



Chickasaw genealogist, author, matriarch Juanita Tate dies



Mrs. Juanita Keel Tate

Mrs. Juanita Keel Tate, Chickasaw elder who engaged her tribe and her state in ways that evolved throughout her lifetime, died Feb. 8, 2012 at the age of 101. She was a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Tate was a great-great-grandchild of our first Chickasaw

saw Governor Cyrus Harris. She was born in Hugo, Okla., Sept. 10, 1910 to Chickasaw original enrollees Guy Keel and Lula Potts Keel, the 10th of 12 children. The Tate family soon moved to Ardmore where Mrs. Tate attended Bloomfield Seminary and Franklin Elementary School.

When she was only 12 years old, Mrs. Tate boarded the train in Ardmore with her eight-year-old sister. The sisters were headed to Chilocco Indian School in far north central Oklahoma.

"My grandmother really took on the role of mother to her younger sister when they went

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Chickasaw, Choctaw Nations seeking summary judgment ruling in water case



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

OKLAHOMA CITY - Attorneys for the Chickasaw Nation and Choctaw Nation have filed a motion for partial summary judgment in the federal court case to protect the tribes' water rights in their shared treaty territory. The motion was filed February 14.

The suit was originally filed in August 2011.

According to tribal attorneys, the motion is an appropriate step at this time to



Gregory Pyle
Chief

clarify the issues and protect the current legal process.

The tribes' motion asks the federal court to rule, as a matter of federal law, that Oklahoma's stream adjudication statutes do not satisfy federal standards or otherwise reach the relevant questions presented in the Nations' lawsuit.

The State of Oklahoma last week requested that the Oklahoma Supreme Court assume

jurisdiction over a proposed adjudication of all claimed rights to the use of water in the Kiamichi, Muddy Boggy, and Clear Boggy Basin - an area that stretches from Ada, Okla., to the Arkansas state line.

"The State's action misses the point," said Michael Buggage, attorney for both the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. "The law doesn't support them in what they are trying to do, and we believe it's a distraction. It would be

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Longtime tribal employees honored



Stanley Foster

ADA, Okla. - The dedication, leadership abilities and commitment of more than 150 Chickasaw Nation employees were recognized during the annual Employee Service awards, conducted Monday, January 30



Patricia Woods

at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Ada, Okla.

During the event, tribal Support Director Stanley Foster, Special Assistant/Community Liaison Patricia Woods and tribal Property and Supply



Lynn Worcester

Director Lynn Worcester were honored for 35 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation.

Each honoree received a Chickasaw Nation wall hanging, a 35-year plaque and a

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Tribes, U.S. Army Corps agree on development of regional water plan for SE Oklahoma

TULSA - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations recently entered into an agreement to develop the first phase of Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations Regional Water Plan.

This science-based regional water plan will assess the water resources of the Nations' treaty territory, an area that roughly covers the 22 counties of southeastern and south central Oklahoma.

The plan is designed to develop strategies for the sustainable management of the region's water resources by

considering current and future water needs as well as the condition and adequacy of infrastructure throughout the region.

The \$180,000 cost of the study is federally authorized through the Planning Assistance to States and Tribes program and will be shared equally between the Corps of Engineers and the two Nations.

"We are proud to partner for the first time with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations," said Col. Michael Teague, Tulsa District commander. "Our goals of environmental stew-

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to Chilocco,” Chickasaw tribal legislator Shana Tate Hammond said. “There was no one to greet them when they got off the train. They just started walking until they found the school.”

The Keel sisters remained at Chilocco through the summers, Mrs. Hammond said, because their folks simply could not afford to bring them home.

“My grandmother learned to make her own clothing and to take good care of herself and her sister,” Mrs. Hammond said. “It was a time when people made do with what was available. You had to have strength to make it through Chilocco. She made it.”

After her graduation in 1928, Mrs. Tate returned to Ardmore. She attended Ardmore Business College and became a court reporter. She later attended Bacone College in Muskogee and East Central College in Ada.

In 1934, she married Ernest W. Tate and the couple had four children. Mr. Tate died in 1981.

Mrs. Tate turned her attention to genealogy in 1961. She devoted herself to the study of her ancestry, and to the preservation of Chickasaw family

history.

She was also an accomplished painter. Her portraits of Chickasaws and Choctaws still hang in buildings throughout southern Oklahoma.

When she was 97, she authored “Edmund Pickens,” a biography of her great-grandfather. The book was published by the Chickasaw Press.

Mrs. Tate was active in a number of tribally-related groups. she was a member of the Chickasaw-Choctaw Confederation and the Atoka Treaty Rights Association, the Tifahaya Inter-tribal Club and the Ohoyohoma Club. She was a long-time member of the Chilocco National Alumni Association and was inducted into the Chilocco Indian School Hall of Fame in 1987.

She was also a member of the Bloomfield-Carter Seminary Alumni Association.

Of particular pride to Mrs. Tate was the Keel Cemetery Association, which she initiated with cousins Ida “Dinah” Cobb and Sadie Keel Homer in 1956. The association helped preserve the family cemetery north of Lebanon, Okla.

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ardship and sustainability are very closely aligned and we look forward to a continued partnership.”

The first phase of the study will focus on developing methods to evaluate in-stream flows and infrastructure.

A panel of scientists selected by the Nations natural resources committee from federal agencies, academia and other highly qualified individuals will conduct the study of in-stream flow.

“It is envisioned that the recommended methodology will be used to establish minimum stream flow levels necessary

for highly valued water supply and hydropower,” said Cynthia Kitchens, tribal liaison and project manager for the Corps of Engineers. “But just as important, these flows will help sustain natural resources, cultural, and recreational needs that are also extremely important to the Nations and the region for economic as well as other reasons.”

The infrastructure assessment methodology will be developed to determine data gathering procedures that will help regionalize and prioritize improvements to aging infrastructures.

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much better for the parties to focus on the forum we’re already in - the only one that has jurisdiction over the federal questions that the nations’ suit has framed.”

The Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations have stated the proposed adjudication is unnecessary and unwise since their federal court claims do not disrupt any existing use of water pursuant to a valid permit.

“The State has said it has to sue its own citizens in order to protect their water rights for them, but that just isn’t true,” Mr. Burrage said. “The nations’ complaint expressly states that it does not and will not disturb existing uses of water made under valid permits. That issue isn’t even on the table.”

The tribes’ motion also seeks a ruling on two other questions.

First, that as a matter of federal law, the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations possess water resource rights and interests under their 1830 Removal-era

treaty, subsequent treaties, and other federal laws - “a series of treaties and laws that,” Mr. Burrage said, “have been affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in several rulings.”


And second, that Oklahoma’s water-use permitting system cannot lawfully authorize the export of waters from a basin that is subject to federal rights without regard for the certain procedural and substantive protections of federal law.

A court will grant a motion for summary judgment if there is no genuine dispute of material fact and the party making the motion is entitled to relief under the law. Such motions do not dispose of the entire case but serve as useful tools in stating the controlling law.

Following is a statement issued by Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Chief Gregory Pyle following the tribes’ motion for partial summary judgment:

“The motion for summary judgment was filed because we believe it will clear the way for further progress on resolving this issue. This motion will help to refine and focus the important issues involved while still protecting the legal process, including the court-ordered mediation, which could well be the best avenue for resolution.

It is vital that we do everything necessary to protect the rights of the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, southeastern Oklahomans and what is essential for the benefit of all Oklahomans.”



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For a description of the Chickasaw Nation, or to complete an application and view detailed information, please refer to <http://www.chickasaw.net> If you would like additional information, you may contact: (580) 436-7259, or PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821. American Indian Preference.

Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications

The Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications.

CDI is a six-month transitional program for qualified Chickasaw citizens in the Ada area. The program helps citizens who have a barrier to employment gain full time employment.

For additional information or to apply, please contact the CDI Office at (580) 272-5085.

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Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Summer camps, academies offer challenge, fun, friends

Though it is only the first week of March, now is the time for parents and children to begin consideration of our Chickasaw Summer Camps and Academies.

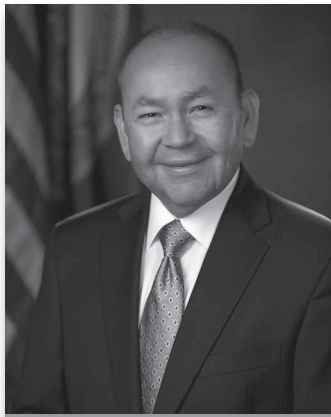
Application deadlines are as early as April 4 for the popular Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. Inside this issue of the Chickasaw Times you will find a listing of all our camps and academies along with deadlines, descriptions and contact information.

We began our summer camps and academies a number of years ago. Our thinking was to engage our young people during the summers and expose them to all sorts of subject matter.

The programs have been tremendously successful! When we started, we served principally young Chickasaws from within the Chickasaw Nation. Now, we regularly welcome summer participants from across the country. Our camps and academies are great ways to make connections with other Chickasaws. These are friendships that in many cases will last a lifetime!

Our Chickasaw students are immersed in many areas designed to educate, challenge and possibly create a career interest.

For example, the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy offers students courses in dance, creative writing, video production, vocal music, drama and more. Students dedicate two weeks to learning about these



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

actual flight simulators and participate in an airplane

disciplines and really “diving in” to energize their creative natures.

Environmental Camp focuses on the world around us, and the many important conservation aspects of which students may not be aware. Environmental Camp students also visit the National Weather Center in Norman and the Oklahoma Science Museum. This day camp is great for all students.

Our Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy is very popular with students interested in aviation, aircraft, space exploration, science and mathematics. Students fly

flight.

For those math and science students who desire a terrifically exciting challenge, NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., fills the bill. Students are engaged in challenging engineering seminars, and learn about the intricacies of space travel and astronaut training.

Our summer athletic camps are favorites of many of our student athletes. The tribe offers Golf Camp, the Native American Junior Open (golf), Tennis Clinic, FCA XTreme Camp, Marksmanship Camp, Champions Football Clinic and Champions Cheerleading Clinic. Regardless of your favorite sport, you are likely to find the athletic camp that is just right for you!

Our roster of camps and academies has grown through the years. We have listened to our parents and students regarding the summer activities they desire. We now have a reasonably comprehensive lineup, and participation is growing.

This summer, take advantage of one or more of your Chickasaw Nation camps or academies. You'll be glad you did!

'The King and I,' Bells of St. Mary's' March features at McSwain

ADA, Okla. - The McSwain Theatre in Ada has several fun-filled events scheduled in March. From classic movies to live music and comedy, the McSwain has something for everyone!

The theatre hosts a classic movie at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. every Thursday. Showing in March are:

March 1 - "The Sandlot" (1993). A story about baseball and friendship.

March 8 - "The Big Country" (1958). A New Englander arrives in the Old West, where he becomes embroiled in a land feud. Starring Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons and Charlton Heston.

March 15 - "The King and I" (1956). A musical about a widow who accepts a job as a live-in governess of the King of Siam's children. Starring Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr.

March 20 and 22 - "Stuart Little" (1999), an animated feature. The Little family adopts a charming young mouse named Stuart, but the family cat wants rid of him.

March 29 - "The Bells of St. Mary's" (1945). At a big

city Catholic school, Father O'Malley and Sister Benedict indulge in friendly rivalry, and succeed in extending the school through the gift of a building. Starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman.

Movie tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$3 for general admission, \$2 for seniors and children under 12 years of age. A special \$5 movie deal includes admission, popcorn and drink.

The McSwain Theatre, owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation, is located at 130 W. Main Street. For more information, please visit www.mcswaintheatre.com or call the box office at (580) 332-8108.

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Cultural Center Spring Celebration set for St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate the Spring Equinox at the Chickasaw Cultural Center during the Three Sisters Spring Celebration, set for Saturday, March 17.

Many fun outdoor activities, with an emphasis on the cultural connection of spring planting, crops and harvesting, are planned throughout the day.

Other activities will include a language booth, cooking demonstrations, a stomp dance, traditional storytelling and a educational presentation of tribal clothing.

A Chickasaw Press book signing and a history presentation about the ancient Green Corn Ceremony are also planned.

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

The Chickasaw Cultural Center's regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Okla.

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Hall of Fame Banquet reservations accepted beginning March 26

NORMAN, Okla. - Mark your calendars now for the annual Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame, set for Thursday, May 3 at Riverwind Showcase Theatre in Norman.

Hall of Fame inductees will make their red carpet entrance

at 6 p.m. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 525 guests. There is no charge to attend.

Reservations will be accepted beginning March 26. To make reservations contact Krissy Easterling at (580) 332-1165 or email krissy.easterling@chickasaw.net

Induction into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw by the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, visit www.chickasaw.net/hof

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Chickasaw Nation co-ed basketball league signup deadline March 7

The tribal Camps and Recreation Program is now accepting applications for a co-ed basketball league.

This seven-week league will begin March 13 and end April 28. All games will be played on Tuesday evenings at the Family Life Center Gym, 229 Seabrook Road, Ada, Okla.

Games will be scheduled be-

tween 5:45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. The league will have a 10-team limit, no exceptions. Teams will play six-on-six, half court, with three women and three men on the floor at all times.

The post-season tournament will be played Saturday, April 28. Any Chickasaw citizen or Chickasaw Nation employee is allowed to participate by providing a copy of a citizenship card or employee badge. Deadline for entry is March 7.

For more information or an application contact Kris Darbison at (580) 272-5717 or (580) 310-6620, Ext. 83334.

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Oklahoma Optical's Annual Eyewear Sale set for March 9

Oklahoma Optical in Ada is conducting its Annual Eyewear Sales Event, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, March 9. For one day, the tribally-owned business will offer a 25 percent discount. The day will also feature prizes, food and fun.

Oklahoma Optical is open to the public. The business is located at 1005 N. Country Club, Ada, Okla. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

For more information, call (580) 332-2796.

Honoring our past means protecting our resources

You have probably read in your newspaper or viewed on television news the actions of the Chickasaw Nation and Choctaw Nation regarding our water claims within our historic tribal boundaries.

Water law, particularly regarding Indian tribes, is complex. However, we believe we are in the right, and that we can come to a just and reasonable conclusion with the participation of all the parties involved.

As you probably know, the Chickasaw Nation and Choctaw Nation are blessed with bountiful water resources. Obviously, we want to protect and preserve these resources for our future generations.

Since the early 1960s, the city of Oklahoma City has been transferring water from Atoka Lake in the Choctaw Nation to the users of Oklahoma City. Additionally, the city has recently initiated actions that could give it access to Sardis Lake, a large lake built in southeast Oklahoma by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The critical issue is that the Chickasaw Nation and Choctaw Nation historic tribal rights are being ignored. Though our tribe and the Choctaws have offered many times to sit down and talk with those who want our water, that has unfortunately not occurred.

You probably know that last year, the Chickasaw Nation and

Choctaw Nation filed a federal lawsuit seeking to recognize our inherent tribal rights to these natural resources. That suit is ongoing.

What I know is that the treaty signed in 1830 at Franklin, Tennessee between the Chickasaw Nation and the United States secured our new homelands – the place we now call home. In exchange for ceding our lands in the East, we were to receive new lands of our choosing in the West.

The treaty states, “In consideration of said cession, the United States agree to furnish to the Chickasaw Nation of Indians, a country, West of the territory of Arkansas, to lie South of latitude thirty-six degrees and a half, and of equal extent with the one ceded; and in all respects as to timber, water and soil, it shall be suited to the wants and condition of said Chickasaw people.”

Our tribe and the Choctaw Nation have every desire to be good neighbors and friends. We have proved many times that we are not selfish, or blind to the needs of our neighbors.

This process may take some time, but I am absolutely certain we are doing the right thing and moving forward in the right direction.

Many programs available to ‘middle age’ Chickasaws

Chukma! Chin Chukma
We often talk about the many programs and services we as a tribe offer to our students and elders. What we may too often leave out are the many, many diverse programs Chickasaw adults can enjoy.

One of the most interesting, I think, is the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program. All of us are interested in the Chickasaw language and most of us know at least a few small Chickasaw phrases. The Language Revitalization Program allows you to get in-depth with Chickasaw and learn from Native speakers.

We offer community language study groups, language presentations and trainings, and curriculum and resource materials. This is a great way to get closer to your tribe and your culture. You are sure to make some great new Chickasaw friends!

For more information on language, contact josh.hinson@chickasaw.net

Do you have questions about your Chickasaw ancestors and your family? We all do! A great place to start is the Genealogy Archive Center at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

The Center offers the Dawes rolls, muster roll, annuity rolls, cemetery records and much more.

Email the Center at genealogy@chickasaw.net

Another great place to get all kinds of information on our tribe, our history and more, make a visit to the Chickasaw Tribal Library on Chamber Loop just west of Chickasaw Nation headquarters in Ada.

You will find all types of information including books, photos, data sets and more.

This facility is a lending library, so you are welcome to check out materials to take home and study.

Into each of our lives come challenges. As your tribe, we want to assist in all ways to build happy, lasting Chickasaw families for generations.

The tribal Office of Strong Family Development offers counseling services for families, individuals and couples. There are also workshops on how to parent, grandparent and communicate effectively. We all encounter challenges inside our families. Your tribe offers effective ways to cope.

With tornado season just a few months away, you may want to take advantage of the Storm Shelter Program through the tribal Division of Housing and Tribal Development. This is a very popular program, and having a storm shelter provides great peace of mind!

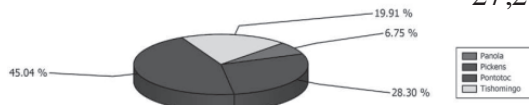
These are just a few of the programs and services offered to Chickasaw adults. There are many more designed to satisfy the needs of our people.

Don't wait! Get involved today!

God Bless and Chipisala'cho (I will see you)

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,838	Pontotoc	12,258
Pickens	7,703	Tishomingo	5,418
			<u>27,217</u>



People and places from the Panola District

I have so many events to share this month I decided to use the old cliché, “A picture paints a thousand words.” Here goes:

To commemorate the opening of the new Panola District Senior Center, Mr. Wendell Rochelle donated a stain glass replica of The Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation, to site manager, Melba Love.

Joe and Olene Beshirs recently celebrated their 65 Wedding Anniversary. What an accomplishment!

They are active participants at the Panola Senior Center. Olene is known for her tasty peanut brittle. Come to one of the taco sales and you might get the chance to sample some!

Carol Hoffman, Connie Flood (Levi Colbert cousin) and Georganna Keirse Baber met at the Achille Site to share on their related genealogy. Carol and her mother, Georganna are visiting from Crimora, Virginia.



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

For the Chickasaw Senior Valentine's Banquet this year sisters, Serena Peters and Mary Barcnas were selected to represent the Achille Senior Center. Congratulations ladies!

I attended the 16th Annual Will Rogers Cowboy Awards Ceremony. Chickasaw Citizen, Bobby Newton, founded the Academy of Western Artists to give recognition to those who excelled in the Western world. Bobby and his wife Bette, still live on original Indian allotment land in NE Carter County, OK. His GGF, G. W. Young was a former Tribal Legislator and established a large ranch, which is now the Goddard Ranch.

February saw the passing of many dear friends. Mr. David Perkins, Rev. Jeff Frazier, Mrs. Cordelia Greenwood and Mrs. Juanita Keel Tate. Each one of these people played a role in the history of the Chickasaw Nation. They are gone but not forgotten. Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life: he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26

Beth Alexander

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Wendell Rochelle, right, with Melba Love.



Joe and Olene Beshirs



From left, Carol Hoffman, Connie Flood (Levi Colbert cousin) and Georganna Keirse Baber.



Serena Peters and Mary Barcnas.



DAVID WOERZ

Chairman, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Friend and elder displays the important things in life

Hello Everyone,
This month, I want to introduce you to my friend and elder, Ruby McKinney. When I see Ruby or think of her, I know why we are a matriarchal culture. She has lived and lives her life in the selfless, care-giving, faithful, hardworking, positive way that exemplifies the life-giving, life-nurturing force of the women of our people.



Ruby McKinney

Ruby was born at home in 1916, in the small community of Ahloso, Okla., just south of Ada. She enjoyed school

when she was able to go, but she didn't get to go often. Ruby's selflessness, care-giving and hard work began early in life. As the oldest girl, she had to help her mother, Caroline, with the daily tasks of raising seven younger brothers and sisters. Ruby loved her parents and was especially proud of her father, Richmond Milligan. He was a skilled carpenter whose work sometimes kept him away for weeks at a time. One of Ruby's fondest memories is when he took her to the dedication of the Presbyterian Church he helped build in Ada.

Worship, fellowship and High Hill Baptist Church have always been integral parts of her life. Ruby makes me laugh when she tells about how her

aunt and uncle were deathly afraid of storms and just had to go to the cellar every time it rained or a cloud came up. She still laughs with embarrassment at the thought of being a little girl, leaving a service, watching and hearing the congregation sing and being seen just standing in the door of the cellar with her family watching a small puff of clouds in the sky!

From there, as the years passed, Ruby experienced hard times, persevered through bad times and enjoyed good times.

Ruby remembers the 1920s and 1930s as hard times. They survived by doing a lot of hunting and fishing. Then as now, the President got the blame for hard economic times, and Ruby says it this way, "As my dad and brothers headed out to hunt rabbits for food, they would say, 'let's go get some of them Hoover Hogs!'"

I've got to leave room for Ruby's picture. So, I may need to tell you more about Ruby in another article. I want you to know how she soldiered through the deaths of babies, husbands, adult children, grandchildren and friends. I want you to know how she provided a home and love to eight children of her own and many others who came her way.

I also want you to know how she smiles and says there have been more good times than bad in the last 93 years.

To Ruby and all the other Chickasaw women of great wisdom and dignity, we all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Respectfully,
Katie



KATIE CASE

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Symphony tells 'Trail of Tears' agonies, Indians' love of life

Chukma, Hello Everyone,
It was my pleasure to be able to attend a performance by the Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra in Bentonville, Arkansas on February 18.

The Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra was performing a new composition entitled "Trail of Tears," under the direction of Steven Byess, Conductor. This new work, "Trail of Tears," commemorates the plight of Native American tribes during the forced removal from the lands east of the Mississippi River as a result of President Andrew Jackson's Indian Removal Act of 1830.

Tens of thousands of Native Americans were forced from their homes by the U.S. Army to make an 800-mile trek from lands in the south-east United States to Oklahoma, many without shoes or clothing. This five-month-long journey claimed the lives of thousands of men, women, and children, and is a very dark chapter in our nation's history.

"My flute concerto is a musical journey into how the human spirit discovers ways to deal with upheaval, adversity and adapting to a new environment," writes Michael Daugherty, the composer. It was composed for flutist Amy Porter, who worked with Daugherty over the course of two years in preparation of the piece.

Ms. Porter has performed this piece with many orchestras across the United States, including the Tupelo Symphony Orchestra in Mississippi.

The Chickasaw Nation and the Cherokee Nation were honored as guests and recognized at the performance.

A beautiful painting by Victoria McKinney entitled "A Song for the Journey" was donated to raise money for the Arkansas Philharmonic.

This was a wonderful evening that honored those Native Americans who made the journey through Arkansas on their way to Oklahoma. We must continue to tell the story to our children and honor our ancestors by remembering the sacrifices they made.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisa'la cho anowa,

Nancy

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With Victoria McKinney and her painting "A Song for the Journey."

Elders' Valentine celebration began at Stonewall, Ada

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. February is, of course, Valentines month.

All Chickasaw seniors look forward to Valentines Day when they crown a King and Queen. All 12 senior sites select a king and queen to represent their site at a Valentine's Day party. The Tishomingo Senior Site was the host this year and they decorated the building and the Chickasaw buses carried in seniors from all sites to the event and many couples came by automobile. Flowers and gifts are presented to the couples along with a tiara for the ladies and a crown for the men. Each

couple is cheered for as they are called up under a beautiful arch. All are then treated to a wonderful lunch.

Before the coronation, a game of "5 Questions" is given to the kings and queens. Each king leaves the room and questions are asked of the queen to see how well she knows her king. When the kings returned they were given the same question. It's really a game of how well do you know your spouse. Thirty points was the highest score possible and this year three couples matched all their answers.

I was the coordinator of the senior sites at Ada and Stonewall when we started the Valentines Day tradition in 1983. Today 12 kings and

queens now enjoy this tradition. We have an archive of all 29 couples who have been crowned at our Ada senior site.

In 1983, the first valentine king and queen contest, the seniors elected were Raymond Gardner who was nearly 90 and his girlfriend Bertie Billy who was 88. Money was raised by charging a penny per vote. They were crowned in the senior citizens activity room above the old gym in the old Chickasaw Community building. An arch was rented and flowers entwined.

The seniors enjoyed the occasion so much that the following year five couples were nominated and it was decided to make it a contest with the winners crowned king and queen. The money raised would go towards money needed to go on an overnight trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Over the years, the seniors raised money through guessing contests, raffles, pie auctions and food sales. The money was spent on a charter bus to take the seniors on a senior trip. We now have a fleet of buses furnished by the Chickasaw Nation and all senior sites take trips. We have come a long way in providing functions for our seniors.

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. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature

Grandmother's life served as positive blueprint for many

I'd like to take the opportunity, this month, to celebrate the life of my recently departed grandmother, Juanita J. Keel Tate (1910 - 2012). Born September 10, 1910 to Guy Keel, Chickasaw Roll No. 1866 and Lula Potts Keel, Chickasaw Roll No. 1867, in Ardmore, Okla., my grandmother was the 10th of 12 children. Her father gave her the Chickasaw name of Foshi' (bird) which stayed with her the rest of her life. She attended Bloomfield Academy and Lincoln School in Ardmore, then attended Chilocco Indian School in 1922, graduating with the class of 1928. She went on to college, graduating from the Ardmore Business College and attended Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., for a time.

Her experiences in childhood shaped her into the strong-willed, yet compassionate woman we all knew. In her 50s, she developed an interest for genealogy. This newly discovered passion led her to places around the United States and into other parts of the world over the decades, in search of her family's history.

Over the years, she has told us many stories of how things were when she was a child. When we hear these stories as a young person, we often take them for granted and sometimes show a bit of disinterest. It isn't until we get older, that we truly appreciate being told the family stories.

You have heard me say how important it is to talk to our elders and listen to their stories. After my grandmother's passing, this rang true to every one of our family members. I feel so fortunate to have so many of her stories in my memory to pass on to my children. You can even take it a step further and video your elder relatives and friends telling their stories. Fortunately for my family, one of my brothers spent numerous hours with my grandmother, recording her family history and telling stories of her childhood.

My hope is that you will ask the elders in your family to tell you their stories. Once they have passed to be with our Heavenly Father, the stories go with them, unless you take the time to listen.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

~I Chronicles 16:34
Shana Tate Hammond
Pickens District, Seat 4



Shana Tate Hammond with her grandmother Juanita J. Keel Tate.

Tribal storm shelter program offers protection for your family

Chokma,
I hope all is well with you and your family.
I recently had the opportunity to attend the Lou Watkins Lecture at East Central University where the guest speaker was our own Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel. Lt. Governor Keel can also be addressed as President Keel as he was recently re-elected to a second term as President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Lt. Governor Keel spoke about the history and structure of the NCAI, the Native Vote in this election year, the Federal Government's trust responsibility, and opportunities for Congressional action. He

spoke of Native people not thinking in terms of two- or four-year election cycles but to the seventh generation. The work we do today can positively impact our tribe's future, many generations down the line. I appreciate Lt. Governor Keel's work not only for the Chickasaw Nation, but for all Native American tribes. For more information on the National Congress of American Indians and to see the 10th Annual State of Indian Nations Address, please visit www.ncai.org.

We recently had a scare at our house as a severe storm formed suddenly and caused a lot of damage. Luckily we only suffered fence and tree damage but several of our neighbors had overturned storage buildings and property loss. Tragically, the storm continued on and fatally injured a woman about six miles away. Spring is a beautiful time of the year but often brings storms in this part of the country, so please be alert to severe weather and prepare your family in the event a storm affects you. Citizens interested in the Chickasaw Nation Storm Shelter Program can get information and an application by calling (580) 421-8800.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.
Toby Perkins, Legislator
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This month on *Connections*

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

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

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on *Connections*:

"Get on Your Feet" - March 7

When is the right time to visit a podiatry clinic? We'll get the answers this week when we have a local podiatrist as our guest to talk about proper foot care.

"Agriculture/Spring Planting" - March 14

It's not too late to start a garden this year. Find out how to get started and what you should be doing in order to have a great crop this summer.

"(Not so) Extreme Couponing - Part 2" - March 21

Want to learn how to become a coupon king or queen? Ada's coupon expert returns to the studio with more money-saving tips.

"Going Green" - March 28

We have a local authority on recycling in the studio this week to talk about how people can reduce, reuse and recycle around the house.

"Call the IT guy" - April 4

Do you have an issue with your home computer? Don't worry and call our I.T. guy!

Listeners are invited to call the show's toll-free line at 1-TLK-895-KCNP (1-855-895-5267) to talk to each week's guest.

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

This month on CNTV

- Two Chickasaw music students recently had the opportunity to perform with the nation's finest high school musicians at Carnegie Hall. Find out more about their experience on CNTV.

- The Chickasaw Nation's Division of Arts and Humanities kicks off Youth Arts Month in March. Discover what activities are planned during this month-long celebration.

- The Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police Department has been collecting unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications at 22 locations throughout the Chickasaw Nation. We follow up with an update on this important program this month on CNTV.

....and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

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A detailed illustration of a butterfly with striking red, black, and yellow patterns on its wings. The butterfly is shown from a dorsal view, with its wings spread. The forewings are primarily red with black markings, while the hindwings feature a complex pattern of red, black, and yellow. The body is black with yellow spots. The background is plain white.



Additionally, the panel of judges awarded Ashley Vance, 17, of Austin, Texas; Bevyne Hulseay, 17, of Edmond, Okla.; and Farrin Seferoglou Oliver, 17, of Rockville, Maryland, with artistic achievement awards for artwork of a superior merit.

This is the fifth year the tribal Division of Arts and Humanities has hosted this celebration. The event coincides with national Youth Arts Month, which is themed “Art Unites All People.” The Council for Art Education, Inc., and the Art & Creative Materials Institute sponsor Youth Art Month, which began in 1961.

The deadline for the application is April 16. Applications are available at www.chickadee.org.

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Winchester, Martinez honored at Employee Service Awards



Above, Mark Winchester accepts the Chickasaw Nation 2011 Leadership Award from Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel. Below, Nick Martinez is awarded the Chickasaw Nation Customer Service 2011 Award.



ADA, Okla. - Two Chickasaw Nation employees were honored recently for their hard work, leadership and service.

Mark Winchester and Nick Martinez were honored during the annual tribal Employee Service Awards at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada on January 30.

Mr. Winchester, of Ada, received the Chickasaw Nation 2011 Leadership Award. Mr. Winchester works at the Chickasaw Trading Post in Ada. His dependability, customer service, enthusiasm and hard work were just some of the characteristics that made him the choice for this year's award. He regularly greets everyone who comes in to the Trading Post, and most of the time by name.

Mr. Martinez, also of Ada, was awarded the Chickasaw Nation 2011 Customer Service Award.

"It is an honor to be recognized for doing what I do every day," Mr. Martinez said.

Mr. Martinez, who works in the tribal Division of Communication as a Communications Specialist for Public Affairs, almost missed the event that honored him.

"I had no idea I was getting the award," he said.

He was actually sick that day and his co-workers encouraged him to come in, at least for the

afternoon.

"I really like to help. I actually enjoy helping other people whenever I can," he said when asked about his approach to customer service.

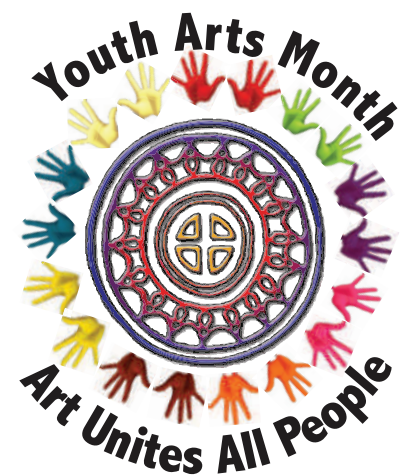
"The tribe has given me a lot, and I view it as a way that I can give back.

"Getting this recognition is outstanding, and humbling,"

he said. "It's my co-workers who allow me to be myself. They make me smile, and that helps me smile at others all day long!"

The two honorees were selected for the top employee service awards from more than 11,000 tribal employees.

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EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

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Loksi (turtle) shaker made by Chickasaw potter Joanna Underwood.

Gov. Anoatubby presented each item and recognized all three honorees.

"Stanley, Pat and Lynn are exceptional examples of loyalty, dedication and commitment to enriching the lives of Chickasaws," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Throughout the years, they have served our people and enriched us as a tribe by ensuring that quality services are available to our citizens every day."

Stanley Foster

Stanley Foster has served the Chickasaw people in a variety of ways during his 35 years with the tribe.

From sales manager of Chickasaw trailers to administrator of tribal Facilities and Support, Mr. Foster said he received the most joy when directly helping Chickasaw people.

He has touched many lives throughout his career, from serving as a work training program counselor and as director of the Ardmore Area Office. He later became the administrator of all southern area offices, including Tishomingo, Madill, Ardmore, Duncan, Purcell and Sulphur.

"When you can make a difference in the lives of others, helping someone who needs help and deliver a needed program, such as education or medical care, that is the most satisfying, he said.

"I love my job. I wake up every morning and can't wait to come to work."

In his current role of tribal

support director, Mr. Foster is charged with overseeing tribal security, motor pool and Chickasaw rangers.

Much of his job includes preparing for the unexpected, such as tornadoes or floods, and delivering needed items and services to citizens during times of emergencies.

"We are able to take generators or small heaters to people effected by ice storms, or get them to a safe area," he said.

Helping Chickasaw citizens after the tornado that devastated Lone Grove, Okla., in 2009, he said, better prepared the department for the future.

"During that tornado, we didn't have all the equipment we needed to get in there and help, but now we have the proper equipment, such as bunker gear."

Through the tribal support program, Mr. Foster is still helping Chickasaw citizens in time of need and is also working with area agencies for the good of the whole community.

Tribal support also hosts Chickasaw youth hunts at Kulihome and re-stocks ponds on tribal land, controls feral hogs on tribal property, among other programs.

Mr. Foster credits both Gov. Anoatubby and Gov. Emeritus James for giving him the opportunity to succeed.

"I have been fortunate to serve under the last two governors and now the lieutenant governor. I try to give back as much as I have received, even if it is in a small way."

Mr. Foster resides in the Pauls Valley area with his wife of 35 years, Donna. The couple

has two sons and two grandchildren, Maggie and Matthew.

Pat Woods

Pat Woods has worn many hats during her 35-year tenure with the Chickasaw Nation.

She has worked in a variety of fields from health to community services. Regardless of her duties, her mission and the tribes remained the same: to help Chickasaw citizens improve their lives.

Mrs. Woods became one of the first tribal employees when she began working as a Community Health Representative, one of the first programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation. A CHR serves as a liaison between the client and tribal and community resources and provides medically-guided primary health services where no other resource is available.

After more than three decades with the Chickasaw Nation, Mrs. Woods is most proud of, "making a difference in people's lives."

Besides working as a CHR, Mrs. Woods has served as director of health, federal programs administrator.

Mrs. Woods has most recently served as the administrator of the tribal Programs Operations Division, which offers several programs that provide resources and opportunities for Chickasaw people, including the transportation program, Chickasaw Farms, career development initiative (CDI) and re-entry program.

She is currently working as a special assistant/community liaison to Gov. Anoatubby.

Mrs. Woods has four grandchildren and nine great-grand-

children.

She resides near Sulphur with her husband, Jerry.

Lynn Worcester

Lynn Worcester has always worked with one mission in mind - serving the Chickasaw people. The mission of service has driven her throughout her 35-year career with the Chickasaw Nation.

There were only about two dozen tribal employees when she was hired in 1976 to work in the Treasury Department.

Her initial employment was possible through a job training grant program.

When she was first hired, Mrs. Worcester worked in an office at the Chickasaw Motor Inn, Sulphur, until the Ada Headquarters building opened a few months later.

She continued to serve in several different positions in the Finance department until 1987.

She went on to serve as the director of Community Assistance, where she oversaw programs such as WIC and Food Distribution.

"I enjoyed being able to directly help people. We didn't have as many tribal resources at that time, but now we are so fortunate to be able to offer so many services to citizens."

In the mid-90s she accepted the position as Finance director, and in 1995 she was named director of Property and Supply. In this position, she manages and tracks the equipment in most divisions of the Chickasaw Nation, and distributes medical supplies to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and the tribal satellite clinics.

Serving Chickasaw people is still her mission today.

She said the tribe's greatest achievements in the last 35 years are the Education and Elders programs.

"The Chickasaw Nation now has the resources to educate its youth, from Head Start to graduate school, and we are now able to take care of our elders. Without them we couldn't pass on their wisdom, heritage and culture."

She is also proud the tribe can meet the needs of all citizens and the citizens can maintain their dignity while receiving needed services.

She credits the vision of Gov. Anoatubby for the tribe's sweeping achievements.

Mrs. Worcester lives near Ada with her husband, Kevin.

They have a daughter, Michaela, who also works for the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Nation employees serving 30, 25, 20, 15 and 10 years were also honored.

30 years of service

Those honored for 30 years of service were Cody Alexander, Renee Burkhardt, Diana Faulkner, Jackie Lewis, Thelma Navarro, Saundra Seeley, and June White Buffalo. They each received a plaque and a ring adorned with the seal of the Chickasaw Nation.

25 years of service

Honored for 25 years of service were Elton Burris, Lorri Davies, Diane Doty, Yvonne Fox, Glenda Galvan, Linda Lewis, Tim Postoak and Hazel Wallace. Each received a Pendleton blanket embroidered with their name and years of service.

20 years of service

Those who have dedicated 20 years to the Chickasaw Nation received a gold watch. They are George Pittman, Dean Todd, Elizabeth Beck, Tami Morris, Linda Williams, Imogene Imotichey-Walker, Dinah Henson, Christy Estes, Joan Ellis, Connie Hallmark, Randall Walton, Phillip Burris, Terry Bond, Billy Goodman, David Walker, Jennifer Moon, Kathy Little, and Lawanda Farve.

15 years of service

Dedicating 15 years of employment and receiving a clock engraved with their name and years of service were Darlene Adams, Dale Babb, Joyce Burns, Vickie Canada, Lori Cotanny, Linda Daggs, Monte Deatherage, Holly Easterling, Allen Elliott, John Ellis, Twila Ferris, Angela Gambel, Jerald Gilbert, Roger Harris, Charlotte Hill, Nancy Hobbs, Shellie Horton, Lea Johnson, Jerry Jones, Carol Kaniatobe, Jalinda Kelley, Patricia Medlin, Ramona Miller, Cynthia Mose, Latonia Orphan, Michael Peercy, Kirkland Perry, Roger Pinson, Michael Reed,

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Celebrating 30 years of service with the Chickasaw Nation with Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel are, front row, from left, Gov. Anoatubby, Renee Burkhardt, Jackie Lewis, Saundra Seeley and Lt. Gov. Keel. Back row, from left, Cody Alexander, Diana Faulkner, Thelma Navarro and June White Buffalo.

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Gov. Bill Anoaubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel honor tribal employees with 25 years of service including, front row from left, Gov. Anoaubby, Diane Doty, Linda Lewis, and Lt. Gov. Keel. Second row, from left, is Lorrie Davies, Yvonne Fox, Hazel Wallace and Tim Postoak. Elton Burris and Glenda Galvan are not pictured.

Mike McKee



Joann Ellis, Regina Anderson, Phillip Burris, Christy Estes, Tami Morris, Elizabeth Beck, Imogene Imotichey-Walker, Dinah Henson, Connie Hallmark, David Walker, Randall Walton, Terry Bond, Billy Goodman, Jennifer Moon, Kathy Little, Lawanda Farve, George Pittman, Linda Williams and Dean Todd.



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10 years of service

Employees honored for 10 years of service received a lapel pin with diamond and the Chickasaw Nation seal in gold. Those honored include Brian Anoaubby, Marjorie Anthony, Connie Ashby, April Babb, Carletta Barnes, Frances Barrett, Jerry Bennett, Meredith Benson, Stephanie Bessire, Carol Booth, Jamie Brandt, Judy Bryan, Jay Carroll, Chad Castleberry, Clint Chadwick,

Matthew Clark, Sherri Cliburn, Angela Collum, Shirley Cummings, Tim Deatherage, Windy Dees, Phyllis Dodd, Vickie Elkins, Virginia Elrod, Angela Estep, Mekeisha Factor, Gale Fondren, Martha Frantz, Tony Frazier, Brian Futischa, Patricia Gibson, Julie Gillum, Eric Greenwood, Jeanna Gregory, Terri Haney, Patricia Harris, Byron Hawkins, Michael Hatton, Steven Jacob, Cathy James, Jeanie Jones, Sharon Kelley, Janet Kiss, Dohna Logan, Jackie McDaniel, Nancy McSwain, Carla Miller, Jerrell Newby, Jennifer Parks, Shannon Parnacher, Shelley Patton, Carolyn Phillips, Stephen Prince, Kristi Ramer, Candace Raney, Margaret Revels, Callie Roebuck, Melinda Rolen, Debbie Sanford, Sharon Smith, Priscilla Stevens, Terry Stick, Summer Stick, Kimberly Tankersly, Brenda Teel, Virginia Thompson, Florence Tims, Ferman Traylor, Deana Tuley, Kelcey Upton, Tracey Vasquez, Marty Wafford, Janet Ward, Gary Wear, Wendy Weaverling, Rachel Wedlow, Robert Wells, Sandra West, Jonetta Parks, Johnny Wilson, Michael Wingo and Daniel Woods.

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Diabetes Camp reunion rekindles focus on healthy living



Linda Lee Fleming exercises during the Diabetes Camp Reunion at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla.

Marcy Gray

The recent reunion of more than a dozen Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp participants provided much needed encouragement to continue on the path of wellness.

The Diabetes Camp educates participants on preventive measures to help control their blood sugar through proper nutrition and exercise. The free weeklong camp is hosted every summer by the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center.

Campers participate in various activities regarding diabetes, including nutrition education, exercise, foot care, dental care, diabetes and the heart, psychosocial aspects of diabetes, smoking cessation and eye care. The camp welcomes any Chickasaw Nation Division of Health patient and his or her guest or a family member.

Linda Lee Fleming, who attended the camp last year with her husband Darrell, said they “fell off the wagon” during the holidays.

“We really did well with portion control and exercise up until the holidays,” the Norman, Okla. resident said.

However, the January reunion at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla. has inspired the couple to keep implementing the information they learned at the camp.

For another participant, it was more about continuing to be a role model for his grandchildren.

William Gaines, of Ada, said his grandchildren looked up to him for his healthy habits.

He quit drinking soda and other sugary drinks as well as eating junk food. Also, he takes stairs instead of elevators at work.

Despite some setbacks during the holiday season, the 63-year-old said the reunion encouraged him to keep making healthy choices and set an example for his grandchildren.

“We need to take care of ourselves,” he said. “No one else is going to do it for us.”

The reunion included group discussions, information on proper diet and nutrition, exercise, setting new health goals and many more. Also, several tribal health division staff were on hand to answer the participants’ questions.

The Diabetes Camp is one of several tribal programs designed to provide information on healthier lifestyle choices which may help lower the incidence of diabetes and other illnesses. The Diabetes Care Center, located on the second floor of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, provides comprehensive diabetes care and prevention services, including inpatient diabetic assessment, vision care, podiatry clinic, dental clinic, gestational diabetes care, diabetes education, nutrition, exercise and much more.

For a patient with diabetes, the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone required to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes among Native Americans. Some complications from diabetes include heart and kidney disease, stroke and eye, foot and skin problems.

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The Horn Family

32nd Annual Gospel Singing

7 p.m., Saturday, March 24

Tishomingo (OK) Community Center

Across from the Chickasaw Nation Clinic on east 6th Street.

All singers and listeners welcome. Please bring lawn chairs due to limited seating. Concession will be available.

Featured Groups include: God's Kids, Konawa, Okla.; and The Scotts, Wilburton, Okla. All Solos, Duets, Trios and Quartets welcome. God Bless You! *Hosted by the Horn Family*

First four months of fiscal year illustrate continued strength

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 Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

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

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include 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 senior citizens

sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

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

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending January 31, 2012

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$11.2 million for the month and \$56.1 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$10.7 million for the month and \$35.2 year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through January totaled \$349.9 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$88.8 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$35.6 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At January 31, 2012, the tribal government funds had \$161.9 million in cash and investments. Of this amount,

\$19.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$193.3 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Four Months Ended January 31, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	2,899,108	349,934,964	352,834,072
Total funds available	53,205,706	(53,205,706)	-
	56,104,814	296,729,258	352,834,072
Expenditures			
General government	3,892,861		3,892,861
Legislature	790,933		790,933
Judiciary	302,589		302,589
Education	6,918,983		6,918,983
Heritage Preservation	4,585,061		4,585,061
Health	7,939,881		7,939,881
Youth and Family Services	3,350,612		3,350,612
Nutrition Programs	1,779,114		1,779,114
Regulatory	2,716,118		2,716,118
Assistance Programs	2,963,429		2,963,429
Gaming expense		188,427,920	188,427,920
Other businesses' expense		72,691,425	72,691,425
Total expenditures	35,239,582	261,119,345	296,358,926
Increase in net assets	20,865,232	35,609,914	56,475,146
Beginning net assets	595,129,255	680,428,193	1,275,557,448
Ending net assets	615,994,488	716,038,107	1,332,032,595

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets January 31, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	161,934,880	193,393,883	355,328,763
Receivables	38,241,263	62,891,304	101,132,567
Inventory	223,032	6,330,400	6,553,432
Prepaid expenses		19,218,209	19,218,209
Other Assets		2,481,034	2,481,034
Fixed assets	418,253,960	583,527,720	1,001,781,680
Less payables	(2,658,647)	(151,804,444)	(154,463,091)
Net Assets	615,994,488	716,038,107	1,332,032,595

BIRTHS



Addilyn LaNell Ernst

Addilyn LaNell Ernst was born 6:52 p.m., December 9, 2011. She weighed 7 lbs., 9.8 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Kristen Auten and Mike Ernst.

She is the granddaughter of Janice and Ken Smith, of Hurst, Texas, Marty and Janee' Auten, of Ardmore, Okla., and Jamie and Dixie Ernst-Phillips, of Ada, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Howard and the late Shirley Jackson and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Minnie Johnson and the late Mulford Johnson, an original enrollee.



Gemma Kay Renfro

Gemma Kay Renfro was born 7:57 a.m., January 30, 2012 at Forth Worth. She weighed 8.6 lbs., and measured 19 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Laura Kay and Aaron Brandon Renfro.

She is the granddaughter of Ellis and Diane Huffman, of Austin, Texas, and Gary and Janice Renfro, of Wilson, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of June Huffman, of Fort Worth and her Chickasaw great-grandmother, Lorene Renfro, of Wynnewood, Okla.

She has two uncles, 3 aunts, 6 cousins and many other relatives and family friends waiting to hold her.

May the Lord bless and keep our little Indian child in his hands.



Caitlyn Mary Conway

Brandon and Jennifer Conway, of St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of their first child, Caitlyn Mary Conway.

Caitlyn was born September 17, 2011. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 19.75 inches at birth.

She is the granddaughter and a namesake of the late Mary Ann Morehead (2008) (née Hatton), and Christopher Morehead, of Enterprise, Ala., Michael and Lisa Conway, of St. Cloud, Minn., and Lisa and Patrick Vollmuth, of Cottage Grove, Minn.

She is the great-granddaughter of Louise and John Ens and the late LeRoy Hatton, all of Ada, Okla., Ruth and Allen Morehead, of Lancaster, Penn., Russ and Susan Conway, of Apple Valley, Minn., and Evelyn and Dave Ashfeld, of Eagan, Minn.

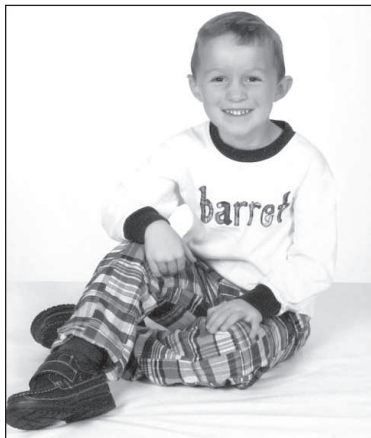
Customer Survey winners

Congratulations to Charla McQueary, of Kingston, Okla., (third quarter) and Richard Easley, of Kingston, Okla., (fourth quarter) for winning our quarterly customer service survey \$100 prize!

Thank you to all who completed our Customer Service Survey through the internet and remember we will be having our next drawing soon. Hope to hear from each and everyone of you.

To enter go to www.chickasaw.net and click on the link for customer service surveys.

BIRTHDAY



Barrett James Icenhour

Barrett James Icenhour turned five years old February 16, 2012. He celebrated his birthday with a 'Spider Man' themed party at Frankie's Fun Park.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and Brooke Icenhour.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burris, of Easley S.C., and the great-grandson of Mr. Charles Houck and the late Mary Houck and the late Mr. Paul "Buddy" Burris and Betty Burris, of Norman, Okla.

Barrett attends K4 at St. Matthias Preschool. His hobbies include reading, playing soccer and basketball for the YMCA and playing with his many friends.

When he grows up he would like to follow in his grandfather Burris' footsteps by becoming a member of the Oklahoma State University football team. His future career goal is to become a train engineer.

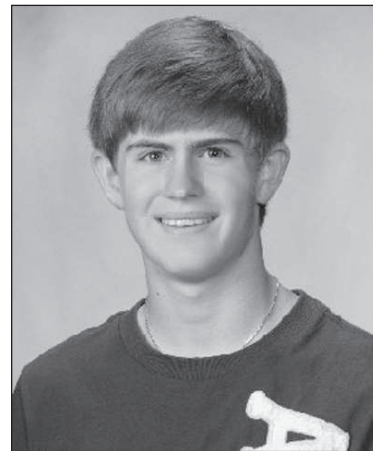
Barrett is a joy to his parents and all who know him!

Thomas Clark signs with Haskell



Chickasaw student Thomas Clark, center, recently signed a letter of intent to play football and attend school at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan. Pictured with Thomas is his mother Krista Clark, left, and his sister, Lauri Clark. Back row at left is Thomas' Seminole (OK) High School coach Mike Snyder and Thomas' father, Maurice Clark. Thomas lives in Ada, Okla., and attends high school at Seminole, where his mother teaches.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Caleb Carter

Chickasaw student to Texas All-State Choir

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – A Chickasaw high school student has recently been named to the Texas All-State Choir.

Caleb Carter, a freshman at Abilene High School, was named to the 128-member All-State Men's Choir. Caleb was one of only four freshmen named to the group.

The Men's Choir performed a concert Feb. 11 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in downtown San Antonio.

Prior to his selection to the All-State Choir, Caleb competed for and won All-Region Choir and Pre-Area first chair baritone.

Caleb is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Troy (Kathy) Carter. He is the grandson of Gayle Wilson Black, the great-grandson of Maxine G. Cockrell, and the great-great-grandson of Lila May Land Cockrell.

Diamond Easley does well at Oklahoma City



Diamond Easley

Four-year-old Diamond Easley recently participated in the All Star Kids pageant in Oklahoma City.

Diamond placed first in her age division and will participate this summer at nationals in Dallas.

We are so proud of you Diamond. We know you can do it.

You are beautiful, smart and funny and everyone adores you.

Love Mommy, Daddy and Marquis



Marissa Wright

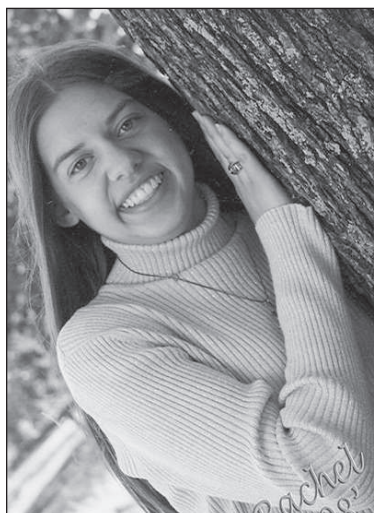
Wright on President's Honor Roll at OU

Chickasaw student Marissa Wright was recently named to the University of Oklahoma's President's Honor Roll for the Fall 2011 semester.

A 2009 graduate of Norman (OK) High School, Miss Wright is a junior at OU majoring in psychology with a minor in Native American Studies.

She is the daughter of Camille and Morgan Wright and the granddaughter of Terry and Charles Wright (guardians).

Her future goals are to earn a master's degree in clinical psychology and a license in family and marriage therapy.



Rachel Joy Byars

Byars named to OBU President's Honor Roll

SHAWNEE, Okla. - Chickasaw student Rachel Joy Byars has been named to the Oklahoma Baptist University President's Honor Roll for the Fall 2011 semester.

Miss Byars is a senior elementary education major at OBU.

Students qualifying for the President's Honor Roll must achieve a minimum 3.7 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Miss Byars is a member of the OBU Symphonic Winds, Philos, Kappa Delta Pi, POE, Phi Eta Sigma, Mortar Board and the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society.

She is the daughter of Allen and Joy Byars, of Beggs, Okla. Her grandparents are Rex and Bonnie Byars, of Beggs, and Mildred Pitman, of Saint Jo, Texas.

Chickasaw earns bachelor's from Southeastern



Jeremy S. Webb

DURANT, Okla. - Jeremy S. Webb graduated December 10, 2011 from Southeastern

Oklahoma State University. Mr. Webb received a bachelor's degree in English.

He is a Gates Millennium Scholar and plans to apply to a master's program at the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Webb is the son of Susan and David Ledford, of Brown, Okla., and Anthony Webb, of Tishomingo, Okla. He is a descendant of Chickasaw original enrollee Henry Fillmore.

Mr. Webb has an eight-year-old son, Jacob, of North Carolina.

Mr. Webb is employed with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce at Winstar World Casino, Thackerville, Okla.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Chickasaw brothers attend leadership conference at Oklahoma State



Trevin Hutchings



Kaelan Hutchings

STILLWATER, Okla. - Two Chickasaw brothers recently attended a leadership conference in Stillwater.

Trevin Hutchings and Kaelan Hutchings, students at Deer Creek High School in Edmond, Okla., attended the Oklahoma State University Leadership and Legacy Conference Feb. 18 and 19.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Grant Baldwin, author of "Reality Check," a guide for helping students make the transition from high school to college.

The boys enjoyed the seminars, plus the OSU versus Texas basketball game Saturday night.

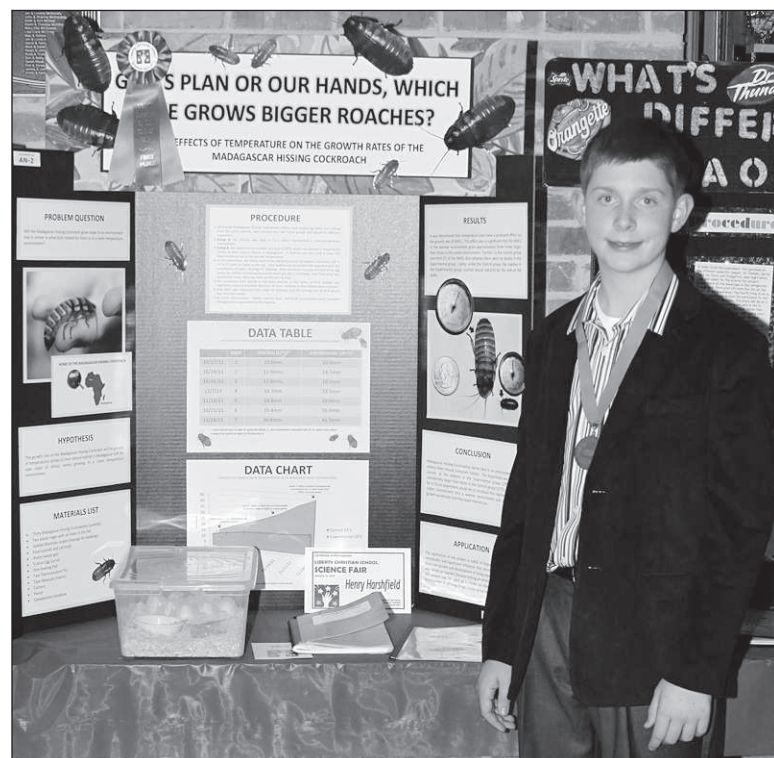
Trevin and Kaelan are the sons of Kevin and Terri Hutchings, of Edmond. The boys' grandparents are Evelyn Hutchings, of Norman, Okla., and Terry and Jeanie Hutchings, of Calera, Okla.

Markie LaFerney receives scholarship



Doug Henning, left, and Todd Griffith present Markie LaFerney, center, a scholarship on behalf of the North Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council.

Chickasaw tops at science fair



Henry Harshfield

Chickasaw student Henry Harshfield, a seventh-grader at Liberty Christian School, Argyle, Texas, recently earned first place, "Best of Fair" honors at the school's science fair.

Henry competed in the Animal Science division of the fair. His project compared the growth rates of Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches in vary-

ing environmental conditions. This honor qualified Henry for the Regional Science Fair in late February.

Henry is the son of Jeff and Elizabeth Harshfield, of Flower Mound, Texas.

He is the grandson of Carolyn Wallace and the late Bennett Wallace, of Ardmore, Okla.

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Chickasaw named assistant curator at Jones Museum



Heather Ahtone

NORMAN, Okla. – A Chickasaw has recently been named assistant curator at a well-known state art museum.

Heather Ahtone was named assistant curator of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma on February 1. Ms. Ahtone will serve as the James T. Bialac Assistant Curator of Native American and Non-Western Art.

"Heather's experience and education in Native American studies will make her a valuable member of the museum's staff," museum director Ghislain d'Humieres said.

Ms. Ahtone earned her master's degree at the University of Oklahoma in 2003.

Her new title is named in honor of James T. Bialac, a private art collector from Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Bialac in 2010 donated

nearly 4,000 works to the Jones Museum in 2010.

"We are excited to have Heather Ahtone as a new addition to the staff of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art," Mark A. White, the Eugene B. Adkins Curator and Chief Curator, said. "Her experience and enthusiasm for Native American art will be a wonderful asset to the museum."

Ms. Ahtone has previously worked with the Southwestern Association of Indian Arts and the Institute of American Indian Arts Museum, both in Santa Fe, N.M. She has also worked for Ralph Appelbaum Associates of New York.

For the past four years, Ms. Ahtone has taught Native

American art as an adjunct instructor at the University of Oklahoma School of Art and Art History.

She has been published in "American Indian Horizons," "International Journal of Arts in Society," and "Indian Market Magazine."

"OU has a legacy of supporting Native American art and artists that is known worldwide," Ms. Ahtone said. "I am excited to join my esteemed colleagues in building on this legacy. I believe the vision for the museum's future is bright."

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located in the OU Arts District on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street on the OU-Norman campus.

Chickasaw sisters receive Employee Service Pins



Chickasaw sisters from left, Rachel Wedlow, Dohna Stick-Logan and Summer Stick with Governor Anoatubby at the 2012 Employee Service Awards. The three sisters received their 10-year service pins.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW PRINCESS



Nacobi Walker
Chickasaw Princess

Chukma! My name is Nacobi Chantau Walker and it is my honor to serve as your 2011-2012 Chickasaw Princess.

I am the 20-year-old daughter of Darrell and Johnna Walker, and sister of Dylan and Alexis Walker.

The year started off very quickly for us. Right after being crowned we were at the State of the Nation Address and participated in the parade. Later we began learning the Lord's Prayer in sign language and then performing at various events such as the Christmas celebrations. What a wonderful time we've had interacting with citizens. This has been an awesome start to our reign!

In becoming your Chickasaw Princess I feel like it has been very important to be the best role model and ambassador I can. I've seen so many

little girls and boys watching us and the beautiful smiles on their faces. I've heard them say mom/dad look they're princesses. It's little things like that which make me proud to be your Chickasaw Princess!

I enjoy greeting everyone I possibly can at each event as well as taking pictures. So if you ever feel too shy to ask for a photo with the princesses, just ask because we are willing. Those snapshots make wonderful memories for us!

I look forward to meeting you, and hope you have a wonderful month! Thank you for your prayers as I continue my journey as your Chickasaw Princess!



Jennifer Barnes

Chickasaw student to present 'Sublime Nature' at SWOSU

Chickasaw student Jennifer Barnes will present her senior art exhibit "Sublime Nature" through March 9 at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Art Gallery, Weatherford, Okla.

The exhibition is open to the public and will feature an eclectic mix of paintings, ink prints, oil pastels and graphic design prints.

Miss Barnes is from Marlow, Okla.

She will graduate from SWOSU with a bachelor's of Fine Arts degree in two-dimensional art.

She is the daughter of Charlene Capes and Howard Barnes.

Chickasaw author pens 'Wish Upon a Dandelion'



Brenda Harris

Chickasaw author, Brenda Harris, recently published a new children's book titled, *Wish Upon a Dandelion*.

The book can be purchased at www.amazon.com

Trees, shrubs, grasses, sod, flowers to be available to Chickasaw homeowners in April

DAVIS, Okla. - Chickasaw Farms will begin the 2012 Spring Landscaping Products program Wednesday, April 11. The program will run through October 31.

Chickasaw homeowners can receive an initial landscaping package consisting of three trees, six shrubs, three ornamental grasses, 12 flowers and up to 10,000 square feet of first-quality sod. The sod is a cumulative limit, and does not all have to be picked up in the same year. Both large and small rolls of sod are available on pallets at the Farms.

Chickasaw homeowners who have already received an initial landscaping package are eligible for a supplemental package of one tree, two shrubs, two grasses and six flowers every other year.

There are no income guidelines for participation in the program. The homeowner will be responsible for all dirt work in preparing for the sod, and Chickasaw Farms will provide a free, one-time installation.

Proof of home ownership is required. Documents including homeowner's insurance, home mortgage documents or property tax assessments are acceptable. A current utility bill with the physical address of the home and a copy of the Chickasaw citizenship card are also required.

To place a sod order, call the numbers listed below on Monday mornings beginning at 7 a.m. Orders may be picked up Friday of the same week. Trailer requirements for picking up sod will be explained during the call. The best times for picking up an order is 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Landscaping Products form is available at [www.chickasaw.net/services/community/Chickasaw landscaping products/Chickasaw Farms](http://www.chickasaw.net/services/community/Chickasaw%20Landscaping%20Products/Chickasaw%20Farms)

Chickasaw Farms is located at 609 West Main in Davis and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information contact Karla Windyboy at (580) 235-7234 or (580) 399-9991 or email karla.windyboy@chickasaw.net. General information is available by calling (580) 436-2603 ext. 21091 or 20712.

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The 2012 Chickasaw Nation Camps Guide



April, May Application Deadlines

Mark Your Calendars for 2012 Camps and Academies



The Chickasaw Nation is preparing for an exciting summer of camps, clinics and academies. Many tribal divisions work together to provide a variety of educational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills. Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching soon, with many in April and May.

Planned Chickasaw Nation summer 2012 youth camps and clinics and deadlines include:

Camp Survivor

YMCA Camp Classen, near Davis, Okla.

May 29 - June 1

Application deadline April 13

Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-13

Camp Survivor is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere. Campers can expect to experience a variety of activities such as swimming, horseback riding, climbing wall, canoeing, fishing, hiking and stickball. There will be tribal councils, team building activities and competitions. This is an overnight camp. For more information, contact Allen Elliott at 580-310-7981, ext. 83261 or email allen.elliott@chickasaw.net or log on to www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Environmental Camp

Ada, Okla.

May 30-June 1

Application deadline April 13

Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-12.

Be enlightened about the world during Environmental Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development.

Students, ages 8 to 12, get a behind-the-scenes look at many facilities that go unseen by the typical citizen and learn on-going conservation efforts. Trip to the Oklahoma Science Museum and the National Weather Center at the University of Oklahoma are planned. This is a day camp. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or contact the division of housing and tribal development at 580-272-5456.

Golf Camp

WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.

Beginner and Intermediate Camp- June 4-5

Advanced June 6-7

Application deadline May 1

Each camp is open to Chickasaw students ages 8-18

Along with an introduction to the game of golf, Chickasaw youth will learn lessons in honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Instruction for all skill levels is provided with a highly knowledgeable and motivated staff. Golf Camp is an overnight camp. Students should apply for the camp which represents their level of play. Golf Camp is supported by the United States Golf Association, the Professional Golfers Association of Central Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation and Chickasaw Foundation. For more information contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Native American Junior Open

Location TBA

June 8

Registration and tee times to be determined
\$20 registration fee required

Open to Native American youth ages 8-18

The Native American Junior Open also is a qualifying tournament which allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or association tournament. It also is a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18 for Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The \$20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available. For more information contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNA-SA)

Ada, Okla.

June 10-15

Application deadline April 15

Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-18

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNA-SA) is a learning program designed to encourage Chickasaw students interested in aviation, space, science or math to pursue careers and opportunities in their fields. Students spend the week flying in simulators, learning through hands-on demonstrations, and have a chance to fly in a real plane. CNA-SA is day camp, and a limited number of scholarships are available. If applying for a scholarship, complete a CNA-SA application postmarked by the deadline date. A copy of the participant's Chickasaw Nation citizenship card or certificate is required; a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) will not be accepted. For more information, contact Oscar Gore at (580) 272-5579 or at oscar.gore@chickasaw.com.

Tennis Clinic

Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla.

Session I - June 11-14, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 8-11

Sessions II - June 18-21, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 12-18

Application deadline May 1

The goal of these clinics is to provide Chickasaw youth the opportunity to learn the sport of tennis, which can be played for a lifetime. Two tennis clinics are offered, a beginner, and an intermediate.

Both sessions are open to Chickasaw youth ages 8-18. In either clinic, the participants will learn honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork. Campers may only apply for one session.

For more information contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

NASA Space Camp

Huntsville, Ala.

June 17-23

Application Deadline April 15

Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-18

This challenging week-long school is conducted at Huntsville, Ala., and designed for students to discover their engineering talent. Participants get hands-on training, as well as learn about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts must face. Fields of study include engineering, space technology and aerospace science. It is conducted at NASA Space Center in Huntsville, Ala. For more information, contact Oscar Gore at (580) 272-5579 or email oscar.gore@chickasaw.net.



2012 Camps and Academies

Entrepreneur Academy
Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla.

June 24-30

Application deadline April 15

Open to Chickasaw students in grades 10-12

For Chickasaw students who have an interest in business; the academy is a partnership between Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business and the Chickasaw Nation. Students will work in teams to plan, promote and produce a table-top business as well as simulate a virtual business. Upon completion of the academy, students graduate with a completed business plan and the tools and knowledge to write future business plans. The weeklong academy is conducted on the campus of SOSU in Durant, Okla. with the students staying at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston, Okla. Preference is given to senior graduates. For more information, contact Callie Roebuck at the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club office at (580)421-7711 or at callie.roebuck@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy
June 25-28

Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline June 1

Open to Native American youth ages 13-17.

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.

Forty Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp.

For an application and more information contact Brent Harper at 580-436-1166 or at brent.harper@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp)

Two separate one-day clinics

June 28-29

Application deadline May 1

Open to Chickasaw students ages 12-18.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa "gun shoot straight" is designed to encourage participation in a long-term training program for young Chickasaw students wishing to excel in Olympic style rifle and pistol shooting or competitive archery using a compound bow. These clinics feature instruction on gun safety, marksmanship techniques and archery for a maximum of 50 students. These clinics will focus on the disciplines required for competition-style target shooting and consist of both classroom instruction and firing practice. The pistols and rifles used for these clinics are Olympic-style air guns. Instruction will be provided by certified instructors, Lighthorse officers, and local, nationally-trained coaches. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Football Clinic

Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla.

July 5-7, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 1

Open to male Chickasaw students ages 8-18.

Led by veteran coach Ken Heupel, this clinic teaches the fundamentals of football, teamwork and leadership and features former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel and other special guests. Highlights of the clinic include an 8-to-1 student to instructor ratio, offensive and defensive drills, flag football, and a competition where each student may select one guest to join them in the game. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Cheerleading Clinic

Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center, Ada, Okla.

July 6-7, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 1

Open to female Chickasaw students ages 8-14.

At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches will instruct female students on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness. The experience will include mentoring in the areas of character, responsibility, goal setting, dedication, hard work and integrity. Cheerleaders will be able to enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamental geared to their skill level. There will be a Saturday performance and each student may select one guest to join them for the performance. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Youth Basketball Clinics

July 10-11

Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City

Application deadline May 1

The Basketball Clinics are open to Chickasaw girls and boys ages 8 to 14. Students have the opportunity to learn basketball techniques from current and former high school and university players and coaches during these clinics. This is an overnight clinic. If needed, transportation will be provided. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chikasha Sayah (I Am Chickasaw)

July 2012

Application deadline May 1

Chickasaw heritage and culture lessons are top priorities at this camp, which is open to Chickasaw students ages 10 to 14. Students also learn about their responsibility in caring for the environment. Swimming, boating and volleyball are also planned for this overnight camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp

Tatanka Ranch, Stroud, Okla.

July 15-21 (three sessions)

Application deadline May 15

Open to Chickasaw families

This overnight camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, gardening and other activities with pri-



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mary instruction being through Chickasaw language. This is an overnight camp and participants must have transportation to and from camp. For more information or an application, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at 580-272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA)

July 16-28

East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline April 6

CSAA is a two-week academy that provides youth opportunities to gain experience in visual and vocal arts. Students ages 8 to 19 are eligible to audition for the academy.

Students ages 13 - 19 must schedule an audition time in order to be eligible for acceptance into CSAA.

All students ages 8 - 19 are invited to audition.

The following disciplines will be offered for older students: Composition, Dance, Vocal Music, Theatre Performance, Theatre Tech, Photography, Visual Arts 2-D and 3-D, Video Production, Textile Design and Creative Writing disciplines. Younger students rotate through Visual Arts / 2-D and 3-D, Theatre, Dance, Creative Writing and Vocal Music classes. Chickasaw and other American Indian students receive scholarships to attend. Chickasaw preference is utilized. Non-Natives will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at a nominal fee dependant on residential or non-residential status. These residential opportunities are for qualifying students who live outside the Ada area, ages 13 - 19.

For more information, and to receive an audition packet, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at 580-242-5520 or email csaa@chickasaw.net. Applications can be found at www.chickasaw.net.

Yakni Moma Alphisa "Justice for a Nation" Court Camp

July 30- Aug. 1

Tribal Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline June 15

Open to Chickasaw students ages 10- 16

A two-day clinic that educates students about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour the Chickasaw museum and Capital building in Tishomingo to learn the history of the Chickasaw legal system. Students will be introduced to individuals who support the courts such as Light-horse Police, judges, justices, Peacemakers and court clerks. Each student will also have a part in a mock trial.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at 580-235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo "The Youth are Playing"

Chickasaw Language Sports Camp

July 30-Aug. 4

Various locations

Application deadline July 6

Open to Chickasaw youth grades 1-6.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language in an interactive, athletic environment. Sports included in the camp are: To'li' (stickball), basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and numerous other games and activities. Participants must have transportation to and from

camp. Camp participation is limited to 30 campers per day. For an application and more information, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at (580) 272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Hayaka Unta

Camp Simpson

October 12-14

Open to Chickasaw students ages 8 - 14

Application deadline September 14

Overnight Camp

The goal of this camp is to give Chickasaw youth and their parent or guardian an opportunity to share quality time together while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors. The camp provides a safe, wholesome and enjoyable experience where relationships between youth and their parent or guardian can be strengthened while away from the everyday distractions of life. Some activities include fishing, skeet shooting, hiking, archery and much more. Camping is primitive style in a provided tent. A total of 20 students will be selected to attend this unique camp. Students may choose either a male or female parent or guardian to accompany them. From those applicants not selected to attend this camp, 20 more campers will be chosen to attend the Hayaka Unta Spring camp at the same location in April 2012. For more information, contact department of youth services at 580-310-6620.

Halloween Lock-In

Norman

October 26-27

Open to the first 100 qualified Chickasaw youth ages 10 to 18.

Application deadline Sept. 14

This Halloween themed lock-in will allow students to participate in mini-bowling, Go-Karts, batting cages, mini-golf, climbing wall, bumper cars, bumper boats, arcade and lots of other fun activities. Each participant will have access to a pizza and soda buffet during the event. There will be door prize drawings throughout the event and a Best Halloween Costume Contest. Chickasaw youth will receive first priority. Students will not be allowed to leave the facility until doors open October 26. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore, Purcell and Ada. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580)310-6620. Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Xtreme Camp

Cross Point Camp, Kingston, Okla.

June 17-21

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 15-18

This overnight camp is for young men and women who want to enjoy a week full of challenging activities, great fellowship and awesome assemblies. Campers will have the opportunity to water ski, water tube, skeet shoot, rappel, ride horses, compete in a variety of huddle competitions, scale the 65-foot climbing tower and experience the high ropes challenge course. Campers will also enjoy outstanding speakers, great music, and challenging competitions. This camp emphasizes leadership, fun, personal growth and building great friendships. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, con-

tact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Competitors Camp

Camp Walk On Water, Stuart, Okla.

July 12-16

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 11-14

This overnight camp combines the great facilities and activities of Camp WOW with the athleticism and competition that has defined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry for more than 50 years. Campers will be assigned to a huddle led by a college athlete. Huddles will meet together to pray and play. Each day will feature athletic competitions in the water and on land along with teambuilding exercises. Activities will include the climbing wall; zip line (over land and water), the Blob, water slide, ropes course, obstacle course and much more. Bible devotions, upbeat music and topical discussions will also be a part of the day's activities. This camp focuses on fun, competition and personal growth. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Application Information

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's Chickasaw citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp.

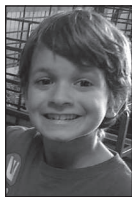
For more information or obtain an application, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620. Return application to Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820; or fax (580) 310-6626. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.



January 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Caleb Hanegraaf

Caleb, son of Peter and Wendy Hanegraaf, of Crete, Ill., is a January 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.



Caleb Hanegraaf

Caleb is in the fourth grade at G.R.A.C.E. Academy and was nominated by language pathologist Laurie Gombash.

"Caleb has developed an improved sense of empathy for others and has also demonstrated a dramatic increase in his attitude and perseverance toward tasks that are challenging for him," said Ms. Gombash. "He continues to make great strides in his social-language skills."

Caleb enjoys building with legos, searching for antiques in the attic and swimming.

Caleb's favorite places to visit are the sand dunes and the Museum of Science and Industry.

"My future plan is to become a toy designer or go into space," said Caleb.

Julia Smola

Julia, daughter of Holly Easterling, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



Julia Smola

Julia is a junior at Ada High School and was nominated by leadership teacher Ali Lawson.

"Julia has always impressed me as being very responsible and dedicated," said Ms. Lawson. "Julia is in my leadership class, and she has demonstrated many leadership qualities that will equip her to be one of tomorrow's dynamic leaders."

Julia is involved in the leadership program at Ada High School, which allows her to serve the community and make a difference.

Julia is on the high school dance team, Couganans, and the academic team.

"I plan to attend Oklahoma State University upon graduation," said Julia.

Shania Moore

Shania, daughter of Kari Mariott and David Moore, of Roff,

Okla., is a January 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



Shania Moore

Shania is a freshman at Roff High School and was nominated by business teacher Jana Stewart.

"Shania is very caring about others and has a positive personality," said Ms. Stewart. "She always has a smile and is always willing to help others."

Shania's hobbies include cooking, riding four wheelers and scrapbooking.

Shania helps out in her community. She delivers homegrown vegetables to Roff senior citizens and meals to homebound individuals in Roff.

"My future plans are to become a pastry chef and help people with disabilities," said Shania.

Zach Garcia

Zach, son of Skye and Sarah Garcia, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Music.



Zach Garcia

Zach is a senior at Ada High School and was nominated by the director of performing arts and vocal music, Janet Humphrey.

"Zach is an exceptional musician, both as a pianist and a vocalist," said Ms. Humphrey. "He is also highly involved in all aspects of student life at Ada High."

Zach has been playing the piano for the past 14 years and composing for 12 years. He has qualified for the All-State mixed chorus for 2011-2012.

Zach plays in a Christian rock band called Bloodline. With his band, he has had the opportunity to travel across the state and northern Texas to perform at numerous churches.

Zach is also very involved in athletics. He runs cross country and plays on the varsity basketball team.

"My future plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, East Central University or Fort Lewis College," said Zach.

Lexi Sanchez

Lexi, daughter of Crystal Teal and Mario Sanchez, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Lexi Sanchez

Lexi is a sophomore at Roff High School and was nominated by business teacher Jana Stewart.

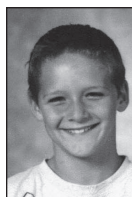
"Lexi enjoys being involved in extracurricular activities," said Ms. Stewart.

Lexi loves cheerleading and in class she maintains straight A's.

"I want to attend college and become a social worker, detective or physical therapist" said Lexi.

Creed Cox

Creed, son of Curtis and Melanie Cox, of Ardmore, Okla., is a January 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.



Creed Cox

Creed is in the fourth grade at Charles Evans Elementary School and was nominated by fourth grade teacher Ms. Timmons.

"Creed works hard in all subject areas," said Ms. Timmons. "He also works well with his classmates and is always willing to help others."

Creed enjoys riding bikes and playing sports. He plays basketball, football, baseball and soccer.

Creed is a royal ambassador at church.

"My future plan is to become a mechanic and a doctor," said Creed.

Abigail Tharp

Abigail, daughter of Keith and Lisa Tharp, of Fruitvale, Texas, is a January 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Music.



Abigail Tharp

Abigail is in the third grade at Grace Christian School and was nominated by music instructor Suzanne Solum.

"I enjoy working with Abigail," said Ms. Solum. "She

displays enthusiasm, self motivation and initiative in each piano lesson."

Abigail enjoys playing the piano and has recently started playing at local nursing homes.

Abigail is a cheerleader and loves to play all sports. She also likes to ride her horse, Magnolia.

"My future plan is to go to college like my older sisters," said Abigail.

Destiny Manford

Destiny, daughter of John and Melissa Manford, of Belton Mo., is a January 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic.



Destiny Manford

Destiny is in the second grade at Gladden Elementary School and was nominated by second grade teacher Elaine Wilson.

"Destiny is a remarkable young woman," said Ms. Wilson. "She is bright and very dedicated to her education."

Destiny is a straight A student, and she enjoys to read.

Destiny is involved in competitive gymnastics and cheerleading. She has recently placed first in the floor exercise and second on bars, beam, vault and all around during a competition.

"My future plan is to advance in both cheer and gymnastics," said Destiny.

Courtney Little

Courtney, daughter of Denise and Wesley Little, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



Courtney Little

Courtney is a freshman at Byng High School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Courtney is always ready to help with any project and activity," said Ms. Delfrate. "She is very pleasant and hard working."

Courtney's favorite class is Chickasaw language.

Courtney is involved in Native American club and Native Voices.

Courtney enjoys hanging out with friends, listening to music and texting.

"My future plans are to finish high school and attend college," said Courtney.

Camren Estep

Camren, son of Angie and Tracy Estep, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



Camren Estep

Camren is in the fifth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by fifth grade teacher Julia Rauch.

"Camren is responsible and shows great respect through behavior," said Ms. Rauch.

Camren is a peer tutor in math class.

Camren enjoys jumping on the trampoline, fishing, playing games and sports.

Camren is also involved in karate. He has recently placed in a tournament.

"My future plans are to go to Hawaii and Alaska," said Camren.

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Kite flying at the Chickasaw White House March 23-24 and 30-31

EMET, Okla. - Spring is in the air and kites will be flying high at the Chickasaw White House in Emet! Bring your family for a fun-filled day at the annual kite fly on March 23-24 and 30-31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The annual event will take place at the historic home of Chickasaw Governor Douglas H. Johnston and will feature a popular family pastime. Families may bring their own kites or use one provided by the staff.

For more information about any of the upcoming events or tours, contact the Chickasaw White House at (580) 371-9835, or visit www.Chickasaw.net/WhiteHouse.

The Chickasaw White House is located at 6379 East Mansion Road in Emet.

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Saint Valentine sweethearts of the Chickasaw Nation



Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, back row at left, and tribal Division on Aging administrator Karen Cook, back row at right, join the 2012 Elders Valentine Kings, Queens and Sweethearts at the the annual Elders' Valentine Banquet and Coronation, conducted Tuesday, Feb. 14 in Tishomingo, Okla. Among those honored include,. Seated, from left, Dee Schwenn, Mary Rush, Mary Barcenas, Serena Peters, Leona Wilson, Ann Fink, Dean Starns, Bessie Smith, Charlene Burns, and Rose Jefferson. Second row, from left, Lt. Gov. Keel, Henry Rush, Stormy and Judy Bryant, Mattie and Dillard Stanley, Bill and Letitia Smith, Arlinda and Dan Elkins, Sue and David Sparlin, Robert Burns, Gene Jefferson and division administrator Karen Cook.

Marcy Gray

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – On a blistering hot July day in 1962, Henry Rush, Jr., was working in the fields near Pauls Valley, Okla., when he decided it was time for him to marry.

Later that day he asked his sweetheart, Mary, to become his bride. She accepted his proposal and the couple was married that same day.

Henry and Mary's story of enduring love and dedication was just one of many shared at the annual Chickasaw Nation Elders' Valentine Banquet and Coronation Feb. 14 in Tishomingo.

More than 250 elders from 12 tribal senior centers throughout the Chickasaw Nation participated in an entertaining day of games, music and good food.

Two dozen kings, queens and sweethearts, representing each senior center, were crowned during the Coronation ceremony. This tradition dates back to 1983.

Among those honored were: Bob and Dee Schwenn, Duncan; sweethearts Mary Barcenas and Serena Peters, Achille; Dillard and Maddie Stanley, Connerville; Stormy and Judy

Bryant, Oklahoma City; Henry and Mary Rush, Pauls Valley; sweethearts Ann Fink and Leona Wilson, Tishomingo; Dan and Arlinda Elkins, Sulphur; sweethearts Dean Starns and Bessie Smith, Kullihoma; Bill and Letitia Smith, Madill; Robert and Charlene Burns, Ardmore; David and Sue Sparlin, Purcell; and Gene and Rose Jefferson, Ada.

The royal court played a "Sweetheart Game" where the women answered questions about their spouses or sweethearts while they were out of

the room. When all questions were answered, the sweethearts returned and were asked the same questions. The couple with the most correctly matched answers, Dan and Arlinda Elkins, Sulphur, won a restaurant gift card.

The Valentine celebration is just one of many special events conducted for Chickasaw Elders. For more information about Chickasaw Elders programs, visit www.chickasaw.net

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Area farmers, ranchers may need EPA oil plan

In an effort to prevent oil spills polluting natural resources, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires facilities with oil storage capacities of 1,320 gallons or more to develop and implement oil spill prevention, control and countermeasures as described in Federal Code of Regulations 40 CFR 112.

The deadline for compliance was November 10, 2011.

Those who must comply with this code include any non-transportation related facility operation that could discharge oil into waters and has a total storage capacity of 1,320 gallons or more. Many Oklahoma farmers and ranchers support storage facilities in that category.

Oil as defined by the EPA and other federal authorities include petroleum and petroleum products, fuel oil, sludge, waste oil, vegetable oil and animal oils. Penalties for noncompliance of this law can include \$25,000 per violation. For more information, contact www.epa.gov.



Charlene Burns, of Ardmore, shows her answers to the "Sweetheart Game." Also pictured is her husband, Bill, left, and Bill Smith, right, of the Madill Senior Center.



Henry and Mary Rush, of Pauls Valley.

Young engineers to compete in regional competition

Chickasaw Y-Not Robots robotics team win ‘Motivate Award’



Y-Not Robots front row from left, Olivia McCarthy, Patrick Cooke, Melissa McBride, Melissa Ellis. Middle row from left, Joshua Tingle, LaTisha Price, Morgan McDonald. Back row from left, Adam Click, Tristen Wood, Sean Jesse.

The Chickasaw Nation’s robotics team, Y-Not Robots, won the Motivate Award at the Oklahoma’s FIRST Tech Challenge regional qualifier in Oklahoma City January 28.

The Motivate Award celebrates the team that exemplifies the essence of the FIRST Tech Challenge competition through team spirit and enthusiasm. The award recognizes the collective effort to make their program known throughout their schools and community.

“Winning the Motivate Award is exciting for the Science-Technology-Math Academy because it highlights our involvement within the community,” said teacher Beth Alcorn-Benton. “Our students come from many different school systems, and some are home schooled.”

Y-Not Robots had previously secured a bid to attend the FIRST Tech Challenge regional tournament. This last competition allowed Y-Not Robots to

continue their tradition of gracious sportsmanship. Y-Not Robots will be competing in the regional tournaments on March 2 and 3, in Weatherford, Okla.

The Chickasaw Nation’s Y-Not Robots is composed of high school-age students who work as a team to develop problem solving skills. Students design and construct robotic devices which can be autonomously programmed or operator-controlled to perform various tasks.

This year’s challenge, named BOWLED OVER!, challenges team members to navigate their robot to complete various tasks to gain points. During the season, students learn to build a robot, brainstorm during planning sessions and learn core values essential for team work.

For more information, visit www.chickasawlego.com or contact Oscar Gore at (580) 272-5579.

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

We need to receive these by **Thursday, March 22, 2012**. Please send to: **The Chickasaw Times, c/o Pride and Joy, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.**

Kullihoma spring turkey hunt

The deadline to apply for permits for the Spring Turkey Hunt and the Special Youth Hunt at Kullihoma is fast approaching.

Permit requests may be picked up at the Chickasaw Nation Conservation and General Ranger Department, 221 N. Rennie, Ada, or the Ranger Station at Kullihoma, 13624 County Road 3680.

Dates for the Spring Turkey Hunt are April 6 through May 6. Hunters must be Chickasaw citizen and have a copy of CDIB or citizenship card with the permit request.

There is a 1-tom limit at Kul-

lihoma, and only one tom may be taken.

Dates for the Special Youth Hunt are March 31 and April 1. All youth hunters must have completed the Oklahoma Hunter Education Class and possess the Oklahoma Hunter Education Card. Youth hunters must be accompanied at all times by an adult during the hunt. Youth hunters may take one tom with traditional bow and arrow or shotgun.

For questions, please call the Ranger Department at (580) 310-6466 or Ranger Rick Carson at (580) 421-5524.



Special Permit Request

Spring Turkey Hunt on Tribal Land --- Kullihoma Reservation

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Vehicle: Car--- or--- Truck

Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Year: _____ Tag #: _____ Emergency Contacts# _____

Must include copy of your CDIB

If the request is for a youth please designate by writing **YOUTH** at the top of request.

Entry deadline is March 12 for youth

Native American Youth Language Fair features speaking, song

NORMAN, Okla. - Students of Native American languages from preschool to high school age are encouraged to enter the 10th annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair. The Fair is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, April 2 and 3, at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman. Participants in grades pre-K through 12 will demonstrate their language skills. Both groups and individuals will compete in the spoken language and language in song categories.

Other categories will include poster art and book categories, open to grades three through 12; language with PowerPoint presentation and film/video categories, both open to sixth- through 12th-graders; a language advocacy essay category, open to grades nine through 12; and a language masters performance category for grades nine through 12, designed to showcase the language skills of students who have grown up speaking a Native American language.

A new category for 2012 is poetry writing and performance. This category is open to all ages. Registration deadline is March 12.

The annual competition draws more than 600 participants from across Oklahoma and neighboring states. Participants compete in as many as 27 Native American languages. Pre-K through fifth-grade competitions will be Monday, April 2; sixth- through 12th-grade competitions are set for Tuesday, April 3. The top three award-winners in each age group and category will receive a trophy to be displayed at their school or tribal center. Each student who participates will receive a medallion and Language Fair t-shirt.

For the 10th anniversary, each student also will receive a 2012 calendar with poster art from the last 10 years in addition to other language prizes. Fair participants will be honored at the state capitol on Monday, April 9, and all students and programs are invited to attend.

A panel of elders and teachers from several tribes will judge the spoken language and language in song competitions. Native artists will judge the posters based on creativity and use of this year's theme, "Language in My Heart."

In addition, Native authors

will judge the book and poetry competitions.

To register and for additional information, visit <http://nal.snomnh.ou.edu/onaylf>. Deadline for registration is Monday, March 12. PowerPoint presentations, films, books, poetry, and poster entries must be received by March 16.

To have forms sent by mail, or for additional information, participants may contact the museum's Native American

Languages Department at (405) 325-7588 or email ONAYLF@snomnh.ou.edu. The Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair is made possible, in part, by the Boeing Company and the Cyril Foundation.

The Sam Noble Museum is located on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus at Timberdell Road and Chautauqua Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and up, and \$3 for youth ages 6 to 17. Children ages 5 and under are free. Discounts are available for military personnel and their immediate families. There is no additional admission fee to see Warrior Spirits.

For more information about the museum, call (405) 325-4712, or visit the museum's website at www.snomnh.ou.edu.

Tribal, Ada emergency agencies ready for March 10 'disaster'

ADA, Okla. - Being prepared for incidents ranging from floods to wrecks to tornadoes is critical for emergency agencies.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in February played host to Incident Command System (ICS) training.

The ICS training focuses on using the facilities and equipment available to counter any possible disaster. The training included medical and emergency agencies from the Chickasaw Nation and Ada's Valley View Regional Hospital's, a community acute care facility.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security describes ICS training as a "standardized, on-scene, all-hazards incident management approach that allows for the integration of facilities, equipment, per-

sonnel, procedures and communications operating within a common organizational structure."

"ICS is flexible and can be used for incidents of any type, scope and complexity," said Sonya Frazier, Chickasaw Nation Environment of Care Specialist.

The ICS-400 participants conducted mock exercises that included incidents ranging from floods to vehicle wrecks to tornadoes. The goal of ICS training is to establish common processes for planning and managing resources during any type of incident.

Chickasaw Nation nursing, emergency medical services (EMS), Lighthorse Police Department, Search and Rescue, Security, and Public Affairs engaged in the training.

Representatives from Valley

View Regional Hospital also participated.

The training was led by Chris McGill, Valley View Regional Hospital EMS.

An Ada community-wide mock disaster exercise is set for March 10. The ICS-400 training will be put to the test that day.

During the exercise, multiple Pontotoc County medical and emergency agencies will be using ICS principles to respond to a mock crisis at various locations in the Ada area.

For more information on the community-wide exercise, please contact Sonya Frazier at Sonya.Frazier@chickasaw.net or Pontotoc County Emergency Manager Chad Letellier at (580) 421-7777.

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Professional Openings at Medical Center

Are you a Chickasaw RN, LPN or CNA? Are you interested in employment with the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center or satellite clinics? If so, we would love to hear from you!

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has professional openings in the following specialties:

- Registered Nurse
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Certified Nurses Assistant

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

Amy Boatwright, Professional Recruiter

Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Human Resources

(580) 436-7259 ext. 61825

Amy.Boatwright@chickasaw.net

Military care packages

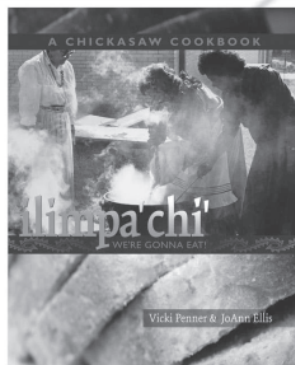
The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

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.

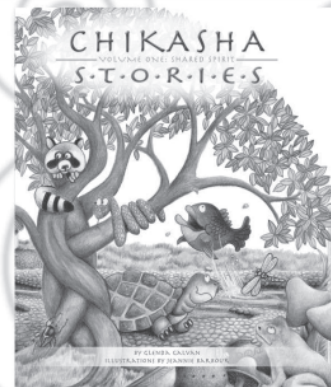
If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Ms. Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

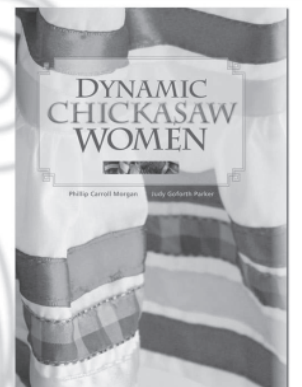
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Tops in Native American home loans in Oklahoma

Tribe's Bank2 celebrates 10 years of operation in Oklahoma City



From left, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, and Bank2 officers Ross Hill and Rod Whitson.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. – Bank2, headquartered in Oklahoma City, celebrated its 10th Anniversary in January. The community bank, which opened in 2002, is a subsidiary of the Chickasaw Banc Holding Company. The Holding Company and Bank2 are 100% owned by the Chickasaw Nation.

During its 10 years of operation, Bank2 has found a unique niche in the banking and lending market. Bank2 is the number one source of Native American home loans in the state of Oklahoma and one of the top lenders nationally. The bank has grown from \$7.5 million in assets in January 2002 to more

than \$100 million today.

Bank2 was the 2011 recipient of the United States Department of Commerce Access to Capital Award for its lending activities to Native American Business and the 2010 recipient of the Bank Enterprise Award

from the Community Development Financial Institution Fund (CFI Fund).

Bank2 has also been named one of the Top 100 Native American Owned Businesses in the U.S. each year from 2005-2011 by Diversity.com.

Bank2 is a full service bank offering checking accounts, operation accounts, savings and money market accounts. The bank also offers a full line of consumer, commercial, and real estate loans.

Chickasaw BIA firefighters finish training



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, back row, second from left, and Chickasaw Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Traile Glory, back row, far right, join 20 new BIA firefighters and program trainers at the conclusion of an annual BIA firefighter training. The training was conducted last month at Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada, Okla. The local training is sponsored by the Chickasaw BIA Agency. The one-week training program is available to citizens of all tribes throughout the state. For more information about upcoming firefighter trainings, contact the Chickasaw BIA Agency at (580) 436-0784.

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SOSU president honored for commitment to Native students

DURANT, Okla. – The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation have teamed up to honor Southeastern Oklahoma State University and president Larry Minks for the school's commitment to Native American student success.

This commitment to excellence was honored Feb. 10 with a program and reception in the Glen D. Johnson Student Union on the Southeastern campus.

Choctaw Assistant Chief Gary Batton and Chickasaw Administrator of Education

Services Lisa John represented Choctaw Chief Gregory E. Pyle and Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby, respectively. Mr. Batton and Mrs. John jointly presented a plaque of appreciation to President Minks. Both tribal representatives praised the university president and Southeastern for leadership and commitment to Native American students.

In his comments, President Minks said he was proud that this spring, 30 percent of Southeastern's enrollment is comprised of Native American

students. That means 1,164 Native students currently study at Southeastern.

President Minks also commended director Chris Wesberry and his staff at the Native American Center for Student Success for their contributions. The partnerships with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations' education departments, President Minks said, had created more than \$4 million in federal grant monies to support Native American students.

Southeastern, President Minks said, had been rec-

ognized among the nation's leaders in graduating Native American students in numerous disciplines. According to one national publication, Southeastern ranks sixth in the nation in awarding undergraduate degrees to Native American graduates in all disciplines combined.

"We take a great deal of pride in this (national) recognition," President Minks said. "It confirms that the initiatives and programs we have in place are working and working well. The University's commitment

to Native American students could not be stronger, and that is only possible because of the outstanding support of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes. Time after time, they have stepped up to partner with Southeastern to establish academic support programs, scholarships, or help fund improved facilities. It's just a tremendous partnership and one of which we are very proud."

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nies for the event was Oklahoma State Rep. T.W. Shannon, Speaker Designate.. Also on the program were Native American students Brenner Billy, Caley Wesberry, and Jessica Gann, Chris Wesberry, and Rev. Bertram Bobb, Choctaw Elder.

The students presented President Minks with a gift as well. The gorget was an accessory worn around the neck symbolizing one who leads. The three-piece silver gorget was handmade by Eddie Postoak, Chickasaw Artist and Director of Cultural Resources of the Chickasaw Nation.



President Larry Minks, center, accepts a plaque from Chickasaw Nation Division of Education administrator Lisa John and Assistant Chief Gary Batton of The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

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People from around the state gathered at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Feb. 11 to participate in a Valentine Celebration. Clockwise from above, Chickasaw Kyson Fields, Ada, Okla., uses crayons to create a Valentine Day card at the Kid's Card Workshop; Caspar Bolding, Ardmore, Okla., carefully draws designs on his card creation; Chickasaw author Dr. Phil Morgan shares an acoustical music performance during the celebration. Dr. Morgan also recited poetry and shared stories. Brooke Bolding, Ardmore, looks over the selection of Valentine cards at the event.

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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

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

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

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OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

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4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

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Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

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Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

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Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

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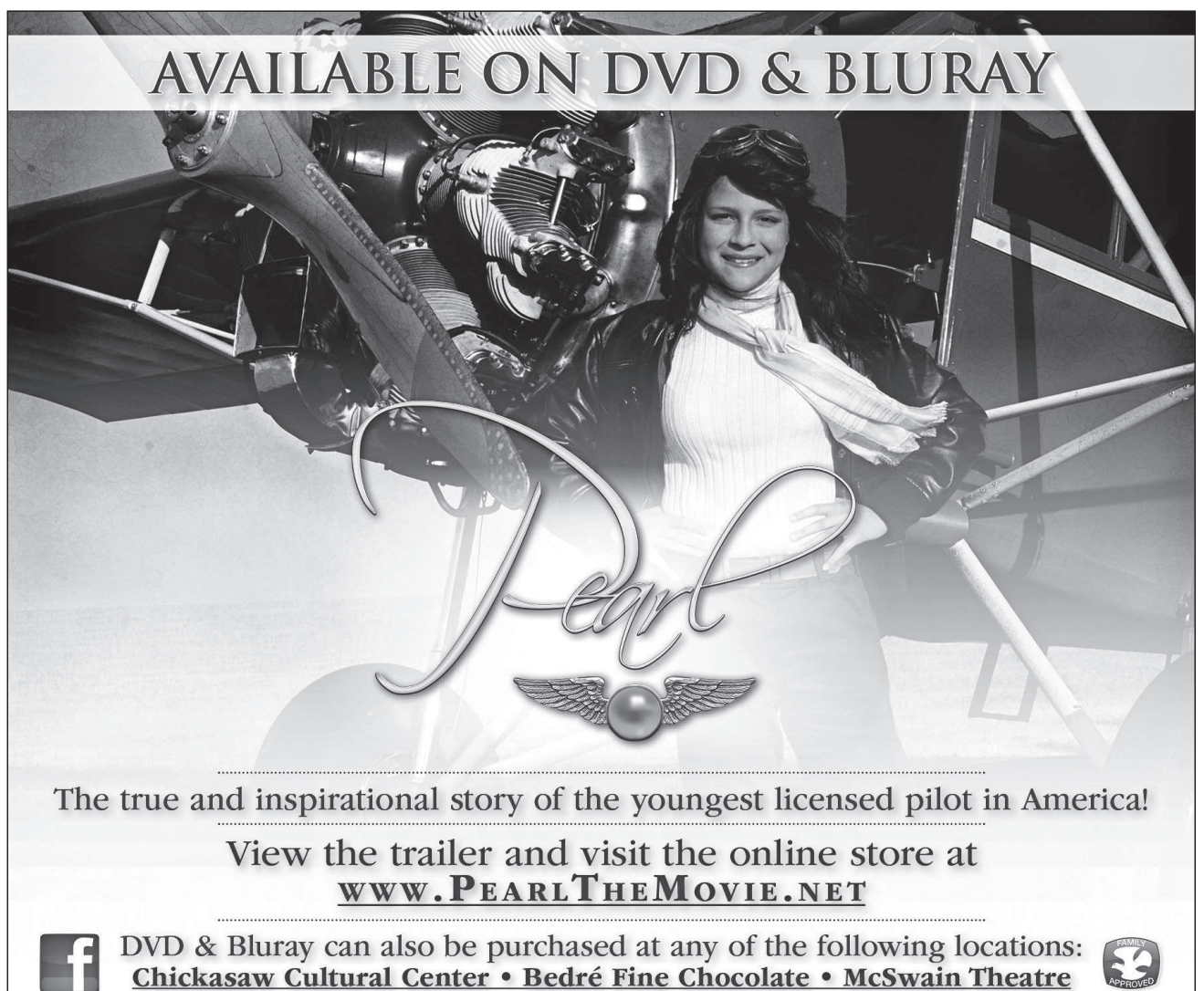
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January 20, 2012

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms

Guests present: Dana Lance, Mike Watson, S. Ashley Large, Claude Miller, Jo Ann Miller, Michel L. Wingo, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES -
December 16, 2011

A motion was made by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the December 16, 2011 minutes.

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

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2012, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(B) **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT**
by Committee Chair Dean McManus

GR29-014, Application for Grants Under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR29-014.

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

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-014 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments by Mr. Ronald Wilkins

Mr. Wilkins presented documents to the Legislators regarding mold found in his home. He asked for assistance with this problem.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding the Summer Youth Program, the Elderly Energy Assistant Program, car tags, and per capita payments.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dean McManus, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Submitted by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

FEBRUARY 2011 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 29-015
Authorizing an Oil and Gas Lease to Stephens Production Company for Arkansas Riverbed Acreage in Leflore and Sequoyah Counties

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Stephens Production Company, 623 Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902-2407. The lease will be for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of \$4.32 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$0.54 per annum. The royalty rate is 18.75% from January 2003 to current, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 2.344%, then at a rate of 3.125% for all future production. This lease will be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in "paying quantities." This lease will be located on the Arkansas Riverbed and is jointly owned between the Cherokee Nation, the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation, of which the Chickasaw Nation owns a one-eighth undivided interest.

This is a well that has been in trespass and the lease was negotiated by Charlie Robertson, Executive Director of the Arkansas Riverbed Authority.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

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

Absent: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 29-016
To Repeal and Rescind General Resolution 23-038 and Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property (Enos Community Center)

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land within Marshall County, Oklahoma, and the legal description contained in GR23-038 was insufficient for use in placing the land into trust. The legal description required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs is more particularly described in Attachment "A" hereto. The Bureau of Indian Affairs requires the resolution to contain the exact legal description of the land being submitted for fee to

trust with the U.S.A., and authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the above described tract of land U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation, if such is advantageous.

Property Location: Located 5 miles north of the center of City of Enos, Oklahoma on Highway 70F on the east side of the road.

Use: Community Center

Emergency Legislation: This resolution was received after the deadline.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

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

Absent: Beth Alexander

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole

February 13, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins

Education Committee

February 6, 2012

Present: Nancy Elliott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Linda Briggs

Health Care Committee

February 6, 2012

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Land Development Committee

February 6, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Linda Briggs

Land Development Committee

February 6, 2012

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Tim Colbert

2010-2011 Tribal Legislature

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Juanita Jeanette Keel Tate



Juanita Jeanette Keel Tate was born September 10, 1910 at Ardmore, Okla., to Guy Keel, Chickasaw Roll No. 1866 and Lula Potts Keel, Chickasaw Roll No. 1867. Mrs. Keel passed to eternal life February 8, 2012 at the age of 101 in Ardmore.

She was the 10th child among 12 brothers and sisters. Her father gave her the Chickasaw name of Foshi' (bird).

She graduated from Chilocco Indian School in 1928. She later became an active member of the National Chilocco Indian School Association. In recognition of her lifetime achievements, she was inducted into the Chilocco Hall of Fame in 1987.

Following her graduation from Chilocco, she attended and graduated from the Ardmore Business College and then attended one year at Baccane College in Muskogee, Okla. In 1934 she married Ernest W. Tate. Mrs. Tate made a career as a court reporter, legal secretary and homemaker.

For her entire adult life she was active in Chickasaw affairs, holding offices in various Chickasaw organizations. In 2008, because of her contributions to the Chickasaw Nation, she was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

An accomplished painter, Mrs. Tate painted portraits of Chickasaws and Choctaws as well as a number of historical Chickasaw and Choctaw buildings around southern Oklahoma. She established herself as an historian and genealogist in the 1960s and published a book about her great-grandfather, Edmund Pickens in 2008.

Mrs. Tate joined the Ardmore Order of the Eastern Star in 1936, and was a past matron and active member the rest of her life. She was also a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Chickasaw Chapter, in Ardmore and was a charter member of the Keel

Cemetery Association.

In recognition of her historical interests and achievements she was inducted into the Greater Southwest Historical Museum Hall of Fame. In 2011, she was inducted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame by the Oklahoma Historical Society.

She was a member of the Northwest Baptist Church, where she attended the Adult I Sunday School Class.

Mrs. Tate was preceded in death by her parents and siblings. Her husband, Ernest W. Tate preceded her in death in December, 1981.

She is survived by two daughters, Anne Tate Boland, of Houston, and Gwen Gentry, of Friendswood, Texas; and two sons, Charles Guy Tate and his wife, Patty, of Ardmore, and John Schuh and his wife, Judy, of Lake Dallas, Texas.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Curtis D. Chadwick



Our family and friends mourn the passing of Curtis D. Chadwick. Mr. Chadwick left us suddenly on January 2, 2012.

He was a beloved son, brother, uncle, great uncle and friend. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Chadwick was born February 6, 1938, the son of Odis James Chadwick and Margaret Hawkins (an original enrollee). He spent his childhood in Sulphur and Mill Creek, Oklahoma and later attended high school at the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan.

After graduation, he moved to Texas and worked for both

Burlington Northern Railroad and Lockheed. After retiring from Lockheed, he continued to work as a security guard.

Since 1982, Mr. Chadwick lived quietly on the property he owned in Springtown, Texas. His hobbies were working on CB radios and repairing American-made cars.

He is survived by a sister, Dorothy Chadwick New Moon, of Oklahoma City; three brothers, J.W. Chadwick, of Sulphur, Scott Chadwick, of Los Angeles, and Knotchie Chadwick, of Dallas; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

He was laid to rest in Springtown, Texas on January 5, 2012. May he rest in peace.

Rev. Jeff "Sonny" Frazier



Rev. Jeff "Sonny" Frazier, 65, died February 4, 2012 at his home in Ada, Okla. Funeral services were February 9 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada, with Rev. Osborne Roberts officiating and Rev. Jerry Imotichey assisting. Interment followed in Boiling Springs Cemetery near Lula, Okla.

He was born September 5, 1946 in Stonewall, Okla., to Frank Frazier and Geraldine Alexander Frazier.

Mr. Frazier graduated from Tupelo High School in Tupelo, Okla., in 1964. He graduated from East Central University in Ada, with a master's degree in guidance and counseling.

He married Betty Billie on August 27, 1966 at Allen, Okla.

He preached for many years at Boiling Springs United Methodist Church near Lula where he was also a member. The Boiling Springs Church was a very important part of his life. He served many churches as a pastoral minister for the

Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. He was also employed at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center as a Chaplain for a number of years and the Director of Education for the Chickasaw Nation for many years. He coached the Shades of Red basketball and softball teams and the Little Shades of Red basketball team. He played American Legion baseball, and he umpired many baseball games. He loved many sports activities, was an OU fan, and loved playing fastpitch softball.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Geraldine Frazier; and three brothers, Franklin, Joe, and George Frazier.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Frazier of the home; two sons, Ron Frazier of Ada, and Carey Frazier and his wife, Arlene, of Winnipeg, Canada; a daughter, Lori Frazier, of Ada; a brother, Irving Frazier, of Allen; a sister, Mary Smith and husband, Stan, of Ada; an aunt, Geneva Holman, of Ada; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Craig Parnacher, Haskell Alexander, Truman Frazier, Warren Alexander, Michael Frazier, and Daniel Frazier.

Honorary pallbearers were Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, Larry Larney, Joe Stick, Stewart Johnson, Tommy Orr, James Ross, and Tom Cooper.

Online guest book at: www.phillipsfuneralservice.com

Edward Lyda

Services for Edward Lyda, 71, Ada, were December 17 at Blue Baptist Church, Connerville, Okla., with Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Burial followed in Seeley-Blue Cemetery.

Mr. Lyda died December 14, 2011 at an Ardmore hospital. He was born August 20, 1940 to Clarence Edward and Vera Mae Hawkins Lyda at Ada, Okla.

Mr. Lyda served the Chickasaw Nation and the Elders of the Nation as a Community Health Representative and Outreach Consultant from April 1991 through August 2001 and was a member of Blue Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Stormy Gail Farmer; a son, Deland Scott Lyda; a brother, Tommy Ben Lyda; and 2 infant brothers.

He is survived by his wife,

Dottie Lyda, of the home; a son, Corbett Lyda and wife Andrea, Vista, Calif.; a daughter, Marcine Ricker and husband Jake, Ada; grandchildren, Stephanie James and husband Kerry, Ada, Stormy Fischer and husband Levi, Mountain View, Okla., Stephen McPherson, Ada, Kirby Lyda, Joshua Lyda, Cameron Stapleton, Tatiana Stapleton, all of Vista, Keaton Ricker, and Kyle Ricker, both of Ada; six great-grandchildren; a brother Lester Lyda; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Bearers were Corbett Lyda, Levi Fischer, Kerry James, Michael Lyda, Jake Ricker, Kris Conlee, Ben Lyda, Joshua Lyda, and Marc Lyda.

Honorary bearers were his grandkids and great-grandkids.

Tyrone Zane "Tubby" Gray II



Tyrone Zane Gray (9 Tubby), 44, of Oklahoma City, died January 17, 2012. Visitation services were January 24 at the OK Cremation Chapel, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Gray was born May 3, 1967 to Tyrone Zane Gray and Esther Pearl (Morgan) Gray.

He was a truck driver and warehouse manager and took great pride in his driving skills and we were all awed by them.

He was preceded in death by his beloved brother Kenneth Dewayne Gray, of Moore, Okla.

He is survived by his wife, Katrina Glenn Gray, of Oklahoma City; daughters, Courtney and Candace Gray, of Oklahoma City; granddaughters Rachel and Candace (Baby C); parents, Tyrone and Esther Gray, of Oklahoma City; brothers Tony Gray, of Stillwater, Oklahoma and Marlon Gray, of Oklahoma City; four nephews; eight nieces; and countless beloved friends.

We will forever miss him and his antics.

David Lynn Perkins



David Lynn Perkins, 63, of Mead, Okla., died January 24, 2012. Services were January 30, 2012 at the Victory Tabernacle in Durant, Okla., with Rev. Doyle Pair officiating. Interment followed in Highland Cemetery in Durant.

He was born Friday, October 15, 1948 at Durant, Okla., to David E. and Evelyn (Mead) Perkins.

Mr. Perkins graduated from Durant (OK) High School and went on to earn a degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam conflict in the U.S. Army. Mr. Perkins was an insurance agent with Allstate Company. He was a faithful member of Victory Tabernacle in Durant. He had many interests in life but he especially enjoyed golf, reading, music and traveling.

He is preceded in death by his parents, David and Evelyn Perkins; a sister, Ruth Ann Perkins; and grandmother, Birdie Mead.

Mr. Perkins is survived by the mother of their children, Sharon Meyer, of Russellville, Ark; a son, James David (JD) Perkins, of Russellville; a daughter, Kaleigh Marsh and husband, Stuart, of Russellville; a brother, Steve Perkins and wife, Debbie, of Silo, Okla; three sisters, Judith Boone and husband, Earl, of Mead, Lisa Grantland and husband, Steve, of Platter, Okla., and Sharon Duncan, of Silo; and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Ricky Roach, Shelly McBride, Harold Loyd, Nathan Austin, Dick Dunham, Richard Cash and James Dunham.

Family and friends may send online condolences and view tributes at www.holmescoffey-murray.com

Faye Lavonne Perry

Faye Lavonne Perry, 74, died January 26, 2012 at her home in Ada, Okla. Memorial services are pending, burial in Highlands Cemetery in Pawnee, Okla.

Mrs. Perry was born in Hinton, Okla., April 8, 1937. She was a 1955 graduate of College High School of Bartlesville, Okla.

She first married Bill Worl, Sr. in 1954 and they had a son Billy Wayne Worl Jr., born 1964. After a divorce, she worked as an administrative aide for building and chemical plant construction.

On Easter Sunday 1990, she married Robert Perry. Mrs. Perry was a costume designer and seamstress for the Bartlesville production of "A Christmas Carol."

The Perry's moved to Ada in 2001, because Robert was Chickasaw. It's rare that one without a drop of Chickasaw blood has such a big Chickasaw heart. Her wedding ring is inscribed, Ruth 1:16 "Your People will be my people." She attended Chickasaw meetings and sewed Chickasaw traditional shawls and ribbon shirts. In Ada, she was a member of Life Community Church and the Chimney Hill DAR chapter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilson Sensintaffar and Ruby Gunter Sensintaffar Newlin; and a baby sister, Sandra Sue.

She is survived by her husband Robert Perry, of the home; a son, Billy, of Texas; daughters, Robyn Perry Coe, Chatham, N.Y., and Rebecca Perry, Oakland, Calif.; three sisters, Jenette Pershall, Grapevine, Texas, Anna Bryant and husband, Lewis, of Pawnee, Okla., and Sheree Guest, of Tulsa; three brothers, Roy Sensintaffar and wife June, Ponca City, Okla., Jack Sensintaffar and wife, Marie, of Cameron, N.C., and Carl Sensintaffar and wife, Terri, of Sand Springs, Okla; 15 nieces and nephews; 22 grandnieces and grandnephews.

Obituaries may be viewed and condolences sent to criswellfh.com.

A Family Memorial Service is planned for Easter Saturday April 7 in Sand Springs.

Margie Geraldine Stewart

Margie Geraldine (Callen) Stewart, 79, died February 15, 2012, at Oklahoma City. Funeral services were February 20 at the Cleo Springs United Methodist Church with Rev. Rachel Parrott and Rev. Scott Huesel officiating. Interment was at the Aline (OK) Star Cemetery.

She was born March 9, 1932 at Filmore, Okla., to Lena (Lowery) Callen and the late Albie W. Callen.

Mrs. Stewart grew up in the Durant and Fillmore area and graduated from Russell High School in Durant in 1950. Later she graduated from Central State Beauty College and was a hairdresser for many years. She had a beauty shop in Oklahoma City and then later at the Fairview Nursing Home until she retired.

She married Lloyd Doty April 4, 1960, and they made their home in Aline. He preceded her in death in 1993.

On April 26, 1996, she was united in marriage to Jerry Stewart and they made their home on a farm west of Carmen, Okla.

She was a member of the Cleo Springs United Methodist Church. She enjoyed gardening and had beautiful flower beds, and enjoyed oil painting, crocheting, reading the Bible, and spending time with her family and friends. She was also very proud of her Chickasaw Indian heritage.

She was preceded in death by her father; and her husband, Lloyd Doty.

She is survived by her

husband, Jerry, of Carmen; two sons, David Shipp, of Blanchard, Okla., and Monte Doty and wife, Bobbi, of Enid, Okla.; a daughter, Darlene Graham and husband, Dr. James Graham, of Fairfax, Okla.; a stepson, Chuck Morstine, of Carmen; a stepdaughter, Penny Gentry and husband, Robert, of Phoenix; her mother, Lena Welch, of Cleo Springs, Okla.; and a brother, Larry Callen and wife, Myra, of Stratford, Okla.; and their two daughters, Holly Elliott and husband, Daren, of Chandler, Ariz., and Lori Goss and husband, Mike, of Allen, Texas; 12 grandchildren, Shelli Cook and husband, John, of Edmond, Okla., Joshua Shipp, of Blanchard, Mark Shipp and wife, Kristi, of Tuttle, Okla., Steven Shipp, of Blanchard, Justin Bush and wife, Shannon, of Yale, Matthew Bush, of Fairfax, Micah Young and husband, Travis, of Stillwater, Okla., Jared Doty, J.D. Doty, and Jesse Doty, all of Enid, and Shayla Gentry and Courtney Gentry, both of Phoenix; 10 great-grandchildren; a very dear lifelong friend that she thought of as a sister, Margie Faye King, of Milburn, Okla.; and other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Cleo Springs United Methodist Church.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

Lt. Col. Paul Tecumseh Wyers



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Paul Tecumseh Wyers (ret.), died Feb. 1, 2012, at Lakewood, Colo. Funeral services were Feb. 19 at Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, Lakewood, Colo. Burial will be June 15 in Arlington National Cemetery.

Lt. Col. Wyers was born July 13, 1931, in Henryetta, Okla., to Sampson and Ruth Wyers.

He attended Stigler (OK) High School from 1946 to 1950, where he was actively involved as class president, voted most popular, participated in class plays, played in the band and was number 76 right halfback on the Panthers football team.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Charlotte B. Wyers; parents, Sampson and Ruth Wyers; and sisters, Johnese and LaQuita.

He is survived by his children, Diana, Philip and Linda; grandchildren, Ella, Brittany, Stephen and Michael; and siblings, Sam, Pat and Scotty Wyers.

An online guestbook is available at www.horancares.com.

Note of thanks from the family of Rev. Jeff Frazier

We would like to thank Governor Anoatubby, the Chickasaw Nation, family and friends for the food, flowers, and monetary gifts that were given to our family during the loss of our beloved Rev. Jeff Frazier.

Your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity were mostly deeply appreciated by our family. It meant so much to all of us and we are so blessed to have families and friends who showed their comfort and love during this time of our sorrow.

May God Richly Bless each and every one of you.

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Chickasaw Foundation Announces Scholarship Recipients

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the Spring 2012 recipients of the Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship and the David & Carolyn Nimmo Graduate Business Scholarship.

Ms. Jessica Sheffield received the award for the Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship.

She is a junior at the University of Alabama majoring in early education.



Jessica Sheffield

The recipient of the David & Carolyn Nimmo Graduate Business Scholarship is Mr. Brandon Harden.

He is a graduate student attending Oklahoma Christian University pursuing his master's of business administration (MBA).



Brandon Harden

Aren Briscoe named Student of the Month

Aren Briscoe has been selected January 2012 Chickasaw Foundation student of the month.



Aren Briscoe

Aren is a junior at Ryan High School. She is active in Beta Club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Future Farmers of America and basketball. She is a member of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council.

Aren is involved in food drives, repairing community landscapes, planting for charity and showing livestock. She assists her grandparents on their farm and experiences planting, harvesting, taking care of livestock, driving tractors and building or mending fences.

Aren is at the top of her class and is striving to become the valedictorian while winning many academic achievements. She plans to attend college to become a math professor. She would like to earn her doctorate.

She credits the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math/Science program for giving her opportunities and experiences in her area of interest.

Upward Bound students participate in College & Career Fair at Murray State



Arron Tobey, Jonathan Spouse and Brody Higgins talk with University of Oklahoma representative Jarrod Tahsequah.



Matt Grover speaks with a Langston University representative.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) students participated in the annual Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound College & Career Fair at Murray State College on January 21.

Employees from the Chickasaw Nation were in attendance to lead the students in programs about their professions. Brooke Baber, representing the

Human Resources Department, spoke to students about the many careers within the Chickasaw Nation. Darrell Walker and Courtney Cook, representing the Office of Career Services, worked with students to compile career interest inventories. Selecting a career, resume writing, interview skills, and dressing for success were included in the presentation.

Tracie Carter, of the Chickasaw Foundation, spoke to the CFUB high school seniors regarding scholarships the Foundation offered. Students also received an introduction to martial arts led by Matt Clark of the Division of Youth & Family Services.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound thanks the following universities for participating in this year's event: East Central University, Bacone College, Southwestern Christian University, Langston University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, and Murray State College. During the fair, students were able to speak to college representatives and have their questions answered along with receiving additional information about those universities and colleges.



Martial Arts instructor Matt Clark, Evelyn Mcleod and Vicky Smith.

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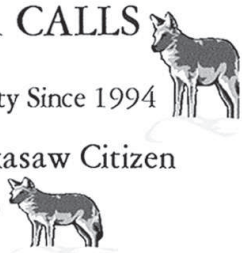
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