeding warm line, (888) 439-8970.



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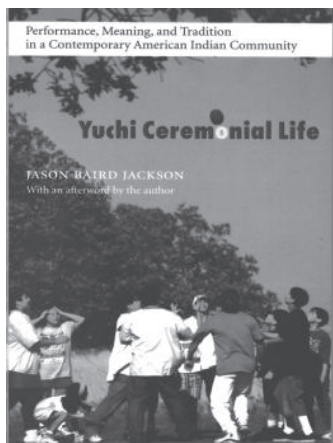
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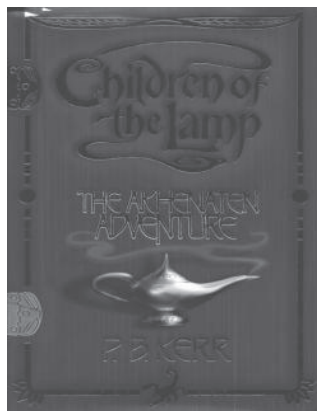
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General Resolution Number 23-025, Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Ms. Billie Easterling

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Billie Easterling to fill the at-large seat on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, becoming effective on January 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2008.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to approve GR23-025. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Holly Easterling

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR23-025 carried.

General Resolution Number 23-026, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Bank Holding Company, Mr. James A. Jennings, III

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. James A. Jennings, III, to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Bank. Mr. Jennings will fill an unexpired term which is to be determined by the Bank's charter. A copy of Mr. Jennings' vitae has been provided to the Legislature.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to approve GR23-026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-026 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number

23-021, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 1.58 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. It property is located adjacent north of the Housing Annex Building, 1705 N. Broadway, Ada, Oklahoma. It is to be utilized as future expansion of the Housing Annex.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-021 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-022, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. It contains 75.52 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. Property Location: on the North side of Seabrook Road, opposite the Wellness Center, Ada, Oklahoma. Use: To be utilized as an outdoor sports and recreation complex.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Briggs.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary

Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-022 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-023, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 4.02 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. Property Location: 1629 North Broadway. Use: Office building currently in use as Housing Annex.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-023 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-024, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Stephens County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Duncan, Stephens County, Oklahoma, containing 6.0 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. Property Location: 1909 Plato Road, Duncan, Oklahoma. Use: To be utilized as the Duncan Senior Site.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-

024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-024 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wilson Seawright

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Humes recognized Chickasaw elders Ms. Geraldine Greenwood and Ms. Juanita Tate. He made comments on the information he learned from the American Indian Chambers

of Commerce meeting in Oklahoma City regarding trust property. Mr. Humes also asked the Legislature to consider changing the meeting date from Friday to Saturday.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding the purchase of property in Duncan, per capita payments, the Chickasaw elder's energy program, the burial program, election rules and regulations, accounting rules and regulations and the Ardmore Community Center.

Ms. Sue Simmons asked for an update of how the Nation helped the hurricane Katrina victims.

Ms. Juanita Tate expressed her appreciation for the purchase of the Burney Institute property and encouraged the restoration of the facility.

Ms. Wilma Watson, Chickasaw elder, was also recognized.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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Answers to Chickasaw History Quiz, continued from page 29

1. B. Although B was the major factor, the other choices played lesser roles in why the Chickasaws were not anxious to settle in their District. The earliest Chickasaws to settle in the Chickasaw District had run-ins with Kickapoos, who made off with some of their livestock and slaves. Later, the Kickapoo and predominately Kiowas and Comanches, also raided Chickasaw settlements. Chickasaw leaders appealed for federal protection. As a result, two forts were built in the Chickasaw District. Fort Washita was built in 1842 and Fort Arbuckle was garrisoned in 1851. Most of the last third of the Chickasaws didn't move into their district until after 1851.

2. D. Governor was not an office or title used by the tribe until it was created as part of the 1856 Constitution. The other three governmental bodies all functioned to some extent until 1845 when the federal government-appointed Commissioners resigned. Power passed to the Chickasaw district chief and officials elected to the Choctaw Council. The traditional Clan Council (including the King) had been losing political influence for years.

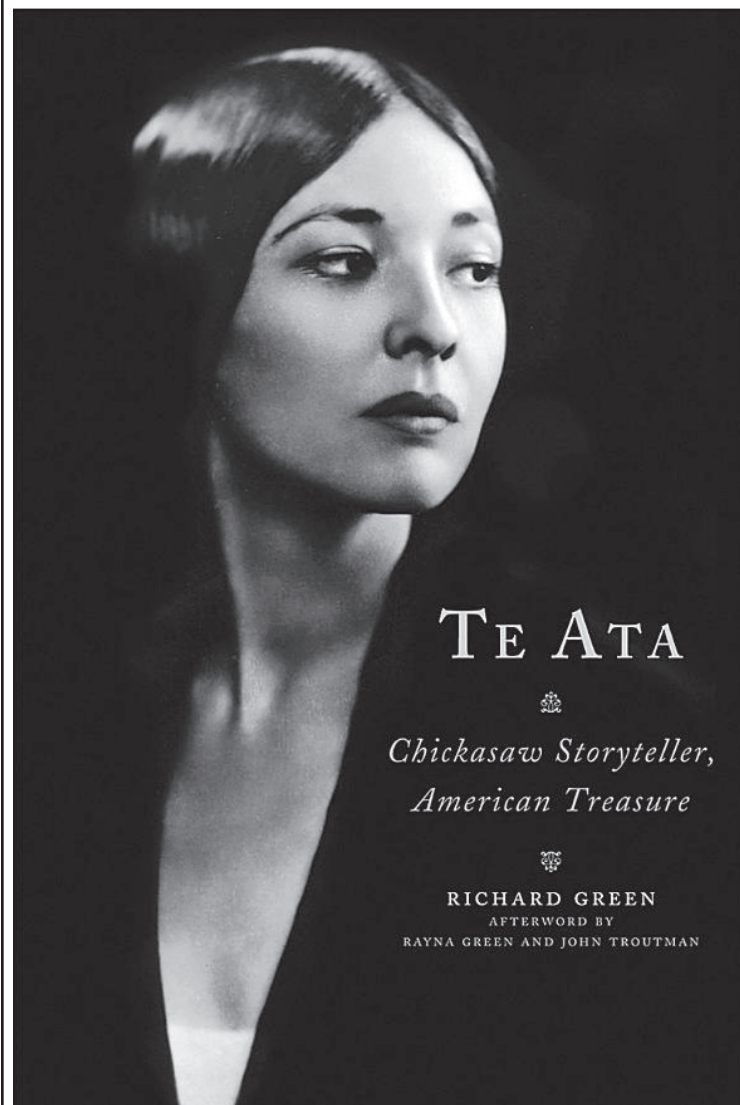
3. C. Isaac Alberson had been one of four district chiefs before Removal. Later, in the Choctaw Nation, he had been elected chief of the Chickasaw district. At the 1845 Boiling Springs meeting, mixed blood leader Pittman Colbert advocated giving control of the annuity to the aged King Ishtehotopa. Alberson charged that Colbert's proposal was a ploy to gain control of the tribe's annuity so that he could distribute the money, in part, to advance his own business interests. He convinced federal officials to investigate his charges. The federal report sided with Alberson. Additionally, Alberson had been encouraging Chickasaws to settle in their District and support its economic and political development. For those two reasons the federal government delivered the \$70,000 annuity to Alberson and his council, which supervised its payment to individual tribal members.

4. B. With the elimination of the other levels of government, Alberson and the elected representatives of the Chickasaw District council provided the leadership necessary to revitalize a powerful drive for

Chickasaw sovereignty. The first step was the drafting in 1846 of a document expressing the intent to guard the tribe's liberty and protect their property. This move reflected the strained relations between the Choctaws and Chickasaws, arising from the subjugation of Chickasaw sovereignty, contained in the 1837 Treaty of Doaksville. The second step was taken in 1848 by a general council drafting a constitution providing for executive and legislative departments. In addition, the right to vote was given to all males beginning at age 16. This 1848 constitution provided a greater sense of tribal unity and stoked a sense of individual pride and nationalism. These factors probably made inevitable the separation from the Choctaw that was carried out by the 1855 Treaty of Washington.

Note: Readers wishing to learn more about the events of the 1840s are invited to read, Chapters 9 and 10 in *The Chickasaws* by Arrell Gibson. The book, issued in 1971 by the University of Oklahoma Press is still the only comprehensive history of the tribe.

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Note of thanks:

On behalf of the family of Michael Eugene Brewer, we thank the Chickasaw Honor Guard for the military tribute they gave at Mike's funeral service. They did an excellent, professional job that would have made him proud. It was impressive, and greatly appreciated. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brewer

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Mitchell Dean Sperry



Services for Mitchell Dean Sperry, 45, were Dec. 23, 2005, at First United Methodist Church, Ardmore, with Dr. Robert Gorrell, the Rev. Dan Patman and Jeremy Sanders officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Craddock Funeral Home. He died Dec. 21, 2005.

Mr. Sperry was born Nov. 11, 1960, at Wichita Falls, Texas, to Robert Dean Sperry and Patricia Mitchell Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, B.P. Mitchell; grandmother, Maytie Mitchell; and aunt, Jere Mitchell.

A lifetime resident of Ardmore, he received his bachelor's degree from East Central University and his juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University.

Mr. Sperry was District Attorney for Oklahoma District 20, and a Chickasaw Tribal Legislator from Pickens District.

He loved to travel, coaching and watching his children's sports activities. He was an avid sports fan who loved the Sooners and Green Bay Packers. Most of all he loved his family.

He and Cindy Ann Flies were married Aug. 12, 1983, at Oklahoma City.

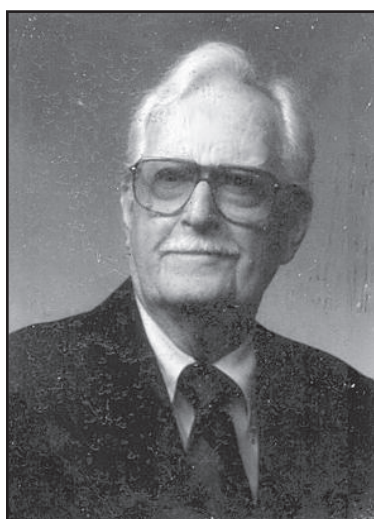
Survivors include his wife, Cindy, a daughter, Haley Sperry, and a son, Britton Austin Drake Sperry, all of the home; his mother and stepfather, Pat and J.T. Garrett, San Clemente, Calif.; father, Bob Sperry, Ardmore; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, friends and co-workers.

Bearers were Richard Wallen, Charlie Wallen, Gary Cummings, Brett Perry, Bobby Smith, Craig

Ladd, Mark Weimer and Bob Parkhill. Honorary bearers were Jeff Word, Sampson Buck, J.J. Hornbeck, Darren Rudd, Bobby McLean, Shawn Daniels, Rocky Northcutt, Pennye Shafer, Mike Sadler, Randal Richards, Mabry Thomas, Ardmore High School softball and tennis teams, Mr. Kristina's Fours at First United Methodist Church and the 20th Judicial District.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association or the YMCA.

Benjamin Carter Heald



Benjamin Carter Heald, 91, died peacefully January 25, 2006, at University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. Heald and his wife Martha Scott Heald moved to Lubbock, October of 1996 from Jasper, Texas, where they lived in happy retirement for 25 years. Prior to that they lived in Dallas where they brought up their two sons.

He was preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, Martha Scott Heald.

He is survived by his sons, Robert C. Heald, of Lubbock, and Charles W. Heald, of Boston, Mass.; his sister, Margaret Heald Jordan, of Springfield, Colo.; and his beloved only grandson, Matthew, son of Robert and wife Cyndy.

During his lifetime, he flew for the U.S. Army Air Corps, was an active leader in many professional petroleum and engineering societies, and was a 32nd degree Mason, serving as Worshipful Master of Roy Stanley Lodge in Dallas. He was a voting member of the Chickasaw Indian Nation, and was a member of sons of the American Revolution.

Memorial services were Janu-

ary 31, 2006, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Cremation is under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Ronald Keith Guynes

Ronald Keith Guynes, 50, died Jan. 10, 2006 at Jackson, Calif.

He was born Aug. 12, 1955 to Paul and Lois Guynes at Vallejo, Calif.

He moved to Amador County in 1996 where he made his home for the past 10 years. He was a cook for 30 years working in Napa Valley at several top restaurants. He most recently enjoyed working as a cook and shift leader at the Jackson Rancheria Casino. He was a member of E Clampus Vitus and

liked bowling and fishing with his father. He was a loving son who truly enjoyed his family.

He was the grandson of Charles Guynes and the great-grandson of Margaret James, a full-blood Chickasaw.

He is survived by his parents, Paul and Lois Guynes, of Fiddletown, Calif.; sisters, Lynnette A. Maier, of Ione, Calif. and Nancy A. Pollock, of Unionville, Nev.; five newphews and three nieces.

Graveside services were Jan. 14, 2006 at Fiddletown Cemetery.

Jimmy Lee Christian

Graveside Services for Jimmy Lee Christian, 52, of Conroe, Texas were Jan. 23, 2006, at Broken Bow City Cemetery,

Broken Bow, Okla.

He was born Jan. 21, 1953, in Tomball, Texas and died Jan. 19, 2006, in Conroe, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmie and Wanda Christian.

He survived by a son, Terry Neil Castleberry; step-daughter, Angela Ramirev; sisters, Shelia Atkinson, Virginia Ann Satterwhite, Cheryl Reynolds and Candace Moody and husband Joshua; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was especially close to Uncle James who was his hero.

Pallbearers were Lloyd Hagan, David Hagan, Robert Chumley, Thomas Shannon, Kristin Reynolds and Rochelle Reynolds.

Directory initiated for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

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who would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to nmccaleb@aol.com or complete the form below and return to Mr. Neal McCaleb, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

CHICKASAW NATION BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Date of submission: _____ Regional Chickasaw Council: _____

Company Name: _____

Parent Company name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

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Owner's Name: _____ Owner's Title: _____

Other contact person: _____

Brief description of product/services (be specific): _____

Ownership Information:

List all shareholders, officers directors or outside firms that hold an interest in the company. List the percentage of the business they own and list if they possess a CDIB and Tribal affiliation.:

Name/Title	Percent Ownership	CDIB	Tribal Affiliation
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Carolyn Sue Willis Patrick



Carolyn Sue Willis Patrick, 45, died Nov. 26, 2005 at Dallas. She was born July 19, 1960 in Madill, Okla., and was raised in Garland, Texas where she attended high school.

She is survived by her mother, Frances Walton Boyd and step-father Perry Boyd, of Wylie, Texas; her husband, Randy Patrick, of Dallas; a daughter, Kimberly Smith and husband Steven, of Mesquite, Texas; a brother, Wayne Willis and wife Tammy, of Ada, Okla.; uncles, Myrt Walton and wife Karen, of Tulsa, and Jackie Walton, of Dallas; aunts, Sue Rose and husband Billy, of Plano, Texas and Carolyn Harrington and husband Bob, of Collinsville, Okla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Buddie Willis; uncles, Johnnie Green, Robert (Bob) Walton (the late Chickasaw Legislator), Donnie Walton, Tom Walton; her grandparents Myrt Sr., and Heln (Shico) Walton, and Green and Ling Willis.

Services were Nov. 30, 2005 at Watts Funeral Home, Tishomingo, Okla., with the Rev. Charlie Carter officiating. Interment was in Condon Grove Cemetery, Milburn, Okla.

Vera Smith

Vera Smith, 92, died Dec. 11, 2005 at the home of her daughter, Ferris Coughlan at Morgan Hill, Calif.

Mrs. Smith was born May 23, 1913 to original enrollee Levi "Lannie" Mead and Bessie

Shelton at Calera, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Douglas Smith; sons James Smith and Robert Smith.

She is survived by her daughter Ferris Coughlan and husband, Tom; grandchildren, Amanda, Matthew, Michael and Mark; great-grandchildren, Burl "Leon" Mead (Mabel), Jennice McCleskey, Bernice Sweeney and Anita Herrell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She attended Bloomfield Academy as a child and was proud of her Indian heritage. She served as a riveter in the Women's Air Corps in World War II before marrying and settling down as a mother and homemaker. Her family and friends will always remember her as the loving and kind person that she was.

Interment was in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif.

Nancy McMillian Tisdale



Nancy McMillian Tisdale, 78 died at Memorial Heights Nursing Center in Idabel, Okla., Dec 7, 2005.

Mrs. Tisdale was born March 11, 1927 at Blanchard, Okla., to Alva L. and Willie Belle McMillan, both of whom preceded her in death.

She attended Carter Seminary in the Chickasaw Nation and graduated from Chilocco Indian School in 1945 with her best friend, Mrs. Edgar Simpson of Tulsa.

She attended two years of college at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, before she married Thomas P. Young of Morrison, Okla., who preceded her in death. They had one daughter, Quannah Young of Dallas.

Her second husband, Joel T. Tisdale of Avery, Texas, also preceded her in death. They had one daughter, Cynthia Alice, who passed away at the age of eighteen months.

At that time she went back to school and graduated from Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas with a degree in teaching. She was a retired teacher from McAllen, Texas, where she taught for 30 years. She excelled the last 10 years of her career in Special Education. She was the past president of the Crockett Elementary PTA, Classroom Teachers Association of Texas, Texas State Teachers Association, and the McAllen Chapter of A.A.V.W.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Alva, Billy, and Calvin McMillan

She is survived by a sister, JoAnn Rush, of Slidell, La.; three grandchildren, Christopher, Sean, and Shannah Wilson; four great-grandchildren, Joshua, Hunter, Kaitlyn, and Christina Wilson.

The memorial service was Dec. 10, 2005 at the End Time Mission where she was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her ashes were carried to McMillan, Okla., by Anthony Ponca of Dallas, and scattered in her family cemetery, where a marker will be placed in her memory.

Myrtle Van Dyne

Myrtle Van Dyne, 84, died Jan. 9 2006. Services were Jan. 13, 2006 at Fairview Cemetery, Cherryvale, Kan., with Dave Cheshier of The Lord's Chapel officiating.

Memorials are suggested to The Lord's Chapel of Neodesha or to the Chickasaw Historical Society and may be left at Potts Chapel.

Mrs. Van Dyne was born July 15, 1921 in rural Splitlog, Mo., to Robert H. Sprague and Ida May Sprague. She attended schools in Missouri and Kansas. She lived in the Cherryvale area since moving there in 1939 at age 18.

She married Mark D. Van Dyne at Cherryvale on April 6, 1944. He preceded her in death, January of 1952.

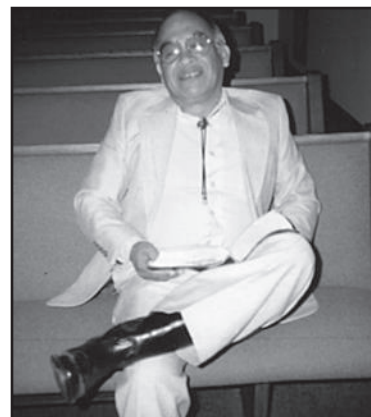
She was employed with Electra Manufacturing Company of

Independence, Kan., for five and one-half years, Fred Ronald Garment Factory of Parsons, Kan., for five years, Reliance Garment Factory of Cherryvale for three years, Sunset Retreat and Medi-Lodge Nursing Home of Cherryvale for 23 years and with Social Services at Medi-Lodge for 13 years, until her retirement in September 1991.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three sisters; and two brothers.

She is survived by two sisters, Pollyanna Sprague, of Houston, and Ruth E. Appling, of Seguin, Texas; three sons, Milton D. Van Dyne, of Houston, S. Mark Van Dyne, of Trinity, Texas, James B. Van Dyne, of Houston; eight grandchildren, Christian, Joquin, Mark and special friend Kelli, Wayne, Marie and husband Bobby, Barbara, Kim and Bobby; and five great-grandchildren, Veronica, Daniel, Allen, Amanda and Burhe.

Rev. David Lewis



Rev. David Lewis, 70, of Milburn, Okla., died Dec. 31, 2005. Services were Jan. 5, 2006 at First Indian Baptist Church, Tishomingo, Okla., with the Rev. Peter J. Wall, Rev. Dale Perry and Rev. Tom Anderson officiating. Burial followed at Condon Grove Cemetery, Milburn with the Choctaw Nation Honor Guard presenting military honors.

Rev. Lewis was born Dec. 25, 1935 at Ravia, Okla..

He married Linda Carol Sweeten May 1, 2005 at Tishomingo.

He graduated from Ravia High School and was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a construction worker and a minister. He was affiliated with First Indian Baptist Church, Tishomingo.

His hobbies and interests included reading the Bible, listening to gospel programs and

Christian music, taking walks, riding his bike and working in the yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mack D. Lewis and Ora Mae Sweeney; brothers, Owen Lewis and Dossie Lewis; and sisters; Mae Fleming and Minnie Bell.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Carol Sweeten Lewis; brothers, James Kenneth Lewis and Beasley Lewis; a son, David Eugene Lewis; step-son, James Cooper; daughters, Neva Jo Detar and LaWanna Gayle Haiakanubbi; step-daughter, Adrienne Cooper; nine grandchildren; one step-grandson; and four great-grandchildren.

Bearers were, William Fleming, Billy Jo Fleming, Matthew Roberts, Kendall Roberts, Jimmy Lewis, and James Kenneth Lewis, Jr. Honorary bearers were David E. Lewis, Christopher, Detar, Dustin Lewis, Angela Lewis, Adrianna Lewis, Randall Whitehead, James Cooper, Clendon Nelson and Dewayne Sampson.

Patty Norton



Patty Norton, 60, died Jan. 16, 2006.

She was born March 3, 1945 in Ada, Okla., to Odell and Geraldine Bolin.

She was a long-time resident of Oklahoma City and a member of Living Waters Lighthouse.

She is survived by her daughter, Angela McGinnis and husband Patrick, of Tucson; two sisters, Diane Milam and husband Randy and Barbara Black and husband Wayne; nephews David and Jesse Milam; and countless friends and acquaintances.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Memorial services celebrating her time in this life and graduation to the next were Jan. 20, 2006 at Chapel Hill Funeral Home.