

Tribe dedicates new Welcome Center, Bedre plant on I-35

DAVIS, Okla. – Travelers along Interstate 35 in south-central Oklahoma now have a new place to stop, shop, stretch – and also enjoy some Chickasaw culture.

Governor Bill Anoatubby and other officials cut the ribbon Nov. 29 opening the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center and Bedré Fine Chocolates retail store. Both venues are located at the southwest corner of I-35 and State Highway 7 at exit 55 in Murray County.

Gov. Anoatubby said the new Welcome Center continued the tribe's strategic tourism effort that includes major projects in the Davis, Sulphur, Chickasha and Thackerville,

Oklahoma areas.

"This Welcome Center is the gateway for many family-friendly attractions and cultural destinations in south central Oklahoma," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This is an excellent location for us to share the heritage of the Chickasaw people as well as create an educational experience and a comfortable, inviting spot to take a break for the thousands who travel along I-35 each day."

The 5,500 square-foot Welcome Center features information about the hundreds of destinations and lodging options located in Chickasaw Country. Visitors can also receive information from two interactive

kiosks. The kiosks will enable visitors to customize a travel route from hotel to attraction to restaurant and everything in between.

The Welcome Center will feature pieces by Native American artists. A gift shop featuring Made in Oklahoma products, a lounge area, vending machines, an outdoor children's playground, a dog park and public restrooms are also features. Ample parking to accommodate campers and trailers abuts the Welcome Center and visitors enjoy free coffee.

The Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center is open from



Gov. Bill Anoatubby addresses a gathering of 250 at the ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center and Bedré Fine Chocolates retail store Nov. 29.

Marcy Gray

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SaltCreek facility extends tribe's economic footprint



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, cuts the ribbon dedicating the new SaltCreek Casino Dec. 18. The Governor was joined by local and tribal officials. SaltCreek Casino is located along U.S. Highway 81 near Pocasset, Okla., in the far northwestern section of the Chickasaw Nation. Joining Gov. Anoatubby are, from left, Pocasset Vice Mayor Mary Beets, Pocasset Mayor Christie Rainey, Grady County Commissioner Windle Hardy, SaltCreek general manager Justin Yohlam; John Kennedy, Irish Realty; Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance, Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; tribal legislators Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Mary Jo Green and Dean McManus; Rees Architecture Vice President Jay Tullis, and project manager Rachel Bundy. SaltCreek Casino is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation and is the tribe's first economic development in Grady County.

Mike McKee

POCASSET, OKLA. - Chickasaw Nation officials recently conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at SaltCreek Casino, marking the opening of the tribe's first business facility in Grady County, Oklahoma.

"The opening of SaltCreek Casino is a significant first step in our vision for expanding tourism and economic development in Grady County," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "SaltCreek employs nearly 200 local residents, and we expect it to attract more people from outside the area who will patronize local businesses and spur economic development and job growth for years to come."

Located nine miles north

of Chickasha, Okla., on U.S. Highway 81, SaltCreek Casino encompasses 36,000 square feet and houses more than 550 electronic games and six table games. It rests on 190 acres of previously undeveloped land. The site took a little more than one year to properly prepare for construction of the facility, said Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance.

"From the beginning of construction until today, we placed high importance on creating a first-class facility," Mr. Lance said. "We took great care in building the necessary infrastructure as well as preserving

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9 a.m. to 6 p.m., November through February, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., March through October. Travel information and brochures for destinations throughout Oklahoma are available 24 hours per day.

Adjacent to the new Welcome Center is the tribe's 34,600 square-foot Bedré Fine Chocolates manufacturing facility, which is expected to open in the spring of 2013. The facility

will offer visitors an up-close, chocolate experience and event space for groups.

Over three million people visit Murray County, Oklahoma each year. Other attractions in the area include the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center, the Artesian Hotel, the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Turner Falls, Lake of the Arbuckles and more.

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the surrounding land."

Improvements, Mr. Lance said, included the installation of a 155,000-gallon water tank, dedicated turn lanes from Highway 81 northbound and southbound lanes, and the construction of an access road and two major bridges connecting SaltCreek and highway.

In addition to the gaming amenities, SaltCreek features the Fork Café, a 44-seat restaurant with a home-style menu; the full-service Brook Bar; and Reflections, a high-end retail

store featuring Oakley sunglasses and apparel, designer purses, Bedré Fine Chocolate and more.

SaltCreek is situated in the most northwestern reaches of the Chickasaw Nation.

Grand opening festivities were celebrated New Year's Eve. More information about news and events can be found at SaltCreekCasino.com, on Twitter @SaltCreekCasino or visit the Facebook page at facebook/saltcreekcasino.com



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center with large scissors, is joined by tribal officials as he cuts the ribbon dedicating the new Chickasaw Welcome Center and Bedré Fine Chocolates retail store on I-35. Joining Gov. Anoatubby are, from left, tribal legislators Tim Colbert, Katie Case and Scott Wood; tribal justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon; legislators Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Nancy Elliott, Shana Tate Hammond, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Linda Briggs and Beth Alexander; Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance; legislator Steven Woods and Chickasaw Supreme Court justice Barbara Smith. The facilities, located at the southwest corner of exit 55 on I-35 near Davis, Okla., include a retail store featuring Bedré Fine Chocolates, fine art by Native American artists and Made-In-Oklahoma products. Travelers can stop by for travel information, ample parking, complimentary coffee and clean restrooms.

Marcy Gray

Anoli Creative Writing Contest open to Chickasaws grade six through young adult

Young Chickasaw writers have the opportunity to showcase their talents in the Chickasaw Nation Anoli Creative Writing. Entries will be accepted through Feb. 28, 2013.

"Anoli" is a Chickasaw word meaning "to tell."

Chickasaw student writers in grades six through 12 and young adults through age 24 are encouraged to enter up to three written works in poetry, short story and essay categories.

The topic for this year's creative writing contest is "Chickasaw People: The Spirit of a Nation."

Entries are expected to re-

flect what defines the spirit of the Chickasaw people, and what creates and sustains the spirit of a nation.

Winners receive cash prizes and medals.

All works must be original. Each will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on artistic form, creativity, how well the work relates to the topic and literary expression within each age division.

Division I includes grades six through eight; Division II includes grades nine through 12; and Division III includes young adults through age 24, regardless of education level or enrollment.

The contest is free and open to enrolled citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. Proof of Chickasaw citizenship is required.

Entries can be delivered to 201 N. Broadway in Ada, Okla., or mailed to Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

To learn more or to obtain an entry form, contact Jennifer Watson in the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email jennifer.watson@chickasaw.net

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Chickasaw story compelling to new generation of visitors

The beginning of a new year offers us a moment to reflect on our achievements, and assess where we are going together as the Chickasaw Nation.

The dawning of 2013 provides all Chickasaws great hope and promise. We have come so far together, much as our Chickasaw predecessors did in generations now past. By sticking together, relying on one another and cherishing our traditions, the Chickasaw Nation finds itself engaged in unique, exciting projects. There is much more we will create together as our future continues to unfold.

The Chickasaw people's long and enduring efforts can be defined in many ways.

Chickasaws who experienced the challenge and pain of Removal refused to give up, despite the many hardships. Following the allotment period, Chickasaws once again proved an able and strong band of people. Our tribal government was preserved as Chickasaws dug in against tremendous odds. The challenging federal policies of the 1950s tested the mettle of Chickasaws, who again proved a united fortress against injustice.

We all know those important stories. They are major cornerstones in the history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation. We know how compelling and appealing our tribal stories are.

Now, having successfully survived the vagaries of history, we are opening the gateways of the Chickasaw Nation to share our important stories with the world.

We have recently dedicated a new Chickasaw Na-



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
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tion tourism outreach plaza on Interstate 35 near Davis. At this Welcome Center and Bedre Fine Chocolates plant and retail center, travelers receive their first "taste" of Chickasaw culture, friendship and entrepreneurship. These facilities are entry points for those who will spend time with us learning about our people and our tribe, while enjoying the natural beauty and fine facilities of the Chickasaw Nation.

Our visitors may decide to visit our Treasure Valley facility just across the highway from our Welcome Center. They may then choose to enjoy the Chickasaw Cultural Center and Artesian Hotel in Sulphur. These centers will help us develop our tourism base, all the while educating visitors in the unique history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation.

In Oklahoma City, we are reaching thousands of visitors monthly through our Remington Park operation. Yes, people come to see the horses and enjoy the ambiance of the refurbished and rejuvenated park. But they also experience Chickasaw hospitality and a touch of our culture and history. Those experiences will lead a percentage of our visitors deep into the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation is opening the entry points that will lead to a deeper investigation of the Chickasaw experience. Our commercial endeavors obviously entertain visitors. But our facilities also offer a welcoming touch of the Chickasaw Nation and encourage those who want to enjoy the natural and historic cornerstones of our area.

We are actively developing our tourism strategy. It is a strategy built on great experiences, great service and the awesome history of the Chickasaw Nation.

Our tribe is like an undiscovered gem that rests above the ground. Our history, our culture, our natural areas – our story – are all enticing and welcoming. We now have the ability to effectively share it with others. What great and wonderful surprises await those who visit with us!

Who we are, where we have come from, what we have built together – these are truly our biggest assets. People want to know us. Now, we are prepared to engage them in our unique and exceptional Chickasaw experience!

Unique, appealing Southeastern style

Dustin Mater initial featured artist at Chickasaw Welcome Center



Chickasaw Artist Dustin Mater at the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center.

Mike McKee

DAVIS, Okla. - Chickasaw artist Dustin Mater, the designer of the "Spring" Pendleton blanket, is the first featured artist at the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center, located at the southwest corner of State Highway 7 and I-35 at exit 55.

Mr. Mater's featured artwork includes original paintings and

various prints, jewelry, contemporary interpretations of traditional Native American gorgets, plus his signature piece "The Red Flying Serpent," an original shell sculpture piece.

All pieces will be available for purchase. Prices start at \$10.

Mr. Mater's work opened the

four-month show at the Welcome Center's official opening Nov. 29. Gov. Anoatubby was on hand to cut the ribbon dedicating the new center.

The artist recently made history when he became the first to have a Southeastern tribal design featured on a Pendleton Woolen Mills "Legendary" series blanket.

The "Spring" blanket features Mississippian designs signifying rebirth, fresh beginnings, good luck and prosperity.

Gov. Anoatubby said it was fitting for a groundbreaking Chickasaw artist to be the first featured artist at the new Welcome Center.

"This Welcome Center will help introduce visitors to the depth of Chickasaw culture as expressed by our talented artists," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Dustin Mater's artwork pays tribute to the many generations of Chickasaw artists who have embraced our culture and tradition."

The blanket design, Mr. Mater said, was based on the ancient culture that brought new life and a creative spark to his artwork.

The artist attended Santa Monica College and the Multimedia Institute in North Hollywood. He has continued to develop his skill set through different kinds of artistic adventures in different mediums.

Whether engraving traditional shell gorgets, etching

designs in glass, or creating graphic designs for poster art, his work bears the mark of ancient Mississippian culture.

Mr. Mater's work will be on display at the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center through March.

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Landscaping products distribution seminar Jan. 28 at Medical Center

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation landscaping products distribution program seminar is set for 5:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 28 at the green room of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

Chickasaw homeowners or those purchasing a home are eligible to receive trees, shrubs and sod.

Attending the seminar is a requirement to participate in the landscaping products distribution. Topics covered

include how to care for and tend the vegetation.

Participants must provide a copy of Chickasaw citizenship card; utility bill and proof of homeownership, including land taxes; mortgage payments; and a letter from the Chickasaw Housing or homeowners insurance.

For more information, call (580) 559-0888.

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On a quest to ensure proper diabetes care for Indians

Hello everyone and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

As I look back over the last year, I am reminded how quickly time passes and how fortunate we are as a tribe.



**CONNIE
BARKER**

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In December I attended the quarterly meeting of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee in Rockville, Maryland. We spent several days in meetings with the Director of the U.S. Indian Health Service and made a trip to Capitol Hill to meet with Congressional staff to discuss the reauthorization of funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

This program is one of the most important to Indian Country because it affects every federally-recognized tribe in the United States. With diabetes becoming an epidemic in the United States, it is imperative that this program remain in the forefront for diabetes prevention and treatment.

This program was established by Congress in 1997 in response to the escalating diabetes crisis confronting Alaskan Natives and American Indians. The program is administered by the Indian Health Service Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention. This program provides grant funding for treatment and prevention of diabetes at over 400 Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Indian health programs across the system.

During our meeting we were visited by providers from Indian Health Service who shared stories of Native Americans who live in such remote locations that access to good health care was almost impossible. In Arizona there is a reservation the size of the state of Connecticut with only one supermarket.

I could not imagine the day to day hardship these people endure and how much they benefit from the outreach efforts of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

This has been a very successful program for Indian Country and as a Tribal Leader and committee member, I will continue to work hard in support of diabetes prevention and treatment.

God bless,
Connie Barker
Tribal Legislator Pickens District

Another Christmas with many chances to be thankful

As you know we are entering into a new season, full of possibilities and as I prepare to face 2013, I can't help but remember the many wonderful, exciting accomplishments of last year. One of the highlights for me was the "taking Family Pictures session." You need to attempt this at least once in your lifetime! There can be laughter and smiles even in times of trials. The most outstanding event for our family was the arrival of our new granddaughter, Ever Grace! That has forever changed our lives....



**BETH
ALEXANDER**

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Recently, someone asked me about some of my favorite childhood holiday moments. I remember when we would gather around the table for a big holiday feast, everyone would be seated, waiting on grandpa to lead the prayer and head up the occasion. He would look at each one of us and ask, "What are you thankful for?" As a child my answer would be something about the presents I received for Christmas or the sugary goodies we were about to partake of. As I fast forward to the here and now of 2013, I think about the question again and realize my answer is much different this time. I am thankful for my family, the experience of being a grandparent for the first time, having another year to spend with my mother, for my friends, for meeting Chickasaws that I had only talked to on the phone, getting to play with my last year's Christmas gift, Tushka Chipota- my Great Dane puppy, (who is no longer a little pup), and the growth and participation of the Panola District Citizens. The Panola District Senior Center made history!

A significant event happened right at the end of 2012. This was the first year that our seniors attended a "Special Event" Luncheon in Ada, aboard one of the Chickasaw Nation Charter Buses! We had enough seniors attending to warrant the use of a big bus. When they arrived at the event and were seated, the Panola Seniors actually filled an entire long row of tables! The first time in our history at the Senior Center that had ever happened! It looked and felt great! I am so proud of all of our citizens. We have a great group and a wonderful staff at our new Panola District Senior Center!

I need to acknowledge a few people: Barbara Long, one of our seniors was promoted from this life and while we are mourning our loss, we are excited for her on the new life she is experiencing! And to all Chickasaw families that are currently experiencing or have experienced cancer battles, many daily thoughts and uplifting prayers for each one of you.

What am I thankful for? A new year to make new memories and to cherish the old ones; to experience new acquaintances and to be a part of a flourishing Nation of dynamic Chickasaw Citizens! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives and to serve you and your family.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, in we faint not. Galatians 6:2&9

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Focusing on the good in life makes us hopeful

Hello Everyone,
I hope the New Year holds great things for you and your family.
For many, the transition from one year to the next is a time for resolutions and focus on opportunities. Maybe it's my age or the Indian in me, but I don't do resolutions well and I'm always looking for opportunities.



**KATIE
CASE**

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In its broadest sense, the New Year represents change. While change is inevitable and we are more able to cope with change and make the most of it if we call it "good," it has made me appreciate the constants in life. Some are good and some are not so good. I choose to focus on the good.

Some of my favorite constants are sounds and occur when Chickasaw people get together.

When Chickasaws get together, there are always the sounds of visiting. I don't mean the meaningless, "Hi, how are you?" visiting. I am talking about the real, personal exchange of information about our situations, our family members, our health and well-being that show how

connected we all are. Together, we are unique. We share a past, a present and a future.

Another constant at good Chickasaw gatherings is laughter. It always bubbles up! It comes from deep down. It's a belly laugh that warms the heart as soon as it is heard. It is so good, you can feel it. It is the kind of good-natured laughter produced by funny stories about times, people and places that we have in common.

The sacred constant that occurs when Chickasaws gather is singing. It's a curious thing, but we sing Choctaw hymns. One theory as to why we Chickasaws sing Choctaw hymns is that we did not have hymns written in the Chickasaw language.

Another theory is that because of our close relationship with the Choctaws, we simply adopted their hymns. Whatever the reason, Choctaw hymns are what are sung at Chickasaw gatherings. Those hymns hold prominent places in my childhood memories. Many of those memories are constant that guide me through life, still today.

I believe that it is the constants in life that prepare us for change. So, with the help of my past, I'm going to embrace the changes of the New Year and face the future with my Chickasaw family, with whom I share a common history.

Respectfully,
Katie



Elders singing Choctaw hymns at the Christmas gathering.

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New facilities assist our drive to promote tourism

C hukma and Happy New Year! Greetings from the Tishomingo District! I hope you and your family had a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The New Year brings many exciting developments for the Chickasaw Nation's tourism efforts, beginning in November when we cut the ribbon on the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center and Bedré Fine Chocolate retail store, at I-35 Exit 55 near Davis.



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Another milestone was reached last month when Salt Creek Casino officially opened, marking the first Chickasaw Nation economic venture in Grady County.

The opening of these facilities ushers in a new era in tourism in Chickasaw Country that will continue to blossom in the upcoming year.

Developing tourism in Chickasaw Country has been a goal and vision of Chickasaw people for the past 25 years

and we look forward to 2013 when new facilities including the Artesian Hotel and Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur and the Bedre Fine Chocolates manufacturing plant is opened.

These new attractions and facilities will complement the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, the Chickasaw Capitol, Tishomingo, and Chickasaw White House in Emet, and other area attractions, such as Turner Falls and Lake of the Arbuckles, to provide family-friendly destinations in Chickasaw Country.

Chickasaw Country is also home to both Riverwind and WinStar Casinos and Resorts, which offers guests a "million ways to play" ranging from world-class golfing, dining, fine accommodations and entertainment.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,
Tim Colbert

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Engaging your children part of a good education

C hukma, Hello Everyone! I hope you all were able to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends. Many times we get so caught up in the hustle and bustle of trying to do it all, that we miss out on the peace and joy that Christmas represents.



NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We need to remember the traditions and pass them down to our children and grandchildren. It's been said that many families have lost the tradition of sitting around the table to share, not only their meals, but also that sharing time of, "How was your day?" or "What did you do in school today?"

Our children need to hear the stories of our lives.

It is my honor to serve as the Chair of the Education Committee for the Legislature again for 2013. I am so proud that the Chickasaw Nation has made education one of its top priorities. However, education should not be limited by the walls of a classroom, but it

should involve all available resources.

We have many resources available to us to help in educating ourselves and our children, such as our many camps, the Lego and robotics leagues, the Leadership Club, the after-school programs, the Language Club, the Council House Museum, the Chickasaw White House, and the Cultural Center, just to name a few.

I hope everyone will take advantage of all the many resources that we have within the Chickasaw Nation. However, don't forget that the most important educators in a child's life are the parents and grandparents. Always make time to talk to your children and tell them the stories of your family. If we ground our kids well in their family values and traditions and then take advantage of all the other resources available, we can be assured that they will be prepared to take over the task of carrying our great nation forward.

Please let me know if I can help in any way. Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again, Nancy

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Season offers great time to enjoy Chickasaw events

H ello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. December was very busy for us besides the holidays.



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Five Legislators attended the Oklahoma City Community Council's meeting and dinner. They had their usual wonderful feast. The following week we attended the ribbon cuttings at the new Bedré factory and the new Welcome Center on I-35 near Davis. The ribbon cutting at pour new Salt Creek Casino was also held in December.

The Purcell Community Council held its party and annual auction on the 10th of December with the largest crowd and feast for their Community Council meeting. The Shackelford girls harmonized with Christmas carols. President Carollee Maxwell and John Hobbs did a great job

with the auction and fund raiser with help from the Legislators present.

We were pleased that the newest Legislator, Scott Wood from Tishomingo, attended with his wife and daughter. The fund raiser went well and the Community Council raised funds for necessary items used monthly for their Community Council meetings. Purcell Community Council will have a hard time topping this year's event!

The Governor's Christmas party for kids kept everyone at all sites busy and entertained. Santa made an appearance at each event.

The Cultural Center held a Christmas special where children had fun making Christmas ornaments. Christmas celebrations were also held at the museums and Capitol and the Chickasaw White House in Emet.

The Division of Arts and Humanities held a concert with the Children's Choir and the School of Guitar students. The affair was held in the art gallery of Arts and Humanities and it was standing room only. Wonderful event!

As usual, the highlight of the year was the annual seniors' Christmas program. Seniors attended from all of the sites and some came in from Texas. I would like to commend the Division on Aging for all the services provided for seniors. There is no tribe in the US that provides services to seniors like the Chickasaw Nation. We are truly blessed in that regard!

I would love to hear from you! My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people.

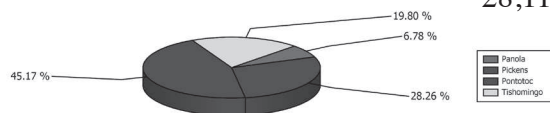
Thank you!

NOTICE:

The January 2013 general session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature will be **Thursday, January 17, 2013** at 9 a.m. in the Legislative Building, 801 N. Mississippi Avenue, Ada, Oklahoma. Further information is available at (580) 436-1460.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,905	Pontotoc	12,697
Pickens	7,944	Tishomingo	5,566
		Total	28,112



Now is time for setting goals - and achieving them!

Chokma, I hope all is well with you and your family. December was a great month, filled with many Christmas parties, gatherings, and great times spent with friends and family.



TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I really missed seeing everyone at the Elder Christmas lunch, but I was in Dallas attending my sister's (Tiffany Davis) graduation. She received her Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business from Dallas Baptist University.

An interesting fact was that she only set foot on campus two times, the day she picked up her cap and gown and graduation day. She completed her classwork online and at a satellite institution close to home which enabled her to achieve her academic goals while working a full-time job. In addition she and her husband Scott live very active lives, keeping up

and track activities. Our whole family is very proud of her accomplishment!

As you look back on this past year and make plans for 2013, I encourage you to take action on that goal you have long been considering. The goal may be going back to school, starting a business, volunteering at your church or helping at a local community organization. It may not always be easy, it may take longer than expected, but achieving anything worthwhile will take hard work and sacrifice, and in the end, it will be worth every effort. I hope you have a blessed and happy New Year and make 2013 the best year ever.

May God bless you and your family.

Toby Perkins, Legislator

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Mother of Toby Perkins, Tia Perkins, brother-in-law Scott Davis, niece Kaylee, sister Tiffany.

Saturday Arts Program for kids in grades 3-6 set for three communities

"A Saturday Arts Program" for students in grades three through six is being offered by the Chickasaw Nation from 10 a.m. to noon in various locations.

Upcoming classes include:

- Ada - Jan. 12, 26 and Feb. 9 - Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities art classroom, 201 N. Broadway.

- Sulphur - Feb. 23, March 9 and 16 - Chickasaw Nation Senior Site, 401 E. Oklahoma St.

- Ardmore - April 6, 20 and May 4 - Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Center, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Arts in Education, students will enjoy a fun art learning experience.

Pre-enrollment is required.

Contact Gwen Postoak at (580) 272-5520 or by email Gwen.Postoak@Chickasaw.net for more information or to enroll.

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This month on CNTV

Saltcreek Casino now open

The Chickasaw Nation's newest entertainment facility, Saltcreek Casino, was dedicated Dec. 17. Get a first look at this Chickasaw Nation destination just outside Pocasset, Okla., in the far northwest reaches of the Chickasaw Nation this month on CNTV.

Chickasaw musicians record 'Tobachi'

A group of talented Chickasaw composers are back in the studio recording tracks for the upcoming CD "Tobachi." Discover more this month on CNTV.

Adolescent Transitional Living Facility opens

Nestled in a tranquil, small-town atmosphere, the adolescent transitional living facility 'Aalhakoffichi' provides a healthy stable environment for young people. Learn more about the center this month on CNTV.

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'Connections' January on KCNP

"Connections" is a weekly program broadcast on the Chickasaw Nation's community radio station KCNP-FM. "Connections" covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with KCNP host Brian Brashier.

"Connections" airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. Central Time each Wednesday at 89.5 FM. The program is also available streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org

This month on "Connections":

Jan. 2 - "The Office of Strong Family Development"

This Chickasaw Nation department provides individual, couples and family counseling services. The department also offers workshops addressing parenting, grandparenting, abstinence education and grief.

Jan. 9 - "Brandon Whitten Institute for Addiction and Recovery"

The Brandon Whitten Institute is a local organization providing quality substance addiction education and recovery services.

Jan. 16 - "Voices of Oklahoma"

KCNP is proud to broadcast "Voices of Oklahoma," dedicated to the preservation of the oral history of Oklahoma. Learn more about this extraordinary program during discussions with the "Voices of Oklahoma" executive director John Erling.

Jan. 23 - "Family Crisis Center"

The Family Crisis Center provides a safe home for battered women and their children. Find out how this organization betters the lives of women and children who have been victims of domestic violence.

Jan. 30 - "Chiropractic Health"

Has your back been hurting lately? You might want to visit a chiropractor. A group of local chiropractors will be in studio to discuss chiropractic treatment.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org

Tutoring reimbursement open to students within boundaries

The Chickasaw Nation Office of Supportive Programs is offering a \$600 tutoring reimbursement program to Chickasaw citizens living within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Students in grades one through 12 and enrolled in a public or private school within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries are eligible for the reimbursement.

Tutoring reimbursement is for English-based reading, writing, math and science studies. Advanced placement classes are excluded. Students must be making a "C" or lower, or be on IEP to be eligible.

For more information, contact Shirley Machin at (580) 421-7711 or Shirley.machin@chickasaw.net

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Ms. Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net.

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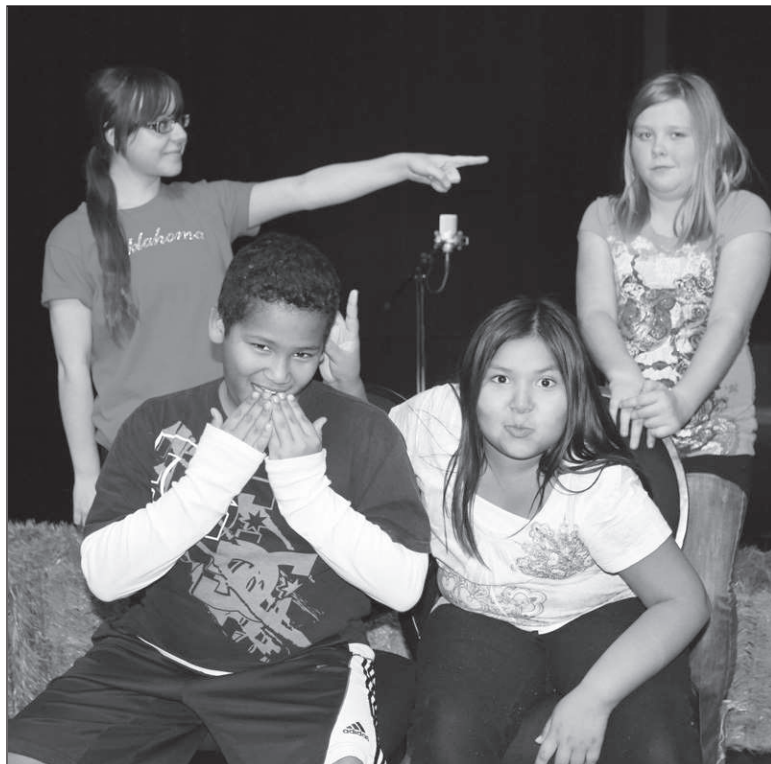
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Kids carry on Chickasaw art

'Keeper of the Flame' youth present traditional storytelling

"Keeper of the Flame" Chickasaw Youth Story Concert participants recently presented storytelling at the Division of Arts and Humanities black box theatre. Seated are James Primm and Cyndee Miller. Standing, from left, Ashton Rawlins and Mikaela Kent. Madyson Mitchell is not pictured.

ADA, Okla. - The talent of five young Chickasaws was featured during "Keeper of the Flame" Chickasaw Youth Story Concert, Nov. 30 in the black box theatre at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

Under the direction of traditional Chickasaw storyteller Lorie Robins, students Cyndee Miller, Mikaela Kent, James Primm, Madyson Mitchell and Ashton Rawlins presented personally-selected Southeastern tribal tales.

The concert culminated two weeks of practice and rehearsal.

Mikaela chose the story "How Man got his Colors."

She said a creative teacher inspired her to try her hand at the class.

"Last year, in Mrs. Russell's class, we would do writings in a journal and tell them in front of our class," she said. "I was a little nervous to get up in front of everybody, but she would make really funny stories. When we were doing that I really began to like writing and telling stories."

The 11-year old wants to be a writing teacher when she grows up.

"I've thought about being a teacher. If I am a teacher, I can tell some of these stories to in-

spire younger kids."

She is also interested in being a missionary.

Learning about her culture through special events in meaningful to Mikaela.

"I like learning about my culture, and I like eating traditional foods and going to all the different events with my grandma Nancy," she said. "I also like to learn about things that have happened in the past, like the Trail of Tears. I think it brings me closer to the culture."

Latta School fourth-grader James Primm told the story of the "Ant and Locust."

The 10-year-old said his story was about being prepared.



Madyson Mitchell tells the tale of "How the Alligator got his Skin" at the Youth Story Concert at the division of arts and humanities Black Box Theatre.

"You never know what's coming tomorrow, so you should be prepared," he said.

When asked what being Chickasaw means to him, James answered, "It means learning about the past, like how they used to live in the 1800s."

It means something to James, "because those people are my ancestors."

Madyson related a tale about "How the Alligator got his Skin."

The 12-year-old said she at-



Ashton Rawlins practices her story for the Chickasaw Youth Story Concert, Nov. 30 at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities Black Box Theatre.

tended the clinic because "It sounded fun and I attend all Chickasaw camps. I also love to write."

The workshop has helped build her confidence and helped her in school, she said.

"At school we have to talk a lot in front of the class and storytelling has helped me," Madyson said.

The workshop taught her "not to read too fast and you don't have to read word for word," when telling a story.

She chose the story "How Alligator got his Skin" because "It is a fun story and easy to remember."

Cyndee, age eight, signed up for the storytelling workshop because she loves telling stories.

"I'm mostly Chickasaw and I fell in love with storytelling," she said. "I did storytelling in the Little Miss Chickasaw pageant."

She told the story "How the Dog got his Bark."

"I wanted to tell this one because my grandma Minnie was a storyteller and she used to tell this story," she said. "It

brought me closer to my family.

"I'm thinking this will help me talk on stage. I learned how to better make up my own stories and that will help me in school. It has taught me how to introduce myself and when you do people will remember you."

Ashton shared the tale of "How the Stars fell into the Sky," an old Navajo legend.

Instructor Lorie Robins said students selected their own stories and she worked with them to bring the stories to life.

"The students also helped and encouraged each other," she said.

The youth storytellers met for two weeks in November prior to their concert.

The workshop was designed to provide an environment where students can learn how to express themselves through the oral tradition of storytelling. It was open to Chickasaw students ages 10-13.

For more information, contact Lorie Robins at (580) 272-5520.

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Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy seeks instructors for 2013 sessions

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities is accepting applications for instructors for its annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) is a two-week exploration into the world of fine arts for students ages eight-18. The 2013 academy, themed "Spirit of a Nation," will take place July 15-27, 2013 on the campus of East Central University in Ada, Okla.

The disciplines to be taught include vocal music, theatre, theatre technology, dance, creative writing, visual arts in 2-D and 3-D, music composition, photography, textile design, cultural arts and video production. There are opportunities for instructors to teach interdisciplin-

ary sections. Classes include three levels of instruction. Level one is a fine arts rotation for younger students who will gain daily experience in six art disciplines. Level two is an intermediate, multidisciplinary design encompassing arts that relate closely to one another. Level three is offered to older students who have been accepted into one major discipline of study.

All art professionals are encouraged to apply and are asked to submit a letter of interest to CSAA, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, post office box 1548, Ada, Okla. 74821 or fax to (580) 272-5525. The letter of interest must include the following: area of expertise, desired teaching level (one, two or three), a

brief description of training and experience, short description of curriculum contents and estimated budget and a paragraph describing your teaching philosophy. In addition, please submit your resume or vita and example of your artwork, film, literary work, musical composition, general photography and/or photographs from your stage productions. All letters must be received by January 18, 2013.

For more information, contact the co-directors of CSAA, Laura Stewart at Laura.Stewart@Chickasaw.net or Frieda Clark at Frieda.Clark@Chickasaw.net, or by phone at (580) 272-5520.

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344 graduates in Fall commencement

'Challenge yourself to be better' Governor tells ECU grads



East Central University president John Hargrave, right, presents Gov. Bill Anoatubby the "Big Cat" award for his continued support of ECU and higher education.

ADA, Okla. – Challenging oneself to continually do better is a fundamental building block to a successful life, Gov. Bill Anoatubby told Fall 2012 graduates of East Central (OK) University during ECU's fall commencement.

"Always challenge yourself to want better, be better and do better," Gov. Anoatubby

said. "This attitude can greatly contribute to your success. Through sincerity, integrity, courtesy, humility and charity, you can be a person of success and a person of values."

Gov. Anoatubby delivered the keynote address Dec. 15.

The Governor addressed 344 degree candidates, their families, friends and East Central



Chickasaw graduates Kristie Wallace, left, and Haleigh McKinzie display Chickasaw honor stoles as they file in to ECU's Kerr Activity Center for fall commencement December 15.

faculty at ECU's Kerr Activity Center.

"Education is a high priority at the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Anoatubby said, "Our tribe allocates extensive resources to support the educational pursuits of our people. A quality education is one of the best ways to assist people in their

quests to become more productive, self-sufficient and successful people."

The Chickasaw Nation is where it is today, he said, because of dedicated individuals who persevered through challenges.

The Governor encouraged graduates to celebrate their achievements, to discover what makes them happy, to follow their passions and to commit to them.

"I stand here today because a fire was lit inside that never went out," he said. "I found my passion, and I feel incredibly blessed to serve the Chickasaw people each and every day. It's not a career for me. It is a calling."

ECU president John Hargrave

praised Gov. Anoatubby's contributions to the university, the city, Oklahoma and the nation.

"Governor Anoatubby is the epitome of a good alum," President Hargrave said. "Always supporting ECU, always emphasizing education and the importance of education. And always encouraging young people to attend college."

Gov. Anoatubby received his associate's degree from Murray State College in 1970 and his bachelor's degree from ECU in 1972.

Eleven Chickasaw students were awarded their bachelor's degrees during ECU's fall commencement. One Chickasaw, Cody Lawson, was presented a master's degree.

Six Chickasaw students graduated with honors.

East Central University Fall 2012

Chickasaws receiving Bachelor's Degrees

Bethany R. Carroll
Gina M. Frazier
Caitlyn L. James*
Bethany A. Lee
Lacey R. McFadden
Haleigh R. McKinzie*
Jessie M. Miller
Lisa B. Nelson*
Elizabeth L. Underwood*
Bailey D. Walker
Kristie J. Wallace*

Chickasaws receiving Master's Degrees

Cody J. Lawson*
*Denotes honors graduate

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Current version of GED test to expire at end of 2013

At the end of the year 2013, the current version of the GED test will expire, along with incomplete test scores. This means those who have not finished and passed every section by the end of 2013 will have to start over with the new 2014 GED test.

The GED test contains five parts that can be taken separately, but must all be passed to receive high school credential.

The new GED test will be based on emerging national and state standards. The test will be delivered solely on computer and offered only in official testing centers.

The Chickasaw Nation offers the adult learning program, which provides academic assistance to adults who have dropped out of high school and want to complete their GED. The program is open to Native

Americans ages 18 and older living within the Chickasaw Nation. Preference is given first to Chickasaw citizens then to other Native Americans with a valid CDIB and referring agency. Classes are located in Ada, Ardmore and Sulphur.

For more information, call (580) 421-7711 or email Shirley Machin at shirley.machin@chickasaw.net.

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Spring semester grants, scholarships application deadline is February 1

Chickasaw students wishing to receive higher education grants and scholarships for the 2013 spring semester must apply by **February 1**.

Students participating in an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral program from an accredited college are eligible to receive assistance through a number of grants and scholarship programs provided by the Chickasaw Nation.

Grants and scholarships as-

sist part-time and full-time students with tuition, books and fees.

Applicants must complete a *Programs, Grants and Scholarship Application* and provide an official high school or college transcript and schedule of classes.

Applications are available at <http://services.chickasaw.net> or by calling (580) 421-7711.

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More classes forming for Spring sessions

Elders work in watercolor during art class

Several Chickasaw elders are developing their creativity through Elders Art Class.

Conducted at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities building, each class focuses on different art techniques.

Watercolors was the medium for a recent class.

For Mary Ahtone, it was the first time she had tried a sea-salt technique on a watercolor painting.

"It's kind of hard," she said

with a laugh, "but I enjoy it."

The class also marked the first time she tried her hand at watercolors.

Sharon Cole said she wanted to explore her artistic talents in the class.

"I've always been interested in watercolor," she said. "I wanted to see the technique and see if it was something I wanted to do. It was fun."

The class instructor is Elizabeth Ward.

Upcoming winter classes

will focus on life drawing and watercolor. Basketmaking and face painting will be taught this spring.

Upcoming classes are set for Jan. 8 and 15, Feb. 5 and 19, March 5 and 12 and April 16 and 23.

Participants may sign up at any Chickasaw Nation senior site.

For more information call (580) 272-5520.

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Mary Ahtone applies sea salt to her watercolor in Elders Art Class.



Sharon Cole with the finished water color painting she created in Elders Art Class.



Etta Johnson puts the finishing touches on her watercolor painting at the Elders Art Class last month. Additional classes are forming for the upcoming months.

Children's Christmas Celebrations



Seven-month-old Gage Lee Ground and his grandmother Louise Shields celebrated his first holiday season by enjoying all the festivities at the Ada Children's Christmas Celebration on December 4. Over 300 children showed up at the Pontotoc County Agriplex for the Ada event.

Creating special ornaments



Yuan Suarez, left, and Angelina Guzman make ornaments during arts and crafts class at the Chickasaw Tribal Library December 18. Several free classes are being offered, including a vintage card class for adults Jan. 29 and a valentine basket class Feb. 5. Contact the Tribal Library at (580) 310-6477 for more information. The library is located at 1003 Chamber Loop in Ada.



The Chickasaw Princesses, from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Payton Robertson, Chickasaw Princess Autumn Michelle Underwood and Chickasaw Jr. Princess Chelsea Wedlow take a photo with Santa during the Ada Children's Christmas Celebration.



In Oklahoma City, Chickasaw children and their families came together for a Christmas celebration at the Orr Family Farm on December 13. A visit with Santa Claus, holiday games and activities and cookies and hot cocoa provided an evening of fun and an abundance of Christmas cheer.

Re-commissioned officer delivered Chickasaw flute

Chickasaw Honor Guard on duty for unique re-commissioning



The Chickasaw Honor Guard, at right, includes, from left, Will Johnson, Bernie Seeley, Mike Reed and Lesley Seeley, with Capt. David Butler, fourth from left, at the conclusion of Mr. Butler's re-commission ceremony Dec. 8. Also participating in the ceremony, from left, Major Mike Bay, Lt. Col. Ray Schellenger (ret.) and Sgt. Delories Houchens.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Honor Guard participated in a military re-commission ceremony last month for a local

man who helped share Chickasaw culture globally.

David Butler, 51, was re-commissioned in the U.S. Army

during a service conducted at Ada's First Presbyterian Church Dec. 11.

The service occurred 28

years after he was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force by the same individual presiding over the ceremony, Lt. Col. Ray Schellenger, USAF (ret.), who is Mr. Butler's uncle.

Mr. Butler recently presented a traditional Chickasaw flute, made by Chickasaws Jack and Wendell Pettigrew, to a Shaolin Monastery in China.

As a student of kung fu, Mr. Butler noticed similarities between Chen Buddhism practiced by Shaolin monks and the Native American culture he is familiar with through the Pettigrews.

"The monk said it was a

great honor for the temple to receive the gift," Mr. Butler said. "He said they felt a connection with the Native Americans. They believe the Native Americans and the Chinese share common ancestors."

When Mr. Butler returned to the U.S., he presented the prayer beads given by a Shaolin monk to the Pettigrews.

"The Army has authorized me to wear the rank of captain and with recognition of my Air Force accomplishments, allowing me to wear all ribbons and medals for previous service," Mr. Butler said.

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Elders enjoy annual Christmas Luncheon at Agriplex



Pat Howard with daughter Dena Bridgman at the Chickasaw Nation Elders Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 14 at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada.



Bill and Sue Simmons take a turn as snowmen at the Elders Christmas Luncheon.



Governor Bill Anoatubby greets elders and families during the Elders Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 14.

Chickasaw Council House celebrates 'Christmas at the Museums' December 8



Betty Barnoski admires the Christmas tree at the Chickasaw Council House during the annual "Christmas at the Museums" event Dec. 8. More than 120 people visited the Council House, 109 visited the Chickasaw Capitol and 161 greeted Santa at the Chickasaw White House in Emet. This year's attendance at the progressive dinner event was the largest on record.



Esther Miller signs the guest register at the Chickasaw Council House during Christmas at the Museums Dec. 8.



Billie Easterling and Judy Fisher visit during "Christmas at the Museums" Dec. 8.

Bacone College center named for famed Chickasaw performer, educator

Ceremony marks 80th anniversary of Ataloo Art Lodge



Ataloo Art Lodge celebrates 80th anniversary with a celebration on November 30, 2012. Members of the Chickasaw Dance troupe pictured with Miss Indian Bacone (Left to Right) Winn Harjo, Cynthia Highfield, Sharon Post oak, Heather Harjo, Miss Indian Bacone Jana Lynn Henry, Debbie Walker, Wayne Walker and Donny Earp.

MUSKOGEE, Okla. - December 2, 2012 marked the 80th anniversary of the Ataloo Art Lodge on the campus of Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla. A celebration inside the lodge to commemorate the anniversary was hosted Nov. 30.

The anniversary celebration began with a welcome by Rev. Dr. Robert J. Duncan Jr., President of Bacone College. Stacey Halfmoon, Director of Community Outreach and Museum programs at the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority was the invited guest speaker.

Ataloo Lodge Cultural Interpreter John Timothy II, Director of American Indian Recruitment Rev. Kyle Taylor, Miss Indian Bacone Jana Lynn Henry, John Timothy Sr., Bacone College students and the Chickasaw

Nation Dance Troupe were all in attendance. The Chickasaw Nation dance troupe presented a special honor stomp dance to commemorate Ataloo and the anniversary of the Ataloo lodge.

The Ataloo Lodge was named after Mary Stone McLendon "Ataloo." Ataloo was a nationally renowned Chickasaw concert vocalist, educator and advocate for Native American education and fine arts.

Ataloo received praise for her poise, culture, personality and rich voice as a performer. She studied at Columbia University, the International Institute of John D. Rockefeller, Oklahoma College for Women and the University of Redlands.

Ataloo left her career as a performer to become an English and philosophy teacher

at Bacone College. While at Bacone, Ataloo performed free concerts to establish scholarships for Native American stu-

dents and she collected artistic items for the college. Her dream of an art lodge became a reality in 1932 when the lodge

was dedicated. The art lodge was renamed the Ataloo Art Lodge in her honor after her passing in 1967.

Checks issued to class action participants in Cobell v. Salazar IIM mismanagement case

WASHINGTON - The initial checks resulting from the *Cobell v. Salazar* class action suit were mailed to participants in December. The checks were for \$1,000 each.

Settlement of the *Cobell* suit involves federal trust responsibilities and financial mismanagement regarding lands allotted to individual Indians. Only individual Indians with established Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts or other assets managed by federal trust are eligible for settlement funds.

This settlement is not a federal trust settlement to the Chickasaw Nation or other tribes with claims regarding

tribal trust assets.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has established a "Protect Money" program to assist check recipients with proper protection of the funds they receive. To learn about the program, please go to www.ncai.org/ProtectNativeMoney on the internet. It is important if you are a check recipient to understand you may be contacted to invest or otherwise part with your money by persons or entities who do not have your best interests in mind.

You may contact NCAI directly for information and advice by going to www.ncai.org and

sending the organization an email.

If you believe you are part of the *Cobell* settlement but have not as yet received a check, you should go to www.IndianTrust.com or call (800) 961-6109 toll free to learn more about the settlement and the legal rights of class members.

The *Cobell v. Salazar* suit was originally filed by the late Eloise Cobell, a Blackfeet, in 1996. The suit alleged the U.S. had mismanaged billions of dollars of land, timber, water and other resources it was pledged to protect for individual Indians. The suit was settled last year for \$3.4 billion.

Tribe first recipient of USDA grant promoting locally-grown products in school cafeterias

WASHINGTON - The Chickasaw Nation was among the first recipients of a unique nutritional grant announced recently by U.S. Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan. More than \$4.5 million in grants for 68 projects, spanning 37 states and the District of Columbia, were awarded.

The unique grants connect school cafeterias with local agricultural producers.

"When schools buy food from nearby producers, their purchasing power helps create local jobs and economic benefits, particularly in rural agricultural communities," Deputy Secretary Merrigan said. "Evidence also suggests that when kids understand more about where food comes from and how it is produced, they are more likely to make healthy eating choices."

The Chickasaw Nation received one of the first-ever Farm to School project grants. The project seeks to improve the economic stability of small farmers and the long-term health of children in Oklahoma school systems. Benefits of the program include schools providing children fresh, tasty, nutritious produce, while small

farmers acquire new markets.

"This grant supports excellent nutrition for our students, plus new and important markets for our local growers," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "This is a great 'win-win' grant that builds our kids' health as well as our local economy."

The project will span two years with a goal of expanding the number of growers providing foods to the three partner schools within the Chickasaw Nation as well as to increase the variety and selection of locally grown foods served.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to facilitate a connection between our local farmers and our schools in order to broaden the variety of fruits and vegetables offered to children in rural areas," said Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Director Melinda Newport. "This partnership will also strengthen the children's understanding of the value of locally grown produce."

Grant funds will enable the Chickasaw Nation to provide training and networking opportunities for school food service directors, provide culinary training to food service staff within the three partner

schools, establish networking and training opportunities for growers and provide nutrition education opportunities in the classrooms of the three partner schools.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) amended Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) to establish a Farm to School program in order to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. Farm to School grants are administered by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.

Farm to School is one component of USDA's "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative," launched in 2009 to coordinate the department's work on local and regional food systems and create new opportunities for farmers, ranchers, consumers and rural communities.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services, please visit www.chickasaw.net

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Children's Choir, School of Guitar students perform holiday concert



The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities presented a special Holiday Concert on December 8 in Ada, Okla. The concert featured the Chickasaw School of Guitar and Chickasaw Children's Choir. School of Guitar students are, from left, Cain Ott, Daniel Mead, Blake Nucosee, Faithlyn Seawright and Guitar Instructor Greg Griffin.

Nearly 150 were delighted by the music styling of the Chickasaw Children's Choir and Chickasaw School of Guitar on Dec. 8. A special holiday concert was hosted at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities art gallery in Ada.

The concert featured selected holiday tunes including "It's

beginning to look a lot like Christmas," "Winter Wonderland" and "Peace, Peace."

For more information on the Chickasaw Children's Choir and the Chickasaw School of Guitar, contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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'12 Weddings' SCORE Radio event

12 couples marry during '12-12-12' McSwain ceremony



Twelve Ada-area couples exchange vows during the "12 Weddings" ceremony at the McSwain Theatre, Dec. 12.

ADA, Okla. - Taylor Black and Chandra Brewer's relationship milestones have always coincided with unique dates.

The Ada lovebirds officially became a couple on a Friday the 13th and were engaged on April Fools' Day of this year.

So a 12-12-12 marriage date seemed natural.

Ms. Brewer, a Chickasaw citizen, and Mr. Black were among 12 couples selected in the South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprises' "12 Weddings on 12-12-12" contest.

South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprise (SCORE) is a business enterprise of the Chickasaw Nation.

The stations promoted the "12 Weddings on 12-12-12" contest on air and asked local couples to post videos to www.12Weddings.com.

Videos came from couples who would wed for the first time, and couples who had been married for years, seeking to renew their vows.

The winning couples were chosen by votes on the website.

SCORE general manager Roger Harris said the contest was organized to commemorate the day and encourage the involvement of surrounding communities.

"It's not often you get the last chance to do something in a century," Mr. Harris said. "We thought our listeners would love an opportunity to participate in something like this."

KTLS announcer Candy Weddle came up with the idea for the contest earlier this year.

"Radio has always been known for unique promotions,"

she said. "We just wanted to take it to the next level and do something truly memorable."

SCORE radio stations and other sponsors provided the winning couples with wedding gowns, tuxedos and a reception at the Chickasaw Community Center.

In addition, participating couples had the opportunity for a Las Vegas honeymoon.

The mass wedding took place at the beautiful McSwain Theatre in Ada.

The event was broadcast on radio stations KADA, KYKC, KTLS and KXFC.

Mr. Harris said the event marked the first time the stations had streamed live on all five stations at once, except for during severe weather.

The ceremony began at precisely 12:12 p.m. Ms. Weddle served as the master of ceremonies.

Traditional wedding music wafted through the McSwain as 12 brides filed down the aisle in gorgeous bridal gowns. Many brides were accompanied by attendants and flower girls, who scattered silk rose petals along the McSwain's aisles.

Couples took turns reciting vows on the historic McSwain stage. Six couples married for the first time. Six renewed their vows.

Fifteen minutes later, District Judge Tom Landrith made it all official and legal when he pronounced the 12 couples married.

The congregation of relatives and well-wishers applauded and cheered as the newly-married couples left the stage.

Following the ceremony, the lobby was abuzz with activity as couples posed for photos and received congratulatory hugs and handshakes.

After she was married, the new Mrs. Black (Brewer), 19, was very excited.

"We finally did it," she said. "We were going to (get married) in August, but this turned out better, and it has finally happened."

"We were totally ready."

Mr. Black felt relief post wedding saying, "It's all done now."

"I can breathe now," he laughed.

He admitted experiencing a case of nerves before and during the ceremony.

The couple honeymooned in Ardmore at Lake Murray. They will make their home in Ada.

Participating couples and hometowns include:

Kevin and LonNell Gambrell (renewal of vows) - Ada

Wayne and Nannette Lee (renewal of vows) - Coalgate

Samantha and Bill Robb (renewal of vows) - Pauls Valley

Rick and Cassi Basden (renewal of vows) - Tupelo

Taylor Black and Chandra Brewer - Ada

Aaron Millican and Christy Monroe - Ada

Crystal Schwartz and Trevor Ford - Ada

Michael McCartney and Charity McCarty - Roff

Sharon and Kelton Welch (renewal of vows) - Sasakwa

Logan Cobb and Christen Honeycutt - Ada

John and Laura Littefield - (renewal of vows) - Francis

All participating couples

had a chance to win a honeymoon in Las Vegas and newly-married Roff residents Charity and Michael McCartney won

the honeymoon in the contest. Streaming video of the event is available at www.kadaradio.net and kxfcradio.com/apps.

Chickasaw bride

Mr. Aaron Millican and Mrs. Christy (Monroe) Millican, a Chickasaw, just after their wedding ceremony at the McSwain Theatre. The couple was selected to participate in the "12 Weddings" event.

Hitched again

Sharon and Kelton Welch, of Sasakwa, Okla., renewed their wedding vows at the "12 Weddings" event Dec. 12 at 12:12 p.m. at the McSwain Theatre. The couple has been married 37 years.

November 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Jordan Pharr

Jordan, daughter of Kent and Lea Ann Pharr, of Stonewall, Okla., is a November 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement.



Jordan Pharr

Jordan is a senior at Stonewall Public Schools and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Shayna Stone.

"She is a good student and demonstrates leadership on a daily basis," said Stone. "She scored advanced in Mathematics, English III and U.S. History as well as maintaining straight A's."

Jordan is very involved at school and is in cheerleading, softball, student council, Business Professionals of America and the 4-H mentoring program. Outside of school she attends the First Baptist Church of Stonewall and enjoys cooking and deer hunting with her family.

"I plan to continue my basic education at East Central before transferring to the University of Oklahoma to become a doctor of pharmacy," said Jordan. "I aspire to continue the hard work that I have put into my schooling to become the most successful woman that I can be."

Brayden Anoatubby

Brayden, son of Michael Hontema Jr. and Johna Anoatubby, of Ardmore, Okla., is a November 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship.



Brayden

Brayden is in the fourth grade at Charles Evans Elementary and was nominated by fourth grade teacher Amy Potts.

"Brayden is the kindest and most dependable boy," said Potts. "He uses excellent manners and tries hard at everything he does. He is an all-around good kid."

Brayden enjoys reading, watching movies, playing basketball and riding four-wheelers.

"I plan to go to college and study acting to later become an actor or movie director," said Brayden.

Noah Hinson

Noah, son of Joshua and Mika Hinson, of Ada, Okla., is a November 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement.



Noah Hinson

Noah is in the second grade at Latta School and was nominated by second grade teacher Autumn Deason.

"Noah is a very hard working student," said Deason. "He is always engaged in our lessons and the first one ready to answer any questions I have for class. He is always ready for a challenge."

Noah likes to draw, read

comic books and attend church and school. He also likes to spend time with his friends and three brothers.

"I would like to be a movie director when I grow up," said Noah.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sarah Jones, Public Affairs

Mark Lowry's music, comedy show set for Jan. 12 at McSwain Theatre



Mark Lowry

ADA, Okla. - Mark Lowry "Unplugged & Unplanned" - A Night of Comedy and Music Ministry, will be the feature attraction Jan. 12 at the McSwain Theatre. The show will begin at 7 p.m.

Mark Lowry has been en-

tertaining audiences with his unique combination of stand-up comedy and music for many years. He will be making his debut appearance at the legendary 574-seat McSwain, along with special guest pianist Stan Whitmire.

Mr. Lowry has released four music albums and six comedy and music videos, including "Mark Lowry on Broadway" which debuted at number one on the Billboard music video chart in 2001.

Tickets for the Jan. 12 show are available now.

For ticket information, contact the McSwain Theatre at (580) 332-8108 or online at www.McSwainTheatre.com

The McSwain Theatre, owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation, is located at 130 W. Main in Ada.

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Investments in health, heritage preservation top first two months

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption 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 Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation 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 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 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 eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, cata-

strophic 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.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending November 30, 2012

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$15.2 million for the month and 25.9 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$9.7 million for the month and \$17.3 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through November totaled \$179.1 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$38.1 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$12.6 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At November 30, 2012, the tribal government funds had \$199.1 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$20.1 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$130.2 million

in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of November 30, 2012, tribal operations, excluding federal program

funding, had net assets of \$1.490 billion compared to \$1.473 billion at September 30, 2012 or an increase of \$17 million.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Two Months Ended November 30, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	423,442	179,144,260	179,567,702
Total funds available	25,555,195	(25,555,195)	-
	25,978,637	153,589,065	179,567,702
Expenditures			
General government	2,322,022		2,322,022
Legislature	457,239		457,239
Judiciary	192,128		192,128
Education	1,858,743		1,858,743
Heritage Preservation	2,731,728		2,731,728
Health	3,270,178		3,270,178
Youth and Family Services	1,898,598		1,898,598
Nutrition Programs	933,626		933,626
Regulatory	1,526,006		1,526,006
Assistance Programs	2,090,063		2,090,062
Gaming expense		101,566,584	101,566,584
Other businesses' expense		39,439,248	39,439,248
Total expenditures	17,280,330	141,005,832	158,286,162
Increase in net assets	8,698,307	12,583,232	21,281,540
Beginning net assets	658,308,618	810,471,469	1,468,780,087
Ending net assets	667,006,925	823,054,702	1,490,061,627

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets November 30, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	199,142,931	130,207,197	329,350,128
Receivables	34,900,845	72,353,139	107,253,984
Inventory	12,790	7,752,702	7,765,492
Prepaid expenses		15,584,207	15,584,207
Other Assets		1,273,965	1,273,965
Fixed assets	436,057,611	748,745,746	1,184,803,357
Less payables	(3,107,253)	(152,862,253)	(155,969,506)
Net Assets	667,006,925	823,054,702	1,490,061,627

Mississippi State's Banks is 2012 winner

Gov. Anoatubby continues tradition, presents Jim Thorpe Award



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, along with former University of Oklahoma and Dallas Cowboys head coach Barry Switzer, prepare to present the Jim Thorpe Award during ceremonies Dec. 6 in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The Thorpe Award is presented annually to the nation's top collegiate defensive back.

For the fourth consecutive year, Gov. Bill Anoatubby presented the Jim Thorpe Award during the Home Depot College Football Awards Show.

The 22nd annual awards show was Dec. 6 at the Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., and aired on ESPN.

Gov. Anoatubby co-presenter was former University of Oklahoma and Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer.

The Jim Thorpe Award is given annually to the nation's outstanding defensive back.

Gov. Anoatubby and Coach

Switzer presented the 2012 Jim Thorpe Award to Mississippi State University cornerback Jonathan Banks.

The award is named in honor of Jim Thorpe (1887-1953), a Native American Olympic champion and professional football and baseball player who is widely regarded as the greatest athlete in history.

The other 2012 Thorpe Award finalists included University of Southern California cornerback [Nickell Robey](#); North Carolina State cornerback [David Amerson](#); Florida State University's [Xavier](#)

[Rhodes](#); and [Tyrann Mathieu](#), of Louisiana State University.

For more information about the Jim Thorpe Awards visit <http://www.jimthorpeassoc.org>.

For more information about The Home Depot College Football Awards and a complete list of all award winners, visit www.espncollegefootballawards.com

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Season shines bright with Cultural Center lights

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Christmas season was bright for thousands of people this year thanks to the Christmas lights at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Santa Claus officially turned on the drive-through holiday display November. More than 3,500 people visited the attraction, which was open every night during December.

Dozens of displays featuring traditional Christmas themes and Chickasaw greetings were

included in the light show.

More Yuletide merriment was enjoyed by almost 650 people who attended the third annual Christmas Celebration at the Cultural Center Dec. 8.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand for photos. A miniature ornament and Christmas tree workshop was enjoyed by many in attendance.

Native band "Injunuity" entertained visitors in addition to other activities including a holiday movie and tours of the

Cultural Center's Traditional Village.

More special events are planned for 2013.

For more information about upcoming events, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130, or online at www.chickasawculturalcenter.com

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur.

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Four-year-old Adisyn Lippard, of Ada, visits with Santa at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Christmas Celebration on Dec. 8.

Marcy Gray

Festive atmosphere



Festive poinsettias decorate the lobby of the Anoli Theatre at Chickasaw Cultural Center. The more than 400 traditional holiday flowers were grown at the Chickasaw Community Gardens greenhouse for use at the Cultural Center this year.

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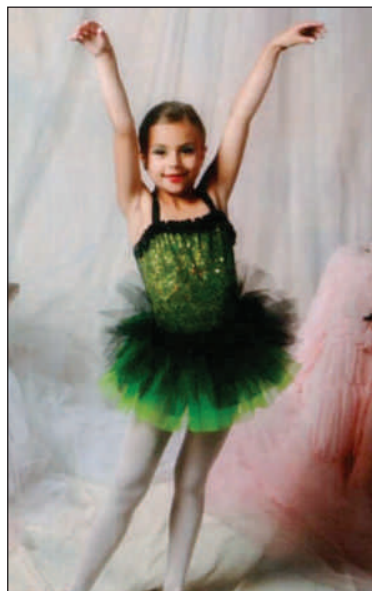
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Girls featured with Oklahoma City Ballet troupe

Chickasaw ballerinas celebrate holiday season In 'The Nutcracker'



Paisley Mitchell



Maryanne Criswell

ADA, Okla. - The holiday season wouldn't be complete without the famous ballet "The Nutcracker." Four young Chickasaw ballerinas' dreams came true as they danced alongside members of the Oklahoma City Ballet during this year's Christmas performance.

Not only is "The Nutcracker" a timeless Christmas favorite, 2012 marks the 120th anniversary of the first performance of this famed ballet.

Chickasaw ballerinas Paisley Mitchell, Bailee McCurdy, Maryanne Criswell and Natalie Jack took the stage Dec. 1 at the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center on the campus of East Central University in Ada.

"We have been practicing since September and I am really excited to dance," Paisley said. "This is my first time dancing with professionals."

To be selected to dance in "The Nutcracker," the girls au-



Bailee McCurdy, left, and Natalie Jack

ditioned along with other dancers from around the Ada area. All four Chickasaw ballerinas study dance locally and are on competitive dance teams.

"I have been dancing since I was three, and my favorite part is dancing on a stage," Mary-

anne said.

Paisley, Bailee and Natalie have participated in the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and Maryanne will audition this year. The Academy is a two-week program that helps each young lady enhance her dance techniques. The ballerinas plan to continue participating in dance classes. "Participating in dance helps Maryanne express and communicate her ideas," said Cara Criswell, Maryanne's mother. "It gives her the opportunity to make creative decisions which promotes self-esteem and independent thinking. Dance enhances skills of perception, observation and concentration which will undoubtedly help her in all school subjects. That is some of the reasons why I think it is important for Maryanne to participate in dance."

The December performance of "The Nutcracker" was brought to Ada by the Ada Arts Council in conjunction with East Central University.

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BIRTHS



Ralee Elisa and Rylan Kay Collins

Ralee Elisa and Rylan Kay Collins were born October 25, 2012 at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City.

Ralee was born at 1:25 p.m. She weighed 4 lbs., 7 oz., and measured 17 1/2 inches at birth.

Rylan was born at 1:26 p.m. She weighed 3 lbs., 2 oz., and

measured 15 1/2 inches at birth.

The identical twin girls are the daughters of Derek and Rachael Collins. They have an older brother, Redek.

They are the grandchildren of Vicky and Bill Gold, Eddie and Tammy Collins and Buddy Tartsah.

Couple weds headline here



Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Shaw

Stefani Dawn Arpealer, of Antlers, Okla., and Cullen Neil Shaw, of Darwin, Okla., were united in marriage during a December 15 ceremony at the Antlers Fair Building.

The bride is the daughter of Billy and Paula Arpealer, of Antlers.

She studies Wildlife Habitat Ecology and Management at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and has interned with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a park ranger at

Sardis Lake near Clayton, Okla.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shaw, of Darwin.

He is employed as a field appraiser in the Pushmataha County Assessor's office. He serves as assistant chief of the Darwin Volunteer Fire Department.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Education at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

The couple will reside in Jumbo, Okla.



Peachblossom Moonlite Rain Rasha and Lillyblossom Rainbow Rose Rasha

Peachblossom Moonlite Rain and Lillyblossom Rainbow Rose Rasha were born Oct. 22, 2012.

Peachblossom Moonlite Rain was born at 4:03 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. and measured 17 inches at birth.

Lillyblossom Rainbow Rose was born at 4:05 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 17 inches at birth.

The twins are the daughters of Jerico and Leonna Rasha, of Branson, Mo., formerly of Sulphur, Okla.

They are the granddaughters of Cindi and Leo Mitchell and Beverly Pigeon. They are the great-granddaughters of Nolen and Javine Lewis.

Their sisters are Senhec-k, Talaina Rasha, Justine and a brother is SnowEagle Rasha.



Brady Alexander Dinkins

Brady Alexander Dinkins was born November 26, 2012 at Oklahoma City. He weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. and measured 19 3/4 inches at birth.

He is the son of Alexander and Elizabeth Dinkins, of Edmond, Okla. He has a brother, Blake Dinkins.

He is the grandson of Ed and Debbie Smith. Sherri and Johnny Hill and Alexander Dinkins Sr.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Byng freshman named cross country All-State



Sam Sweet

A Chickasaw high school freshman has been named to the Oklahoma 4A All-State team in cross country.

Sam Sweet is a freshman runner for Byng High School. Sam placed ninth in the 5k run at the 4A state meet in Edmond with a time of 17:12.

He qualified for state by placing fifth at the 4A West Regionals in Norman where he posted a time of 17:20 in the 5k run.

Sam is the son of Celestial Sweet and David Sweet.

He is the grandson of Bobby and Tawana Sweet, Lilli Youngblood, John Cannady and Karen and Larry Payne.

Chickasaw 'Clydesdale'



Chickasaw elder Robert Perry, right, of Ada, Okla., ran the Tulsa Run October 27, placing second in his age group. Billy Woodruff, left, was the first place winner. Mr. Perry placed 11th overall in the Clydesdale Division which handicaps age and weight. Mr. Perry encourages all Chickasaw to start training and enter the 2013 Tulsa Run hosted the last Saturday of October.

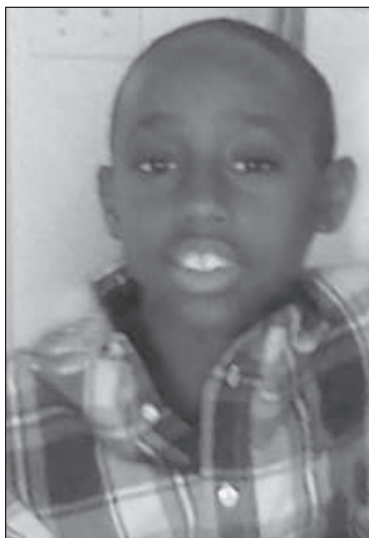
BIRTHDAY



Kinsey (Keek) Lee Black



Janashia Washington



Majavion Washington

Kinsey (Keek) Lee Black will turn 11 January 17, 2013. She is the daughter of Brandy Myers-Black, Luis Juarez, John and Lori Black. She is the granddaughter of Pastor Jim Myers and First Lady Phyllis Myers. She is the little sister to Derek and Kassey Scruggs and niece to Jamey and Chad Myers all of Cache, Okla. She is the baby of the family and loves her Yorkie, Z-Lee,

Kinsey is a talented 11-year-old. She is very athletic and plays three different sports. She plays on the Pink Panther volleyball team and recently won the Lawton City Championship for the second year in a row. The team was undefeated for two years straight!

She is a member of the Pink Panthers softball team and travels to different tournaments and plays left field. Kinsey plays basketball and uses her athletic talent on the court.

Other hobbies and interest include singing in the Restoration Church of God choir, an honor roll student at Cache fifth and sixth Grade Center; singing in the school choir, loves to ride horses and run the barrels, and just recently took up archery where she is an advanced archer. Kinsey placed in the top six out of boys and girls in her first archery competition in Lawton.

We are extremely proud of Kinsey and all the talents that God has blessed her with. She has a smile that will light up any room and a giving heart and spirit that shines bright!

Happy Birthday

We all Love you Baby Keek and look forward to your awesome future! xoxo

Janashia Washington (NuNu) turned 10 on Nov. 25, 2012. She is the daughter of Mary Johnson. She is the granddaughter of Shirley Kelly and the great-granddaughter of the late Mary Etta Kelly.

Nashia enjoys spending time with her big sister, cheerleading and talking on the phone. She sings in the choir at Goodwill Baptist Church.

We love you Nu!

Happy belated birthday!

Tyson, Jermaine, DaRayvion and KiMora Barber.

Majavion Washington turned nine Dec. 14, 2012. He is the son of Mary Johnson. He is the grandson of Shirley Kelly and the great-grandson of the late Mary Etta Kelly.

Majavion enjoys playing basketball and soccer. He also enjoys singing in his church choir at Goodwill Baptist Church.

Good luck on your solo, we love you!

Happy belated birthday!

Tyson, Jermaine, DaRayvion and KiMora Barber.

First deer



Abigail Nunn, 10, shot her first deer, an eight-point buck weighing 125 pounds, Nov. 17 northwest of Burneyville, Okla. David Speaks, her 4-H shooting sports instructor, served as her guide. Abigail is a fifth-grade student at Thackerville (OK) Elementary School. She is the daughter of Waylon and Amy Nunn, of Thackerville.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Abigail Moore

gust 2013.

Miss Moore is a home-schooled high school senior at Sterling, Va.

She is a talented artist, has achieved her third-degree black belt in taekwondo, and has earned excellent grades at home and at Northern Virginia Community College during her high school years.

Miss Moore is a member of the National Art Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars.

Her plans are to complete a dual major in education and art to share her love of art with future generations as a teacher.

She is the daughter of Steven and Donna Moore.

Miss Moore's grandfather, Don Cregger, many aunts, uncles, and extended family live in the Wynnewood, Okla., area and have helped to instill pride in her of her Chickasaw ancestry.

Student accepted into College of William & Mary

Abigail Moore, a Chickasaw has been accepted by the College of William and Mary (W&M), Williamsburg, Va. during the early decision process. She will begin classes in Au-

Chickasaw Mill Creek royalty



Quinton Copeland and Katarina Reyes

Katarina Rhiannon Reyes, is a Chickasaw citizen and is in the seventh grade at Mill Creek High School.

On Nov. 2, 2012 Katarina was crowned Princess during the Fall Coronation Basketball Ceremony. She was escorted by Quinton Copeland, also a Chickasaw citizen.

Katarina enjoys basketball, softball and cheerleading. She also enjoys volunteering to

support her team activities.

Katarina lives in Sulphur, Okla. She is the daughter of Candace Rochelle and the granddaughter of Mary Jernigan, of Sulphur.

Katarina turned 13 December 19, 2012. Her mother and grandmother wish her a very happy 13th birthday! We love you Kattie!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



TaDyn Walker

TaDyn Walker tops at hoop shoot contest

TaDyn Walker, an 11-year-old Chickasaw, won the local hoop shoot contest at Ada (OK) Junior High School. He won the 10-11 age group and advanced to the next round Jan. 12 at Ada Junior High School.

TaDyn attends school at Latta (OK) Elementary School.

TaDyn Walker is the son of Gary Walker and Amber Fox.

He is the grandson of Larry and Carol Fox, of Ada and Gary and Laverne Walker, of Allen, Okla.

He is the big brother to Kason and Tresyn Walker.

We are proud of you TaDyn! Good luck on January 12!

We love you.



Christopher Ruth

Chickasaw in doctoral program at Emperor's

Christopher Ruth, a Chickasaw, has been accepted into a doctoral program in the field of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine, Santa Monica, Calif.

Mr. Ruth who has been in private practice since in 2011, is an assistant supervisor in the Emperor's Clinic, teaching future acupuncturists. In January, 2013 he will begin advanced studies in the field, specializing in Internal Medicine and Orthopedics.

In addition to private practice, he teaches CPR and first-aid classes.

He is the son of Paul and Judith Ruth.

Mattingly to manage social media strategy for airline industry group



Tressa Mattingly

A Chickasaw has recently been appointed to manage social media for an airline indus-

try trade group.

Tressa Mattingly will be expanding the social media and online presence for Airlines for America (A4A). She will co-manage social media efforts to increase visibility of the airline industry in consumer markets.

Prior to joining A4A, Mrs. Mattingly worked on the communications team at Georgetown University. She is a 2011 Georgetown graduate, where she received an advanced degree in journalism.

Mrs. Mattingly also holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in cor-

porate and professional communication from Radford University.

Grants received from the Chickasaw Nation, Mrs. Mattingly said, were very important in her completing her education.

Mrs. Mattingly is married to Gregory Mattingly.

Her parents are Ronald and Laurie Kirby.

She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Margaret Elizabeth Durham and a great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Lottie Durham.

Volleyball champs



2012 Chickasaw Nation volleyball league and tournament champions include, from left, Coach Joe Wallace with players Hazel Wallace, Krystal Bohanon, Ashley Wallace, Glen Bohanon, Jeremy Wallace and Jason Wallace. Also pictured Nannola Wallace and Jackson Bohanon. The team won 10 games and the tournament.

Chickasaw seeks Konawa school board seat



Katie Akerman

A Chickasaw citizen has recently announced her candidacy for the Konawa (OK) School Board, Office Number 3.

Katie Akerman graduated from Vanoss (OK) High School in 2005 as a Gates Millennium Scholar. She received a bachelor's degree from East Central University in 2009. In 2011 she earned a master's degree in education from ECU. She is employed with the Chickasaw

Nation as an education specialist in the Higher Education Department.

Mrs. Akerman believes education is one of the best opportunities to be successful. She supports classes and programs that allow students to become well rounded and offer knowledge in many different subject areas.

Her first and greatest concern is for the educational welfare of each and every student. If elected, she promises to focus on serving in trust for the community, by ensuring that every deliberation, decision and action reflects the best interest of the student(s) involved.

She and her husband, Jacob Akerman, have two children, Abigail, two, and Brodie, six months. The children will attend Konawa Public Schools.

Mr. Akerman attended Konawa Public Schools and works for OG&E.

Chickasaw cousins all place in Veterans Garden of Lights 5k



From left, Liz Brown Glover, Jodi Glover, Kaysie Glover and J.J. Stewart.

MUSKOGEE, Okla. – Four Chickasaw runners, all cousins, participated in the Seventh Annual Veterans Garden of Lights 5k Road Race Dec. 15 in Muskogee.

More than 1,500 runners

participated in the Honor Heights Park event.

Cousins Liz Brown Glover, Jodi Glover, Kaysie Glover and J.J. Stewart competed in the 5k.

Liz took fifth place in the 40-

44 age group; Jodi and JJ ran in the 14-18 age group and finished fifth and sixth, respectively; and Kaycie took third place in the age nine-13 group.

"All profits from this race will go directly back to veterans' programs at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center, so we are grateful to all the participants," race director Nita McClellan said.

Hosted by VA's Voluntary Service, major sponsorship has been provided by Muskogee Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine. The 5k was sponsored in part by the Wings Group of the Cherokee Nation.

The Glovers are from Fort Gibson, Okla., and JJ is from Roff, Okla.

The 5K course was certified and sanctioned by USA Track and Field.



Tyler Chance DeVaughan and Melanie Jean Carr

Carr, DeVaughan to marry in April

Tyler Chance DeVaughan and Melanie Jean Carr will be married April 20, 2013.

The couple, of Ada, Okla., will be married at the University of Oklahoma Jimmy Austin Golf Course by Jim Hall of Fletcher Christian Church.

Miss Carr is the daughter of Greg and Paula Martinkewiz, of Elgin, Okla. and Lloyd and Diana Carr, of McKinney, Texas.

Miss Carr graduated from Elgin High School in 2002 and from the University of Oklahoma College Of Dentistry with a bachelor's degree dental hygiene in 2008. She is a practicing and registered dental hygienist at Ada Smile Place with Drs. Benny and Trey Edwards in Ada.

Mr. DeVaughan is the son of Keith and Debbie DeVaughan, of Binger, Okla. He is grand-

son of J.C. and June (Lance) DeVaughan and LeRoy and Treva Gregory of Binger.

Mr. DeVaughan graduated from Binger-Oney High School in 2002 and graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in 2007. He completed a Doctorate in Dental Surgery from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in 2012.

Dr. DeVaughan is a Chickasaw citizen and is a practicing dentist at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

The couple has chosen April 20, 2013 as their wedding date in honor of Melanie's late grandparents, John and Jeanie Roll. This date marks what would have been the Roll's 62nd wedding anniversary.

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Tribe to open transitional treatment facility for adolescents in Pauls Valley

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will this month open the doors of an adolescent transitional living facility in Pauls Valley. Aalhakoffichi' "a place for healing," will serve Chickasaw and other Native American youth, ages 14 to 19, dealing with mental health, substance abuse and family relationship issues.

"Offering residential services for adolescents who are dealing with significant emotional, family and substance abuse issues is a vital part of our overall efforts to strengthen families," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "This will add a critical element to counseling and training sessions designed to offer effective parenting and relationship strategies to families throughout the Chickasaw Nation."

Located on 2.3 acres at 101 Arrowhead Drive, the 8,600 square-foot facility is the culmination of over five years of research and development that indicated a significant need for treatment for adolescents in the Chickasaw Nation and throughout Oklahoma.

Dr. Waymon Hinson, associate administrator of family resource system for the Division

of Youth and Family, said Aalhakoffichi' was a pivotal part of Gov. Anoatubby's 2004 family initiative.

"We were looking at ways in which we could close gaps in our services, developing a circle of care, a wide-range of services to make sure we were reaching at risk kids and families," Dr. Hinson said.

The supported living program offered at Aalhakoffichi' is designed to cultivate and nourish the four pillars of Chickasaw wellness - body, mind, spirit and culture.

Aalhakoffichi' will offer 24-hour supervised care, including around-the-clock adult supervision by properly trained and credentialed Chickasaw Nation staff. An on-site cultural coordinator will provide Chickasaw and Native American cultural education classes. Residents will have access to medical, dental, vision and other medical services through the Chickasaw Nation.

Treatment services by licensed professionals, education, recreation and physical fitness activities will be available to all residents. Family enrichment services including counseling, visitation and

structured family days are all part of emphasis to strengthen families.

Stemming from family systems theory, the multi-level treatment program at Aalhakoffichi' provides a unique opportunity for adolescents and their families to make important transitions into more interdependent living within the context of the tribe.

Additionally, Aalhakoffichi' will offer on-site, family-centered outpatient services that focus on helping families develop the tools necessary to achieve and sustain psychological and relational health.

"At Aalhakoffichi' when we think about substance abuse or mental health, and what kids need, we are just broadening the lens in the ways Chickasaw families have always considered broader kinship ties," Dr. Hinson said. "So, we are not inventing anything. We are just wedding family systems theory with Chickasaw ways and coming out with family ways of thinking."

For more information, please call (405) 331-2300.

CONTRIBUTED BY Miranda Elliott, Public Affairs.

Georgia government officials visit



Governor Bill Anoatubby visited with a delegation of government officials from the country of Georgia in December. The special guests toured the Chickasaw Cultural Center and the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters in order to learn more about tribal government, history and culture. Georgia is an eastern European nation and was a part of the former Soviet Union.

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The Chickasaw Foundation was established in 1971. The foundation is a 501 (C) 3 organization.

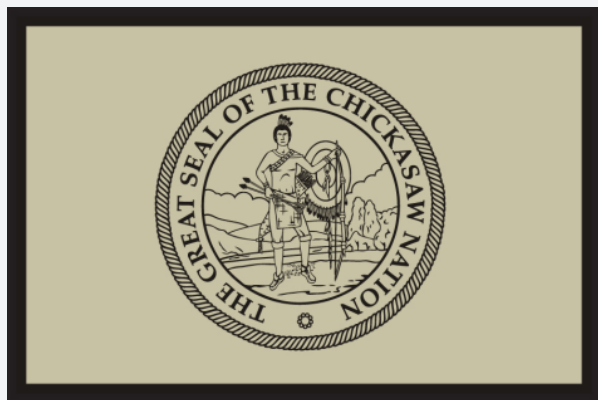
Every year the foundation is fortunate to receive many charitable donations. The foundation also accepts memorial donations. A memorial donation is a special way of remember-

ing a loved one while helping others.

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Please contact the foundation office at (580) 421-9030 if you have any questions.

Attention Chickasaw Veterans



The Chickasaw Nation would like to send our Chickasaw veterans a Chickasaw Nation hat pin as a small token of appreciation for your service in the U.S. military.

The pin has been created to replicate the Chickasaw Nation Morale Patch that is distributed to Chickasaw servicemen and women on active duty. It can be displayed proudly as a symbol of your loyalty and dedication to the protection of this country and the Chickasaw people.

Veterans, please call (580) 310-6451 or email Chickasaw.Veterans@chickasaw.net to request your pin today!

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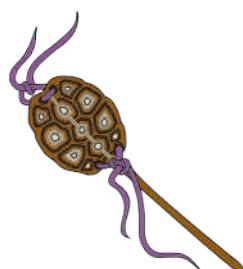
The Chickasaw Foundation greatly appreciates employees who have elected to donate to the Foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP).

The foundation will mail receipts to ECCP participants who contributed over \$250 to the Foundation during 2012. Upon request it will also issue receipts for those who contributed other amounts. You may contact our office by calling (580) 421-9030 or by e-mail at Chickasaw-Foundation@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your continued support, and for helping to make a difference in the lives of others!

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— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Chickasaw Foundation Annual T-Ball Tournament set for April 26-27 in Ada



The 5th annual Chickasaw Foundation T-ball Tournament will be April 26-27, 2013 at the Kiwanis Baseball Park in Ada.

This will be a double-elimination tournament and only the first 10 teams will be accepted.

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Special Olympics recognizes Chickasaw Foundation with award



From left, Chickasaw Foundation executive director Johnna R. Walker; Adrian DeWendt, executive director of Special Olympics Oklahoma; and John Fryrear of the Chickasaw Foundation's board of trustees. The Chickasaw Foundation was presented a special award for its support of Special Olympics.

Special Olympics Oklahoma presented the Chickasaw Foundation with a special Associate Sponsor Award for its support of the organization in 2012.

Through donations made by Chickasaw Nation employees in the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan, the foundation made a \$2,000 contribution to Special Olympics.

The Chickasaw Foundation was established to support the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

For more information on the foundation, call 580-421-9030 or visit www.chickasawfoundation.org.

GRACO PRODUCTIONS CASTING CALL

Extras Needed for - a one hour Pilot about the history of The Chickasaw Nation.

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- 15 young athletic males to act as Chickasaw Warriors and Clan Leaders.
- 2 athletic men for the two chiefs roles.
- One athletic man for the character of Miko.
- One very tall and athletic man for Chief Tascalusa of the Atahachi.

(All males must be willing to shave their heads except for a Mohawk or topknot, or have hair short enough to wear "bald" skull caps)

NOTE: Auditions will be held **January 16, 2013** at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada. To submit for this **GRACO Productions** project simply appear at the Chickasaw Community Center starting at 10 a.m., Jan. 16. Auditions will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring a photo and your contact information.

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Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

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Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

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Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459
pikekeyscrossing@yahoo.com

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

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Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

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Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

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Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

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Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND

New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
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NEW MEXICO

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Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

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Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

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2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

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Nancy McLarry, 830-537-4576 or 210-313-4576
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- The CLC works to help Chickasaw students find fulfilling academic majors and support them as they continue finding a successful career path.

If you have any questions about the CLC, please contact Karen Fish at 405.767.8948 or karen.fish@chickasaw.net.



Claims Must Be Filed By March 1, 2013 In \$3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement

What is This About?

The *Cobell v. Salazar* Settlement is approved. The Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit that claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013.

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You must file a claim form if you believe you are a member of the Trust Administration Class and you have not:

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- Filed a claim form already using your current address. If you have, the Claims Administrator will contact you.

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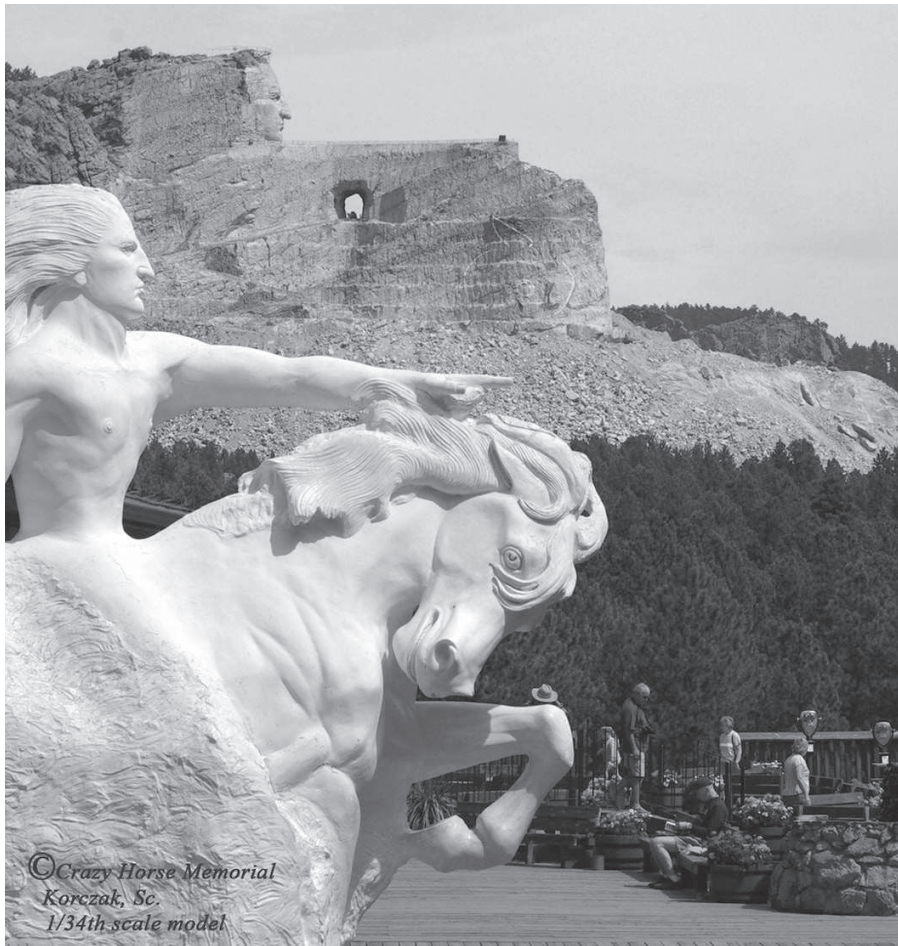
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Paul Anthony Alex (Herb) Sharp



Paul Anthony Alex "Herb" Sharp, 42, of Ada, Okla., died November 25, 2012 at his home. Services were November 28, at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel in Seminole, Okla., with Bro. McNealy officiating. Interment followed in the (Sally Marcy) Tiger Family Cemetery.

Mr. Sharp was born April 26, 1970 at Wewoka, Okla. He was raised at Tupelo, Okla., by his grandparents, Melba Jean Owens and Frank Owens.

Mr. Sharp married Kimberly Lucille Barber March 9, 1989 at Ada.

He worked as a bowling me-

chanic at the Chickasaw Nation Lazer Zone in Ada.

He enjoyed being with his family, having cookouts and riding his motorcycle. He was also a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Kimberly (Barber) Sharp, of the home; two daughters, Shaylee Sharp (Cody Story), of Holdenville, Okla., and Tori Rashelle Sharp (Justin Bertschy), of Oklahoma City; two brothers, Adam Stafford and David Stafford, both of Wewoka, Okla.; a sister, Melissa Stafford, of Wewoka; three grandchildren with one on the way; mother, Cleatha Williams, of Wewoka; mother-in-law, Wanda Barber, of Maud, Okla.; and a host of other family and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents who raised him Melba and Frank Owens; two brothers, Tim and Jimmy Dale Owens; and by a grandson, Emmitt King Bertschy.

Bearers were Matthew Barber, Timmy Owens, Adam Stafford, David Stafford, Anthony Barber and Cody Story.

Honorary bearers were Mitchell Barber, Shelby Barber, Nathan Barber, Steve Cordell and Justin Bertschy.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.swearingenfuneral.com

William Caston 'Wild Bill' Pettigrew



William Caston "Wild Bill" Pettigrew, 87, died December 13, 2012 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were December 18 at the First Assembly of God Church, Madill, Okla., with Pastor Weldon Wright officiating. Interment followed in Pleasant Oak Cemetery, Enville, Okla.

Mr. Pettigrew was born Nov. 2, 1925, to H. H. "Dan" Pettigrew and Jennie (Johnson) Pettigrew at Stonewall, Okla. Out of the three sons, he was the only surviving child from this union. He was the middle child. His older and younger siblings died in infancy. He

grew up in the Stonewall, Ada, and Madill areas.

At age 16, he got his first job working on the railroad and traveled with the railroad all across the United States. After working with the railroad, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served his country in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Liberty, Okla. where he met and married Margaret Sealy in 1943.

From this union was born one daughter, Betty Jean Pettigrew. He always said with a proud smile whenever he saw Betty Jean, "There's my number 1! She's the one who started it all."

During this time, he began working in construction. After the marriage ended, he worked throughout the state of Oklahoma.

He married Emma Nelson and the couple made their home in Enville, Okla., and he continued working in construction as a heavy equipment operator. He always enjoyed playing guitar and bass in his band "The Tomahawks." He played throughout the state. Later in life he turned to Gospel music and played at Gospel singings and local churches lifting his voice to the Lord.

He was preceded in death by

his parents.

He is survived by his wife Emma; children, Betty Jean Woods and husband, Bud, Thomas Pettigrew and wife, Gail, Russell Strayhorn and wife, Lorenda, Robert "Choc" Pettigrew and Bonnie Brown, Darrell "Chic" Pettigrew, Mike Pettigrew and wife, Roxanne, Denise (Pettigrew) Ruth, Darlene (Pettigrew) Mason and husband Steve, Diane Pettigrew, Joe Pettigrew and wife Stacey; twenty-six grandchildren; seventy great-grandchildren; thirteen great-great-grandchildren; and a multitude of other family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were sons-in-law, Steve Mason and Darren Miller, grandsons, Brandon Pettigrew, Aaron Miller, Zakkary Pettigrew, and Brian Pettigrew. Honorary bearers were cousins, Calvin and James "Jay" Johnson, Eddie, Ronnie, Jimmy and Kent Johnson, grandson, Darrell Pettigrew, Jr., grandsons-in-law, Carlos Moore and Antoine Herbert and family friend Doug Ash.

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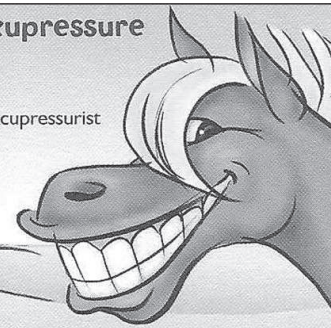
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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
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November 16, 2012**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

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

Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES -
October 26, 2012

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve the minutes of October 26, 2012.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2012, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

Permanent Resolution Number 30-003, Amendments to Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Corrections)

This resolution corrects section numbers in Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR30-003.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR30-003 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Commit-

tee Chair Toby Perkins

General Resolution Number 30-013, Approval of Development Budget Amendment Headquarters Gym

This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for Headquarters Gym Remodel, Project Number 20-0085-09 in the amount of \$3,397,324.00.

The headquarters gym and community center was built in 1982. It has served the Chickasaw Nation for many years as a gymnasium and a community center. There is a growing need from Chickasaw citizens for additional basketball court space for tournaments, recreational games and physical fitness. The current facility cannot meet that need in its current condition. A complete renovation of the interior and exterior of the building is needed to make the facility a usable space for citizens.

The renovation will include a new hardwood floor, scoreboards and suspended goals. Spectator seating will be raised above the court and include stationary bleachers. The restrooms, locker rooms and concession area will be updated. The mechanical systems will be replaced and fire alarm and sprinkler system will be installed. The exterior of the building will be updated to complement the existing campus.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR30-013.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

A correction was noted in the third "Whereas."

The motion to approve GR30-013 carried unanimously.

Mr. Perkins concluded his report.

(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 30-010, Oil and Gas Lease in Garvin County Unallotted Tract 141A

This resolution approves the Oil and Gas Lease requested by Continental Resources, Inc., 20 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, which has submitted an acceptable bid of \$251.86 per acre for a total bonus of \$2,518.60. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$629.65, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation in Garvin County, Oklahoma, containing ten acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of \$30.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive \$7.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR30-010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-010 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-011, Utility Service Easement in Murray County

This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement granted to OG&E Electric Services to service the new maintenance building at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Murray County.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR30-011.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy El-

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2012 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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liott,
 Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
 13 yes votes
 The motion to approve GR30-011 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-012, 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, to use with the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Oklahoma, increasing the ability to add recreational functions.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR30-012.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
 13 yes votes
 The motion to approve GR30-012 carried unanimously.

Mr. Perkins concluded his report.
(D) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert
 Permanent Resolution Number 30-002, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4, Article A of the Chickasaw Nation Code (General Provisions)

This resolution amends Title 2, Chapter 4, Article A, Section 2-401.8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to provide broader legal protections and defenses for elected officials and employees of the judicial, executive and legislative branches of the Chickasaw Nation who are acting within the scope of their official duties and/or employment.

A motion was made by Mr. Colbert and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR30-002.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve

Woods
 13 yes votes
 The motion to approve PR30-002 carried unanimously.
 Mr. Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Watson made comments regarding the oil and gas lease resolution, decrease of federal funding, the clothing grant, and the need for a rainy day fund.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
 The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:22 a.m.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Connie Barker, Secretary
 Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
 Prepared by:
 Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
 Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature



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**General Resolution Number 30-014
Resolution Changing the Meeting Day for the January, 2013, Legislative Session**

Explanation: This resolution changes the meeting day for the Regular Session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature in January, 2013. The January Regular Session falls on a day that some of the Legislators will be in official travel status to Washington, DC; therefore, it is imperative that the Session be held on a different day.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 30-015

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Ms. Rose Jefferson

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Rose Jefferson to another term of office on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2015.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Dean McManus

Permanent Resolution Number 30-004

Amendments to Titles 18 and 20 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Corrections)

Explanation: This resolution corrects section numbers in Titles 18 and 20 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Dean McManus



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**Committee of the Whole Meeting
December 17, 2012**

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Dean McManus, David Woerz

Education Committee

December 10, 2012

Present: Nancy Elliott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs, Shana Hammond

Human Resources Committee

December 10, 2012

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

Absent: Shana Hammond

Legislative Committee

December 10, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs, Shana Hammond

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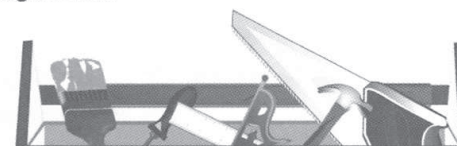
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