

## RSVP now for May 1 Hall of Fame event

NORMAN, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame event is set for May 1 at Riverwind Casino in Norman. Hall of Fame inductees will make a red carpet entrance at 5:30 p.m. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event.

Reservations are now being accepted. To make reservations contact Brielle Helm at (580) 436-7258 or email [brielle.helm@chickasaw.net](mailto:brielle.helm@chickasaw.net).

Induction to 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](http://www.chickasaw.net/hof).

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## Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant set for May 3 at Chickasaw Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will host the 2014 Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, at 3 p.m., May 3.

Miss Indian Oklahoma and Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma 2014 will be selected during the pageant. Miss and Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma serve as ambassadors for American Indian people in the state of Oklahoma.

Contestants will be judged on personal interview, essay, traditional dress, traditional talent, platform and an impromptu question.

The theme of the pageant is "End Domestic Violence Through Empowerment."

Miss Indian Oklahoma 2013 Robyn Rulo and 2014 Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma Nikki Amos will bid farewell during the pageant.

The Miss Indian Oklahoma and Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant is free and open to the public.

An Honor Powwow will begin with Grand Entry at 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 2 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center's Traditional Village.

Contests will include Women's Cloth, Women's Buckskin, Men's Straight and Men's Fancy.

Both events are sponsored by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women and are free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Andrea Mann, (405) 831-6394, or visit the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women website, [www.OFIW.org](http://www.OFIW.org).

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## Document shredding event April 25 in Ada

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center will host a document shredding event on Friday, April 25 at the Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center, 2205 North Broadway in Ada.

A shredding truck will be on site from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until full) to immediately shred documents for recycling. The ReUse Center is also accepting new and gently used household items and building materials for redistribution to the community.

This event is free and open to the public, with businesses welcome. Clean out your closets and give your old stuff new life!

For more information, call Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

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# Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) May 16 at Kullihoma



Chickasaw artist Dustin Mater, far left, propels a disk at which young Chickasaw Cultural Center visitors throw spears during the Three Sisters Spring Celebration. The game is called "chunky" and has been played by various tribes since around 600 A.D. The object is for the spear-thrower to position his spear nearest to the disk. However, the spear must be launched before the disk stops rolling. Chickasaws will get a chance to see the game played in tournament action during the Chikasha Ittifama reunion celebration at Kullihoma on May 17.

KULLIHOMA - A game played for centuries in the ancestral Chickasaw homelands will be introduced during the modern-day Chickasaw Reunion in May.

"Chunky" is a contest where a small round disc is rolled on the ground and contestants attempt to hurl spears closest to it before inertia halts its forward progress. The spear-thrower earns a point for being closest to the disc, and two points if the spear actually touches it.

Southeastern tribes have been known to play chunky under varying names since about 600 A.D. So popular was the game, Western artist, adventurer and author George Catlin - famed for portrait paintings of northern tribal leaders and Indian culture in the early 1830s - captured a chunky tournament on canvas.

Prolific, Catlin is thought to have completed 900 paintings during his journeys into the western expanse of America where only a few non-Natives traveled prior to, and immediately following, Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase. Hundreds of Catlin's works are owned by the Smithsonian Institution.

Chickasaw chunky players have organized and are bringing the game back for reunion patrons to enjoy.

A demonstration of the game will be Saturday, May 17, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. A formal chunky tournament is set for 2-4 p.m. the same day, according to the reunion schedule.

Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) will get under way Friday, May 16, at Kullihoma, approximately 10 miles east of Ada

near state Highway 1. From Highway 1, signs will point the way.

At 6 p.m., a welcome and prayer will be given by Eddie Postoak and the Chickasaw Honor Guard will present the colors. Hamburgers will be served. A youth and co-ed stickball game will begin at 6:30 p.m. The traditional stomp dance will begin at 8:45 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m.

On Saturday, May 17, there is something for everyone. A fishing derby, cornstalk shoot, horseshoe tournament, crafts, craft demonstrations, storytelling, squirrel stick throw, youth archery, hymns and the final reunion stomp dance will be ongoing until the wee hours of Sunday morning.

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# Path to obtaining citizenship begins with Dawes Rolls research

The path to obtaining Chickasaw citizenship begins with the Dawes Rolls.

Taken only in Indian Territory from 1898 to 1907, the Dawes Rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes is a list of Indians by blood in Indian Territory during this time.

To be eligible for a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood and citizenship in one of these tribes, an individual must establish he or she is a lineal descendant of an

original enrollee.

Connection to a Chickasaw ancestor on the Dawes Rolls is essential for Chickasaw citizenship.

The Genealogy Archive Center at the Holisso Research Center on the campus of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., can provide a wealth of information and assistance when seeking Indian ancestors.

The building houses genealogy collections, historic maps, photo

archives, historic documents, census records and a complete set of Dawes Commission Rolls of Chickasaw citizens from 1896 to 1906.

Information such as family names, birth and death years, parents' names, marriage dates and tribal affiliation are needed to aid genealogy staff with the research.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by, from left, Allied Arts President Deborah McAuliffe Senner, 2014 Allied Arts fundraising co-chair Judy Love, Allied Arts fundraising co-chair and former Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Turpen and Wade Christensen, husband of Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, at an Oklahoma City gala naming Gov. Anoatubby Honorary Chair of Allied Arts. Gov. Anoatubby was presented a portrait of Chickasaw elder Emily Dickerson by renowned Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen. Mrs. Dickerson, who died last year at age 93, was the last monolingual speaker of the Chickasaw language.

# Tribe honored for support of arts

OKLAHOMA CITY - With a firm handshake and soft-spoken expression of thanks, Gov. Bill Anoatubby accepted a portrait commissioned by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen at a gala honoring the Chickasaw Nation's chief executive March 6.

Looking back from the beautifully framed, masterfully painted piece is Emily Dickerson, a

full-blood Chickasaw who died last year at age 93. She was the last monolingual speaker of the Chickasaw language. News of her death reverberated worldwide as the Chickasaw Nation mourned her passing.

More than 225 patrons were on hand to honor Gov. Anoatubby for years of supporting the arts and artists in Oklahoma through

Allied Arts, a nonprofit organization whose influence to advance the arts reaches throughout Oklahoma. It was founded more than 40 years ago.

Gov. Anoatubby was named an Honorary Chair of Allied Arts at the function in the Phillips Pavilion on the grounds of the Okla-

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## Dynamic Women's Conference set for April 17 at Artesian, Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - A day of sharing the imaginative and empowering vision of artists, musicians, scholars, athletes and others is planned for the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Women's Conference and Forum. The conference and forum will take place Thursday, April 17 at the Artesian Hotel and Chickasaw Cultural Center, both in Sulphur.

This annual event salutes the valuable contributions, skills and talents of dynamic Chickasaw women, through panel discussions, sessions and lessons on topics related to the Chickasaw experience and the panelist's personal endeavors.

"The Chickasaw Dynamic Women's Conference and Forum is not only a celebration of the accomplishments of vibrant Chickasaw women, but it honors these dynamic individuals who continue to strengthen and fortify the Chickasaw Nation and their community through good works and visionary leadership," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration in the Artesian Hotel lobby. Opening remarks are set for 9 a.m. followed by two breakout sessions "Lessons Through the Lens" by Kristina Kirtley and "Beautiful Life, Beautiful Art" led by Brenda Kingery.

A second breakout session begins at 10:30 a.m. with a selection of three discussions "Financial and Retirement Planning" led by Traci Tuck Davis, "Physically Active and Healthy Lifestyle" led by Nikki Lowe and "Professional and Career Development" by the Chickasaw Nation Training Department.

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. followed by Dr. Shannon Speed's keynote address.

A dedicated Chickasaw anthropologist, Dr. Speed was named 2013 Speed Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year by Gov. Anoatubby.

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## Landscaping package available to homeowners

DAVIS, Okla. - Chickasaw homeowners are eligible for a landscaping package consisting of three trees, six shrubs, three ornamental grasses and 12 flowers. Top quality sod, up to 10,000 square feet, is also available per homeowner. For homeowners who have received the initial landscaping package, a supplemental package is available every other year.

Landscaping packages are available for pick-up from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., April 7 through October at Chickasaw Farms, 609 West Main in Davis. Sod orders will begin April 21, weather permitting. New home construction within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries may be eligible for sod installation.

There is no pre-approval process. For those buying or own a home, applications can be presented at time of pick-up.

For more information and application, visit [www.chickasaw.com](http://www.chickasaw.com) or contact Karla Windy Boy at (580) 235-7234.

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Dr. Shannon Speed

## Upcoming Events

### GOURDget Workshop Adult Class

2nd Monday of Each Month, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.  
Division of Arts & Humanities Building, Ada, Okla.  
Contact: (580) 272-5520

### Horseshoe Tournament

April 5, 2014, beginning at 1 p.m.  
Chickasaw White House  
Contact: (580) 371-9835

### Spring Music Concert, Chickasaw Children's Choir and Chickasaw School of Guitar

April 5, 2014, beginning at 7 p.m.  
McSwain Theatre  
Contact: (580) 272-5520

### Adult Arts and Crafts Class: File Folder Scrapbook

April 8, 2014, 2-4 p.m.  
Chickasaw Tribal Library  
Contact: (580) 310-6477

### Stomp Dance

April 11, 2014, 8 p.m. -1 a.m.  
Kullihoma  
Contact: (580) 332-8685

### Easter Celebration

April 12, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Chickasaw Cultural Center  
Contact: (580) 622-7130

### Pinch Pot Class

April 12, 2014, 1-3 p.m.  
Council House Museum  
Contact: (580) 371-3351

### Walk to Stomp Out Sexual Assault

April 12 - 10 a.m.  
Wintersmith Park, Ada, Okla.  
Contact: Janie Tingle (580) 272-5580

### Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum

April 17, 2014  
Conference: Artesian Hotel  
Forum: Chickasaw Cultural Center  
Contact: (580) 272-5520

### American Indian Learners Conference

April 19, 2014, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
University of Central Oklahoma  
Contact: (580) 272-5520

### Chickasaw Press Spring Book Sale

April 23, 2014, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
Chickasaw Press, 1500 Hoppe Blvd. Suite 1, Ada, Okla.  
Contact: (580) 436-7282

### Children's Fair

April 26 - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Pontotoc Co. Agri-Plex, Ada, Okla.  
Contact: Deanna Carpitche (580) 310-7993

### Chickasaw Foundation T-ball Tournament

April 25 -26  
Chickasaw Nation Softball Complex, Ada, Okla.  
Contact: Tracie Carter (580) 421-9030

### Johnston History Brown Bag

April 26, 2014, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Chickasaw National Capitol  
Contact: (580)371-9835

### Night at the Museums Featuring: The Lone Ranger

May 2, 2014, movie starts at 8 p.m.  
Chickasaw National Capitol grounds  
Contact: (580) 371-9835

### Chokka' Kilimpi' Chikashshaat Imanokfila' Ilokchina' "Chickasaw Healthy Minds" 5K Run/Walk

May 3 - 6:30-10:30 a.m.  
Wheeler Park, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Contact: Renee Wilson (405) 767-8978  
Adult Arts and Crafts Class: Altered Book  
May 6, 2014, 2-4 p.m.  
Chickasaw Tribal Library  
Contact: (580) 310-6477

### Night at Boggy Featuring: The Lone Ranger

May 9, 2014, movie starts at 8 p.m.  
Boggy Depot.  
Contact: (580) 371-9835

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Beside Chickasaw, Dawes rolls for the Choctaw, Mississippi Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee Creek and Seminole tribes are also available at the Holisso Center.

Additional historical collections can be studied at the Tribal Library in Ada.

Chickasaw Nation Government Services provides CDIB, Chickasaw citizenship cards and information to Chickasaws who are direct descendants of enrollees on the Dawes Commission Rolls.

Applicants must be able to trace their heritage through bloodlines to an original enrollee listed on the Dawes Commission Rolls to obtain a CDIB and citizenship card. The application is a family tree chart and must be submitted with birth certificates or death certificates and supporting documents. Once the application is received in the CDIB office, researchers

verify the applicant's connection to enrolled ancestors on the Dawes Commission Rolls. CDIB does not establish Chickasaw citizenship. Once applicants receive the CDIB, they are eligible for citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation.

Applicants must have a valid CDIB to obtain a citizenship card. For more information, visit

<https://www.chickasaw.net/Services/CDIB-and-Chickasaw-Citizenship-Cards.aspx> or call 580-436-7250. Tribal Government Services is located at 2015 Lonnie Abbott Blvd., Ada, Okla. 74820.

For more information about genealogy research, call 580-622-7130 or email [genealogy@chickasaw.net](mailto:genealogy@chickasaw.net).

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## About the Dawes Commission

The Dawes Commission was created to dissolve tribal governments and divide tribal land among individual members of the Five Civilized Tribes. The Dawes Commission failed in the task of dissolving tribal governments.

All those tribal governments are in still in operation and the Dawes Commission rolls still

serve as the basis for tribal citizenship.

According to Dawes Commission records, 5,914 individuals were enrolled as Chickasaw citizens by blood. This included 578 newborns and 324 minors.

Virtually all of these individuals were enrolled between June 28, 1898 and March 5, 1907.

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homa Governor's Mansion. Overlooking the state governor's private swimming pool in the shape of Oklahoma, a mild and pleasant evening greeted the most important benefactors of Allied Arts.

A total of \$877,000 was raised at the reception to honor Gov. Anoatubby. Donations total \$2.7 million thus far, leaving Allied Arts \$500,000 short of its 2014 fundraising goal. This year's co-chair fundraisers are former Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Turpen and Judy Love, wife of Tom Love who founded the Love's Travel Stops franchise 50 years ago in Watonga, Okla. His stores are now located in 40 states.

Mr. Turpen's introduction of Gov. Anoatubby brought resounding applause.

"I'm here to introduce the man of the hour, the one and only, Gov. Bill Anoatubby who fundamentally believes in 'we' instead of 'me,'" Mr. Turpen said. "He is the life-enhancer and the most generous man on the planet."

The leader of the Chickasaw people told the gathering "it isn't about Bill Anoatubby, it's about Allied Arts. We need to make arts and culture a priority. That's what it is going to take to continue to grow and thrive as a human race and as a culture. It is so important."

Gov. Anoatubby cited studies showing arts, music, and theater is directly connected to higher achievement by students in math, science and technology. "We also know the arts, in all its many forms, bring beauty and enjoyment to this world in which we live. (The arts) enhance the quality of life both individually and on a community level," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Emphasis on the arts and culture is essential to the enrichment of our society."

Gov. Anoatubby quoted famed Chickasaw actress and storyteller Te Ata.

"Te Ata once wrote that art binds people together. The work of Allied Arts helps support artis-

tic expression -- a force that can change hearts and minds and help bring diverse cultures closer together."

Two Chickasaw artists -- one an Emmy award-winning composer and pianist and the other a celebrated mixed-media artist -- were on hand to bring to life Gov. Anoatubby's remarks.

Jarod Tate, a Chickasaw pianist and composer, entertained throughout the evening and awed the gathering with a portion of an original composition immediately following the presentation of the Dickerson portrait to Gov. Anoatubby.

As attendees watched, Brent Greenwood, a Chickasaw artist, took a blank canvas and turned it into a work of art featuring a Chickasaw stomp dancer. Many people approached both artists to visit with them and exchange business cards and warm greetings during the evening.

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## OU students invited to Learning Community

Freshmen and sophomore Chickasaw students attending the University of Oklahoma and East Central University are invited to join the Chickasaw Learning Community (CLC).

Offered through Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center, the CLC offers students an expanded social network, leadership, volunteer, mentoring and internship opportunities and activities.

The CLC strives to connect

Chickasaw college students to their Chickasaw heritage and culture, through a variety of cultural, social, academic and career development events.

In an effort to aid in college success and retention, resources and advisement information is also available to CLC students.

Students involved in the CLC are encouraged to explore careers in the helping fields with the hope they will return to work with Chickasaw citizens and give

back to the Chickasaw community.

Additional services provided by Chokka' Kilimpi' include therapy, counseling, cultural classes and wraparound services.

To obtain a CLC application or to learn more regarding membership requirements, visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net).

For more information about the Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center and upcoming events, contact (405) 767-8940.

## Do you know an outstanding Chickasaw high school athlete?

We are seeking Chickasaw athletes in any sport or competitive activity to feature for an upcoming series of short video spots. The student should be in good academic standing. Filming will take place in the spring

in Ada and other locations as needed in the Chickasaw Nation.

### We need:

- The name and contact information of the athlete.
- Sport(s) or activity and number of years involved.

· A brief student biography.

For more information or to submit an athlete, **please contact Josh Rogers at (580) 310-7903 or email at [Joshua.rogers@chickasaw.net](mailto:Joshua.rogers@chickasaw.net).**

## This month on CNTV

### Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame

Five Chickasaws were recently selected to enter the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be May 1 at Riverwind Casino in Norman. Find out more about these extraordinary individuals this month on CNTV.

### Easter Celebration at the

### Chickasaw Cultural Center

Easter has arrived at the Chickasaw Cultural Center! Get a preview of what's happening this spring at the Cultural Center on CNTV.

### Week of the Young Child celebration

Big things are happening at the Child Development Center this month. The Week of the

Young Child offers a variety of activities for youngsters. Learn more about this annual event on CNTV!

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

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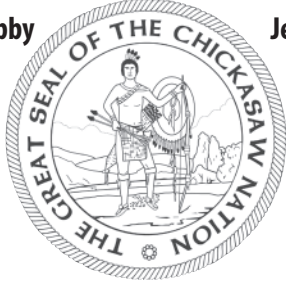
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Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

# Chickasaw youth expand horizons with summer opportunities

A world of wonderful fun and opportunity await every Chickasaw young person this summer. All Chickasaw youth ages five to 18 can now apply for the experiences of a lifetime! The Chickasaw Nation youth summer camps, clinics and academies are just around the corner.

What will you do with your summer? This year, make your plans to improve yourself, expand your horizons and become more engaged with your tribe. There's a whole new world waiting just for you!

The Chickasaw Nation is very interested in you. That's right - YOU! You represent your tribe's future and now is the time to get involved. It doesn't matter where you live. All that matters is your tribe wants to share with you and help you awaken the wonderful Chickasaw spirit that is inside you. The Chickasaw Nation wants to make this summer the best summer you have ever experienced!

What are your interests? Do you like writing? How about art, song, dance? Or you may be the sporting type who enjoys golf, basketball, football, even cheerleading. It's all open to you right now!

The Chickasaw Nation hosts many summer camps, clinics and academies designed to fit your interests. There is something for everyone! You will find plenty of choices to inspire you.

You might choose the popular Camp Survivor. You will enjoy swimming, hiking, fishing, rock climbing and so much more. You will also learn more about your Chick-



**GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY**

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saw culture.

Are you interested in our planet and our environment? You may choose Environmental Camp where you will explore your tribe's conservation efforts and how our daily efforts can greatly improve the environment we all share.

Would you like to learn more about your tribe's traditional games? At Chikashashaat Hoochokoshkomo Camp you will join in traditional games of stickball, chunky and more. You will learn archery and the fine art of marbles. It's a wonderful time!

To immerse yourself deeper in your Chickasaw culture, you might choose Chickasaw Nation Cultural Camp at the beautiful Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. There you will learn stomp dancing, traditional crafts and Chickasaw language. As a Chickasaw you will feel connected to your heritage.

The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy is a unique two-week residential camp hosted on the campus of East

Central University in Ada. You and your fellow campers will engage in a variety of artistic endeavors including drama, music, visual arts and more. Chickasaw kids love this camp. You could join in this year!

Maybe you like aeronautics and everything to do with airplanes and flight. The Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp is just for you. You will learn the basics of flight, and take an actual flight in a small plane. This is a great camp if you are ready to soar!

If you really want to challenge yourself, you might apply for Space Camp. This special week happens at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. You will be challenged to grasp engineering and aerospace concepts. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity!

I know there are many Chickasaw boys who love football. Your tribe offers one of the premiere youth football camps in the country! Champions Football Camp offers coaching by veteran coach Ken Heupel and his son, OU All-American Josh Heupel. These coaches are joined by other seasoned veterans to help you get a great head start on football season.

Your tribe also offers summer sports clinics in basketball, golf, tennis and cheerleading.

And there is so much more! You can make this summer your best ever. All your summer camp choices are detailed inside this edition of the Chickasaw Times.

It's all possible. All we need is - YOU!

## Grave located in New Burney Cemetery

# One-term Gov. Burney known for dedication to education

Serving as Chickasaw Nation Governor for just one term, from 1878-80, Benjamin Crooks Burney was a hearty proponent of education.

He shared his vision of improvement of the public schools in his message to the Chickasaw Legislature on Sept. 1, 1879.

"Education is the lever by which our people are to be raised to a mental level with our surroundings and I desire to impress seriously upon you how important it is that you use your influence in getting our people to see to the education of the young," Gov. Burney said.

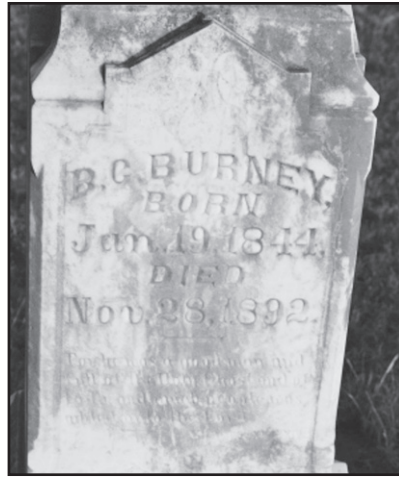
Benjamin Burney began his

political career by serving as Chickasaw Nation treasurer during his brother-in-law Gov. B.F. Overton's first term, from 1876-1878, according to a 1938 volume of "Chronicles of Oklahoma" by John Barlett Meserve.

Born to David C. Burney and Lucy James Burney, Jan. 19, 1844, on a steamboat bound for Indian Territory, Burney was named after the ship's captain, Capt. Benjamin Crooks.

The Burney family settled in an area now known as Burneyville in Love County, Okla., where they worked as farmers.

His mother died in 1845 and his father died in 1871.



Prior to his death, the Chickasaw Nation honored David Burney by naming the girls' school Burney Academy, which opened

in 1859.

In 1879, the Burneyville post office opened, posthumously honoring the elder Burney. It is still in operation.

Benjamin Burney attended Chickasaw Orphans School, Tishomingo, and later enlisted in Shocoe's Chickasaw Battalion of Mounted Volunteers for service in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States.

After the war, he returned home to Burneyville, working as a farmer and rancher.

He later moved east and established a comfortable farm at Aylesworth, land that is now the banks of Lake Texoma in Marshall County, Okla.

Nominated for governor by the Pullback party, the 34-year-old Burney entered the race for Chickasaw governorship in the fall of 1878 when Gov. B.F. Overton was ineligible to run for a third consecutive term.

He was one of the youngest candidates to be elected Chickasaw Governor.

It is believed Burney took the office of governor in reserve for B.F. Overton until the former governor would be eligible to run for office again.

The one term of Governor Burney was uneventful.

Gov. Burney was known as a Christian gentleman, as noted

in a 1938 writing from Rev. J.H. Dickerson, of Wynnewood, Okla., who said the first donation he received when coming to the Chickasaw Nation was a bale of cotton from Gov. Burney.

Gov. Burney also had a small congregation on his farm, where he served as elder.

"He worked much for the welfare of the Chickasaws. I have often said that Ben Burney was my best friend among the Indians in my missionary efforts," Rev. Dickerson said.

In the fall of 1880, Gov. Burney retired from office. He was succeeded by Gov. B.F. Overton.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and Odd Fellows Society.

Governor Burney married Louisa Gaines, a daughter of James Gaines at Tishomingo in the early 1870s. She died June 25, 1904.

When he died Nov. 28, 1892, he was buried in the Burney Cemetery near his farm in the community of Aylesworth.

The cemetery was relocated in 1942 for construction of Lake Texoma and combined with Moore Indian Cemetery to form the New Burney Cemetery, according to rootsweb.com.

New Burney Cemetery is located about three miles west and one-half mile north of Aylesworth.

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A resident of Austin, Texas, Dr. Speed is a committed advocate of collaborative research, working in Mexico and in Texas. She also coordinates the Indigenous Women Migrants Oral Histories Project. She played a key role in founding the Indigenous Studies Initiative at the University of Texas at Austin, which she also directed from its inception in 2007.

Afternoon conference sessions begin at 1 p.m., with a forum entitled "The Creative View" with panelist Nancy McDaniel, Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham and Kristina Kirtley. Dr. Traci Morris will serve as moderator.

Session four "The Next Generation" features Olympic trainee Kayla Chappell, artist Faithlynn Seawright and musical talent Myraya Hall.

Session five, "Express Yourself," begins at 4 p.m. and will feature Margaret Roach Wheeler, Kristin Dorsey and Maya Stewart. The session will be followed by a fashion show.

"Art of the Chickasaw Woman" art exhibit opens at 5 p.m. at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios.

The Dynamic Women's Forum begins at 6 p.m. at the Chickasaw Cultural Center's Anoli Theatre.

Featured speakers and panelists for the evening forum include Dr. Speed; Mary Ruth Barnes, American Cancer Society state director of planned giving; Deanna Hartley, former Chickasaw Nation Attorney General; Patricia Hays, former education administrator; and Nikki Lowe, mixed martial arts professional.

The forum will include a question and answer session with audience members.

### About Dr. Shannon Speed

A committed advocate of indigenous people, Dr. Speed's distinguished career has been dedicated to research and teaching on Native peoples. She has

worked for the last two decades in Mexico with Mayan communities. Her research and teaching interests include indigenous politics, indigenous women's rights, human rights, indigenous-state relations, law and social systems, indigenous migration and activist research.

"Dr. Speed is the epitome of a dynamic Chickasaw woman," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She is dedicated to promoting social justice and equality through research and education. Her work is helping develop a greater understanding of indigenous cultures which could help enhance the quality of life of Native people around the world."

As a Chickasaw citizen with decades of experience working with indigenous people in Latin America, Dr. Speed has a long-standing interest in fostering dialogues among indigenous peoples.

She is an accomplished author, publishing numerous books and edited volumes in English and Spanish.

Dr. Speed's current research is on indigenous Latin American women migrants and gender violence, and she has two books in progress.

She holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations from San Francisco State University, a master's degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas, and a master's and doctorate in Anthropology and Native American Studies from the University of California, Davis. She is currently an Associate Professor of Anthropology and Director of Native American and Indigenous Studies and has recently served as Assistant Vice President for Community Engagement at the University of Texas at Austin. She is also active in the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association.

Dr. Speed is a proud Chickasaw and has been part of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas since 2006. She has served as an at-large board member and as secretary of the board.

A Los Angeles native, Dr. Speed is the granddaughter of Dawes enrollees Samuel Joseph Speed (Chickasaw) and Otilie Josephine "Jo" Reichert (Choctaw).

About the Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year Award

Established in 2006, the Dynamic Women award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, served as role-models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

The Dynamic Woman of the Year Award salutes the contributions that the recipient has made to improving and enhancing the lives of those around her, her professional accomplishments and her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation.

Women who are considered for this award are those who are distinguished and are pioneers in their professional field; those who have championed other women and women's issues; and those who exemplify and uphold Chickasaw values, culture and traditions.

The Dynamic Women's Conference and Forum is presented annually by the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Studies program through Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities in partnership with East Central University.

For more information, please contact Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520. CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.



Gov. B.F. Burney's grave and headstone are located at the New Burney Cemetery near the community of Aylesworth. Gov. Burney's grave was moved in 1942 when Lake Texoma was under construction.

Cole, Watkins, Stafford appointed

# Chickasaw professionals named to Chickasaw Nation posts



Dakota Cole



Mendy Watkins



Adam Stafford

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby recently appointed three Chickasaw citizens to leadership positions within the Chickasaw Nation Department of Treasury.

Dakota Cole was named undersecretary of Treasury. Adam Stafford was appointed executive officer Business Analytics. Mendy Watkins was named executive officer Budgeting and Support.

"Mr. Stafford, Mr. Cole and Mrs. Watkins bring critical skills, knowledge, enthusiasm and initiative to their respective positions," Gov. Anoatubby said. "These individuals have demonstrated they understand the importance good stewardship as we strive to continue developing services and offering more opportunities to Chickasaw citizens. Each of them is a valuable addition to our leadership team."

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Treasury provides pertinent and vital information to managers and leaders to assist in key financial decisions, long-term strategic planning and management of assets and investments across the Chickasaw Nation. Holly Easterling serves as Secretary of Treasury.

As undersecretary, Mr. Cole's responsibilities include overseeing payroll and accounting for the commerce department, housing, headquarters and health finance.

Mr. Cole began working for the Chickasaw Nation as a management accountant in 2010. He was appointed to director of management reporting in the division of planning and organizational development in 2011.

He received an associate degree from Murray State College, a bachelor's degree in business ad-

ministration and master's degree in accounting from East Central University. He is a certified public accountant and member of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants. He was awarded the OSCPA "Trailblazer" award in 2012.

Mr. Cole is also a graduate of Oklahoma Community Institute's Citizens Academy and recently passed the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level I exam and is a candidate for the Level II exam.

Mr. Cole is mindful of Chickasaw citizens in every step of his duties.

"Everything I do is rooted in giving back to the Chickasaw Nation," he said. "Each day, I think 'how can we be more efficient.'"

The mission of the Chickasaw Nation hits close to home for Mr. Cole because he is a beneficiary of Chickasaw programs and ser-

vices.

"I wouldn't have a college education without the Chickasaw Nation," he said. "I owe a ton. It's my honor and privilege to give back."

Mr. Cole and his wife, Jamie, have one daughter, Conner. His parents are Ronald Cole and Rosanna Easterling.

In his spare time, he enjoys spending time on the family ranch, and with his family and team roping.

Mendy Watkins, executive officer Budgeting and Support, has worked for the Chickasaw Nation for 15 years. She previously served as the director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and director of Finance for the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

In her new position, Mrs. Watkins will focus on federal and consolidated governmental budgeting, as well as the coordination of the indirect cost negotiation agreement.

"I am privileged to work in a great organization like the Chickasaw Nation where I get to serve my Chickasaw people," she said. "I love helping manage our resources to maximize funds available to fund programs for the Chickasaw people."

A Chickasaw citizen, Mrs. Watkins earned a bachelor's degree in business administration-accounting from the University of Oklahoma and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Accounting from East Central University.

She is also a graduate of Leader-

ship Ada and Leadership YOUNiversity.

Mrs. Watkins is the daughter of Doyle and Marilyn Morgan. She and her husband, Chris, have two children, Cayman and Kai. In her spare time, she enjoys attending her children's sporting activities.

Adam Stafford, executive officer Business Analytics, has worked at the Chickasaw Nation for nine years in various positions within finance and compliance.

"Our office is tasked with providing accurate financial information to managers so they can better carry out their duties," Mr. Stafford said. "I strive every day to be a good steward of tribal resources."

Mr. Stafford has also worked in public accounting specializing in governmental auditing. He is a certified internal auditor and certified fraud examiner and is a 2004 graduate of East Central University where he studied accounting.

He also serves on the Chickasaw Historical Society board of directors and is a volunteer tax preparer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which provides free tax preparation to Chickasaw citizens and employees.

The son of Jean Williams and David Stafford, Mr. Stafford resides in Bowlegs. In his spare time, he likes to fish and watch sports.

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## Janeen Gray named by Gov. Anoatubby to oversee Chickasaw Nation Community Affairs Program



Janeen Gray

to search for solutions to meet the needs of individuals facing unique circumstances."

Since 1987, Chickasaw Nation programs have blossomed from about 30 to more than 260, which provide a range of services including education, health care, nutrition, housing and youth and family services.

The Community Affairs Program will work in tandem with established tribal programs to fulfill the tribe's mission to "enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw People."

The goal of the Community Affairs Program is to help Chickasaw citizens find the right program and/or service that will give them temporary support for their particular need.

"It's the most rewarding work I have done because it offers assistance to our tribal members while encouraging their independence," Mrs. Gray said.

Mrs. Gray has developed, implemented and managed many out-

reach services for Native Americans.

A graduate of McLish (OK) High School and Murray State College, Mrs. Gray resides in Ada. She has two sons, Wes and Wayne. She also has five grandchildren ages 18 months to 13 years.

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## Chickasaw Cultural Center Easter Celebration April 12

SULPHUR, Okla. - Join the Easter Bunny at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Saturday, April 12, for a special Easter celebration.

Hunting Easter eggs, a magic show and fun family games are just a few activities planned to celebrate the Easter holiday.

The Cultural Center Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 1 p.m. and children will receive a special Easter bag, while supplies last.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center,

located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, is open Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.

The Cultural Center will be closed Sunday, April 20, in observance of Easter.

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

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# Investment in education tops \$10m for FY2014

### FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include 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 February 28, 2014

#### Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$14.27 million for the month and \$70.26 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$10.63 million for the month and \$50.06 million year-to-date.

#### Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through February totaled \$488.7 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$90.36 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

#### Statement of Net Assets

At February 28, 2014, the tribal government funds had \$240.63 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$20.15 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$146.32 million in

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

As of February 28, 2014, tribal opera-

#### Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Five Months Ended February 28, 2014

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
<b>Revenues</b>			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 5,491,268	488,701,132	494,192,400
Total funds available	64,773,248	(64,773,248)	-
	70,264,516	423,927,884	494,192,400
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General government	2,577,661		2,577,661
Legislature	1,151,330		1,151,330
Judiciary	490,687		490,687
Education	10,887,232		10,887,232
Heritage Preservation	6,858,257		6,858,257
Health	7,640,519		7,640,519
Youth Services	1,547,370		1,547,370
Family Services	3,599,854		3,599,854
Nutrition Programs	2,527,044		2,527,044
Regulatory	4,050,238		4,050,238
Assistance Programs	8,734,700		8,734,700
Gaming expense		283,759,460	283,759,460
Other businesses' expense		114,582,877	114,582,877
Total expenditures	50,064,892	398,342,337	448,407,229
Increase in net assets	20,199,624	25,585,547	45,785,171
Beginning net assets	697,884,311	922,218,076	1,620,102,387
Ending net assets	\$ 718,083,935	947,803,623	1,665,887,558

#### Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets February 28, 2014

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
<b>Cash and Investments</b>	\$ 240,631,803	146,320,947	386,952,750
Receivables	26,863,913	71,628,775	98,492,688
Inventory	62,426	7,932,452	7,994,878
Prepaid expenses		17,732,809	17,732,809
Other Assets		1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets	452,537,841	846,499,739	1,299,037,580
Less payables	(2,012,048)	(143,513,599)	(145,525,647)
Net Assets	\$ 718,083,935	947,803,623	1,665,887,558

Join the Society now and enjoy the many benefits of membership!

# Chickasaw Historical Society celebrates 20th anniversary



The original 1995 Chickasaw Historical Society Board of Directors. Standing, from left, Kelly Lunsford, Wenonah Gunning, Chenena James Roach, Pat Woods and Pauline Brown. Seated, from left, Zane Browning, Betty Kemp and Kennedy Brown.



Chickasaw Historical Society 2014 Board of Directors, from left, Lisa Impson, Pauline Brown, LaDonna Brown, Sue Fish, Mary Hartley and chairman Michael Cornelius. Board members Kennedy Brown, Rose Jefferson and Adam Stafford are not pictured.

Twenty years ago this month, tribal law established the Chickasaw Historical Society. Since its founding April 15, 1994, members of the Chickasaw Historical Society have worked toward a common goal of preserving, revitalizing and sharing Chickasaw history and culture.

Many of those visionary early projects, such as language, art and history preservation and revitalization, have now evolved into far-reaching tribal programs and services.

In celebration of its 20-year anniversary, the Society is launching new projects, including transforming its publication "the Chickasaw Journal" into a glossy, full-color magazine format "Ishtunowa" (story).

Published bi-annually and mailed to CHS members, "Ishtunowa" the Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture will include two scholarly articles in each issue, a "Do You Know?" photograph section, a Chickasaw lan-

guage feature, an oral history section, a recipe section and an artist feature. The new Ofi' Tohbi' literary review with both fiction and non-fiction creative writings from Chickasaws across the country will also be included.

Chickasaw Historical Society board members include chairman Michael Cornelius, Mary Hartley, Lisa Impson, Pauline Brown, Kennedy Brown, Adam Stafford, Rose Jefferson, Sue Fish and Ladonna Brown.

The group is excited to mark the 20th anniversary and has planned several events and programs to broaden awareness of the Chickasaw Historical Society, vice chairman Lisa Impson said.

"We have partnered with the Chickasaw Cultural Center and the Chickasaw Press" she said. "Chickasaw Historical Society members will receive free admission to the Chickasaw Cultural Center and 10 percent off café and gift shop items, and 10 percent off Chickasaw Press retail

items."

In addition to receiving "Ishtunowa," a copy of "Iksaachi," an award-winning booklet featuring Chickasaw artists, is also included in some membership levels. "Iksaachi," is a Chickasaw word meaning "to make, fix or develop"

Membership to the Chickasaw Historical Society is open to everyone, from students to corporate patrons.

**Chickasaw Historical Society membership levels include:**

**Student:** \$15 per year. Receives Ishtunowa, T-shirt, email updates on new journals and events, free admission to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, 10 percent off café and gift shop items, 10 percent off Chickasaw Press retail items.

**Regular Member:** \$25 per year. Receives Ishtunowa, T-shirt, email updates on new journals and events, free admission to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, 10 percent off Chickasaw Cultural Center café and gift shop items, 10 percent off Chickasaw Press retail items.

**Patron:** \$55 per year. Receives Ishtunowa, T-shirt, copy of Iksaachi, email updates on new journals and events, free admission to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, 10 percent off café and gift shop items, 10 percent off Chickasaw Press retail items.

**Corporate:** \$105 per year. Receives Ishtunowa, T-shirt, email updates on new journals and events, copy of Iksaachi, free engraved brick from CHS memorial brick program, free admission to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, 10 percent off Chickasaw Cultural Center café and gift shop items, 10 percent off Chickasaw Press retail items.

**Corporate Patron:** \$355 per year. Receives Ishtunowa, T-shirt, email updates on new journals and events, copy of Iksaachi,

free engraved brick, most recent set of The Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture in beautiful hardback binding with gold lettering on the spine, free admission to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, 10 percent off Chickasaw Cultural Center café and gift shop items, 10 percent off Chickasaw Press retail items.

Those renewing memberships will also receive a special gift.

The 2014 Chickasaw Historical Society vision statement is: "The Chickasaw Historical Society promotes, preserves, and protects Chickasaw culture and heritage by encouraging cultural involvement and historical awareness. Our desire is to inspire new generations to keep the fires of our history and culture burning by sharing our dynamic culture with the world."

Chickasaw Historical Society members will be on-hand at several upcoming events to celebrate the 20th anniversary, including:

The Chickasaw Press Spring Book Sale, April 23-24 at the Chickasaw Press, 1500 Hoppe Blvd., Suite 1, Ada, Okla. (580) 436.7282

Chickasaw/Choctaw Hymns, Saturday, April 26, Chickasaw Cultural Center.

The Society is sponsoring a Horseshoe and Washer Tournament at Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion), Kullihoma; Saturday, May 17. Activities begin at 10 a.m.

The Society will also have a booth at the ART-esian Arts Market, Saturday, May 24, in Sulphur.

Other projects initiated by the Society will be continued, including the memorial brick project. Bricks are purchased in memory or in honor of individuals and placed at the Chickasaw White House, Seeley Chapel or Chickasaw Capitol.

Plans are also underway to re-

print Vinnie Humes' children's picture book "Chikasha Holisso Holba."

The Chickasaw Historical Society also sponsors "Holissochi" (to write) Creative Writing Contest for Chickasaw youth. Contestants must submit an original work of 1,000 words or less on the topic such as: "How Chickasaw traditions influenced my life and values." Winners are announced during the annual Arts and Cultural awards.

The Chickasaw Historical Society has also established a Memorial Fund to honor the memory of the late Vinnie May (Sadie) Humes. Mrs. Humes and her husband, the Reverend Jess Humes, compiled a Chickasaw dictionary that was printed in 1972. For her educational contributions, Mrs. Humes was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 1991.

The Chickasaw Historical Society accepts contributions to the Vinnie May (Sadie) Humes Memorial Fund. These funds contribute to furthering Chickasaw language projects.

Kennedy Brown was a member of the Chickasaw cultural committee, which was a forerunner of the Chickasaw Historical Society and serves as one of the original Society board members.

Pauline Brown is also a current board member who was on the original board. Other original Chickasaw Historical Society board members include: Betty Kemp, Zane Browning, Pat Woods, Chenena Roach and Kelly Lunsford. Ms. Wenonah Gunning was added to the board Oct. 1, 1995.

For more information about the Chickasaw Historical Society, call Marissa Moore at (580) 436.7282, or by email at [CHS@chickasaw.net](mailto:CHS@chickasaw.net).

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ON THE COVER: Eijah DeJesus poses for a publicity still for the Chickasaw Nation and Media 13 production Pearl, released in 2010. CHICKASAW NATION

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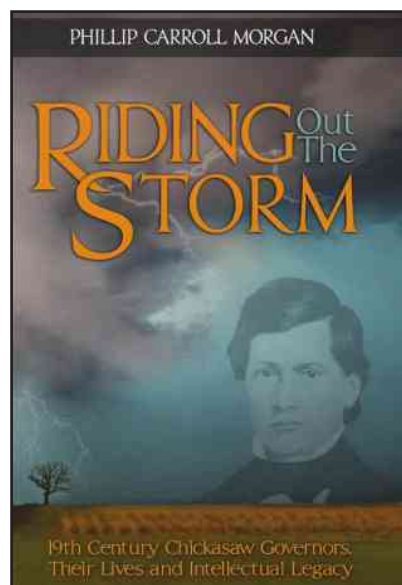
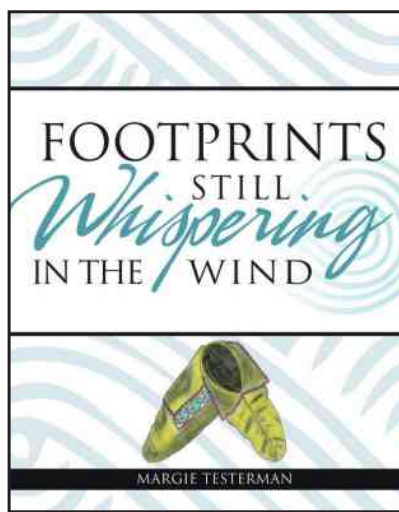
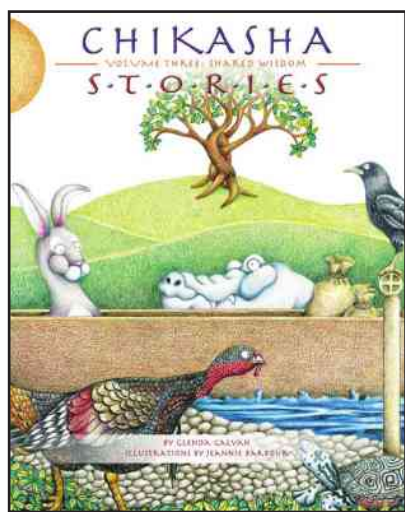
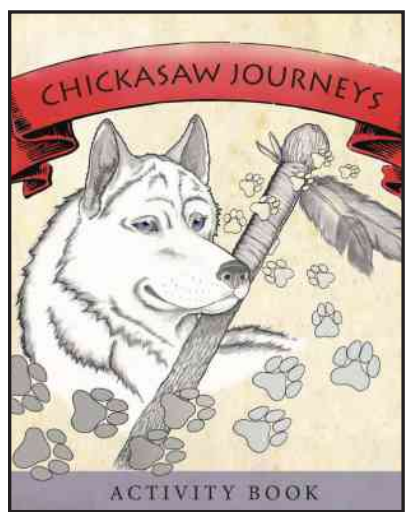


The 2014 Programs & Services and Services @Large directories are now available for download at [Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory](http://Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory). Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Programs & Services and Services @Large directories contain information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

'Chickasaw Journeys' is unique, fun activity book for young Chickasaw readers

## Tribe's White Dog Press offers alternative publishing outlet



ADA, Okla. - Ofi' Tohbi', the legendary white dog who protected the Chickasaw people while they searched for a homeland centuries ago, is back on the job with some new orders.

This time, he's breaking a trail for children on an educational excursion through Chickasaw Country, and posing as the symbol for the Chickasaw Nation's new creative literary venture.

"Development of White Dog Press marks a major milestone in the history of the Chickasaw Press," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Including fiction, poetry, oral stories and illustrations in these publications offers authors and artists a greater opportunity to convey all aspects of the history and culture of the Chickasaw people."

*Chickasaw Journeys*, an activities book aimed at youngsters, is hot off White Dog Press, a new imprint under Chickasaw Press.



Children and even Wiley Barnes

parents will learn a thing or two from the book, said Chickasaw Press Director Wiley Barnes.

With winter showing signs of exhaustion, *Chickasaw Journeys* offers a guide for spring and summer exploration at four cultural destinations special to Chickasaw people, and takes children of all ages on an educational adventure through Chickasaw Country.

The book includes questions, mazes, word games and more activities, all based on Chickasaw history, language and culture, for kids to complete during trips to the Chickasaw Council House, the Chickasaw Historic Capitol, the Chickasaw White House and the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Barnes said. Ofi' Tohbi' can also be found at the destinations.

Each reader who completes the puzzles and tasks during visits to the four destinations will receive a commemorative oksop (bead) and a stamp to fill in blanks in the book. Each participant who completes his or her book will become an official member of

the Ofi' Tohbi' Club, earning a commemorative patch and a collector's coin.

*Chickasaw Journeys* is available for purchase at:

Chickasaw Council House, 209 N. Fisher, Tishomingo, Okla.

Chickasaw Historic Capitol, 411 W. Ninth St., Tishomingo, Okla.

Chickasaw White House, 6379 E. Mansion Road, Milburn, Okla.

Chickasaw Press, 1500 Hoppe Blvd, Suite 1, Ada Okla.

Chickasaw Arts and Humanities, 201 N. Broadway, Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive, Sulphur, Okla.

*Chickasaw Journeys* is the second publication by White Dog Press, which debuted in 2013 as an outlet for Chickasaw fiction, poetry and other creative works.

Mr. Barnes said the Chickasaw Press was started in 2006 to produce scholarly and academic works based on Chickasaw history and culture, written from a Chickasaw perspective. It has published many such books and continues to do so.

sion. We could start a new imprint for fiction, poetry and other genres," he said.

White Dog Press, Mr. Barnes said, "opens doors of opportunity for writers. We get a lot of submissions and proposals that we didn't have an outlet for in the past because they weren't a fit for Chickasaw Press."

The first book to appear under the White Dog Press imprint was *Footsteps Still Whispering in the Wind*, a collection of poems written by Chickasaw elder Margie Testerman and illustrated by 18 young Chickasaw artists. The book debuted last year.

This year, besides *Chickasaw Journeys*, Mr. Barnes said, Chickasaw Press senior staff writer Phillip Carroll Morgan has produced a can't-put-it-down, page-turner of a historical fiction novel set 140 years before the first documented encounter between Chickasaws and Europeans. Morgan's novel is scheduled for release in the fall.

Other adventures await Chickasaw Press, such as a new website complete with an online store.

In the past, book buyers either wrote the Press and requested books, or picked up copies where available. One also could go to the Press's website, but when it came time to buy a book, patrons were redirected to the University of Oklahoma Press's e-commerce site.

The Press also looks forward to April and May, the awards season for books. Chickasaw Press has earned 16 awards for the 25 books it has published, and has entered titles in several competitions this year.

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Part detective, part caretaker

## Tribal Homeland Affairs oversees protection of sites



LaDonna Brown, Historic Preservation Officer and Kirk Perry, Executive Officer of Historic Preservation, deliver a presentation during the 2012 Chickasaw Nation Elders Conference.

As part of Chickasaw Nation Historic Preservation, the mission of the Department of Homeland Affairs is to promote, preserve and protect Chickasaw culture and historic places in Oklahoma and the aboriginal homelands in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

Homeland Affairs staff are the contact point for hundreds of consultations required between the tribe and outside organizations as mandated under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and other federal laws.

LaDonna Brown has been a historic preservation officer with the department since 2011. Ms. Brown and the Homeland Affairs staff often address cultural and historical issues that require them to be part detective and part caretaker. Outside organizations, often federal agencies, contact Homeland Affairs to help evaluate the impact a project may have on a known archaeological

or historical site. Based on detailed maps of the homelands, staff can determine if an area is culturally significant to Chickasaws. This process is known as a Section 106 review.

According to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's website, a Section 106 review requires federal agencies to consider the effects of projects they carry out, approve or fund on historic properties. Agencies consult with tribal historic preservation officers during this process when historic properties of religious and cultural significance may be affected.

Ms. Brown explained that having Chickasaws on staff gives them a unique and personal perspective. The areas and items discovered during reviews have a special relevance and resonance to homeland affairs since they once belonged to ancient Chickasaw ancestors.

"Once you've been in this field you become very passionate," Ms. Brown said. "What happens is

that you see the items as something very emotional."

The department also employs a full-time cultural resources specialist. Dr. Brad Lieb is a trained anthropologist and archeologist who lives and works in the Chickasaw homelands. Dr. Lieb serves as the on-site researcher and lecturer for the department.

The Homeland Affairs department also serves as educators who promote cultural outreach efforts and educate people about Chickasaw culture. Department employees teach historic and cultural classes to Chickasaw and outside audiences and present papers based on their work at academic and trade conferences.

"Recreating the pre-contact Chickasaw world view is a goal of the Chickasaw Nation," Dr. Lieb said. "The greatest part of my job is seeing Chickasaws reconnect with their homeland at a deep level."

"When I do my presentations, I talk about our civilization and how advanced we were in the pre-historic era and how today we're not any different from those people regarding how they understood social and political organizations," Ms. Brown said.

The Department of Homeland Affairs also works closely with the Chickasaw Nation staff responsible for the management and operation of the private Chickasaw Preserve (Chissal Tallal) in Lee County, Mississippi. The Chickasaw Nation manages part of the historic 1730s village where Chickasaw ancestors once lived.

Managed under the concept of conservation archaeology, the land, cultural resources and plants receive special protection. The preserve currently serves as a retreat for Chickasaws. Plans are currently underway to create an education and interpretative center for Chickasaw citizens and the general public.

For more information about the Department of Homeland Affairs and Historic Preservation, call (580) 559-0825 or visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net).

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## Cross-deputation signed



Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police Chief Randy Wesley, left, and Pauls Valley Police Chief Mitch McGill recently signed a cross-deputation agreement that allows officers of both agencies authority to operate within the jurisdiction of the other agency. Cross-deputation agreements are designed to eliminate jurisdictional issues which can sometimes hinder law enforcement in Oklahoma. A uniform cross-deputation agreement created and signed by state and tribal leaders in 2005 provides a framework to enable all law enforcement officers in the state to make lawful arrests inside and outside Indian Country within the state of Oklahoma. While the agreement applies to all law enforcement agencies in the state, special law enforcement commissions must be issued before law enforcement officers are authorized to take action in the jurisdiction of another agency.

## Samantha Perry first in art competition



Young Chickasaw artist Samantha Perry wins the "Tooter Arrington Memorial Award" (Best of Show) for her beaded collar at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum student art show. Samantha also placed first in the painting/drawing and cultural arts categories.

# Chickasaw Nation court system a perfect venue for many filings



**CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON**

Chief Justice  
Supreme  
Court

CHOKMA, CHINCHOKMA means "Hello, How are you?" The Judicial Department is doing very well. One of the many questions that is asked of me as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is, "Can I file in your court?" My answer is usually a question to them. Are you Native American? If the answer is, "yes" then I ask another question. Sometimes legal issues are not always cut and dry. Then we need to find out if we handle your type of legal issue and if you live within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. If you can answer all these questions with a "yes" then it is very likely you can file in our court system. At least one of the parties must be Native American in any action.

The Judicial Department is comprised of a District Court, Peacemaking Court and the Supreme Court. The District Court hears cases involving adoption, guardianship, civil, divorce, and protective orders, name change, juvenile, Foreign Service, criminal, paternity and child support. Many times citizens want to file a probate in our court system and we do not handle probate issues. Oklahoma Indian Legal Services is a wonderful organization who can help answer many probate questions. To contact them call: 1-405-943-6457 or toll free (in state only) 1-800-658-1497.

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial System is very unique in that we are a pro se court but we also have court advocates available to assist you in filing your paperwork, provide directions on service of the papers, provide information on presenting evidence to state your case to the Court, prepare orders or final decrees necessary to finalize the matter and the legal process in the Chickasaw Nation. Pro se means advocating on one's own behalf before a court, rather than being represented by a lawyer. The Court Advocate does not represent you, go to Court with any party or provide legal advice, but will advise you how to proceed with your legal question. One thing is important to provide truthful and complete information to the advocates and you the party can present your case to the Judge.

If you are interested in filing an action in our court system, please contact the District Court Clerk's Office at (580) 235-0279. You can always access the Chickasaw Nation Code at Chickasaw.net and then go to the Judicial Department webpage; the link to the Code is there for you to view the current laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

**District News: February 2014 Court Statistics**

- 53 New court cases filed
- 139 cases Heard in court
- 78 citizens were assisted by the court advocates

The District Court is currently looking for licensed attorneys in good standing admitted to the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association interested in court appointed work to assist our citizens. Please contact Wayne Joplin, District Court Clerk, (580) 235-0279, if interested.

The Judicial Department participated in CPR training for the court staff which was held at the Judicial Department on March 13, 2014. All the Court staff passed and received recertification. Congratulations on completing the CPR course. CPR is very important and can save lives. We appreciate instructor and member of Johnston County EMS, Kenneth Power, for accommodating us by coming to our facility to teach the class.

The Judicial Department will have a booth to support Child Abuse Prevention Month at the 13th Annual Children's Fair. Please come by our booth and say hello. We all are so excited to help support Child Abuse Prevention, an important cause to all in Indian Country. The 13th Annual Children's Fair will be Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair takes place in the big red barn at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada. The Children's Fair will have information regarding child abuse and neglect prevention, community organizations' information and various activities for children and families. There will be rides, games, food, petting farm, community

## Peacemaking Conference April 23-24 in Sulphur



**BARBARA ANNE SMITH**

Justice  
Supreme Court

The Tribal Judicial Institute of the University of North Dakota, with a grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and the bureau of Justice Assistance, in collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation, Fox Valley Technical College, National Judicial College and Native American Rights Fund will be hosting "No Justice Without Peace: Third Biennial Gathering of Peacemakers" at the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Oklahoma on April 23-24, 2014. This conference will introduce participants to indigenous justice methodologies and examples of how such methodologies are being incorporated into tribal justice systems.

The Supreme Court of the Chickasaw Nation invites those of you who are interested in learning about Peacemaking to come and join the conference and festivities as we welcome others to the Chickasaw Nation to celebrate bringing peace to our communities.

If you are joining us, please register by calling Tamara Dresser at the District Court at (580) 235-0279. There is no registration fee. However, we would like to know how many are coming from the Nation. Tamara will provide you the Registration Form.

Lodging will be on your own. The conference rate at the Artesian is \$83.00/night plus taxes and fees. The conference rate is available through April 11, 2014 at the Artesian.

Peace to All  
Hope to see you there!  
Barbara Anne Smith  
Supreme Court Justice  
Chickasaw Nation

helpers (fire, police, etc.) and entertainment. This event is free and open to the community. For more information please contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 310-7993 or email, Deanna.carpitche@chickasaw.net.

The Judicial Department will be closed on April 18, 2014. The Supreme Court Clerks and the District Court Clerks and Deputies will be attending clerk training on April 17 and 18 at Riverwind in Norman, Oklahoma conducted by Southern Plains Region. The Judicial Department is very proud to acknowledge the importance of keeping our clerks certified in court clerk training in Indian Country. The clerks keep and maintain the files of the judicial department and take the responsibility with great pride in preserving court records.

"Minti cha anchokkaalaa" which is "Come and visit" our Judicial Department building. We are pleased to be celebrating four years in our court building which houses both the District Court and the Supreme Court. The District Court currently has court on Tuesday and Thursdays of each week. We are proud to display only Chickasaw Artists' work throughout the building. We are very excited about Professor Christine Pappas' Political Science and Legal Studies class from ECU coming to visit the Supreme Court. The class will discuss tribal court systems with the justices on April 9 at 10:15 a.m. and will tour the Judicial Department Building. Any citizen interested in the court system and a tour of the court please contact Connie Tillery, Supreme Court Clerk, (580) 235-0281.

**YAAKNI' INAALHPISAAT CHOKMA**, Chickasaw Nation court camp is scheduled for July 24 and 25, 2014; this is a two (2) day camp from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day. One of our goals is to expose the camp students to the tribal court system in Indian Country. We hope our camp will influence the students to continue their education and to possibly pursue a job in the court system. We are now accepting applications for our camp. Application deadlines are fast approaching, with the final day of acceptance being June 15, 2014. We are also looking for ten (10) volunteers to assist with the group during the camp days, any Chickasaw employee working toward IDP can call Connie Tillery, (580) 235-0281 to volunteer and receive IDP credit. For more information or to obtain an application, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620. Additional information is available at [www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps](http://www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps). Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online or contact Connie Tillery, Supreme Court Clerk, at (580) 235-0281.

The Federal Bar Indian Law Conference will be held on April 9-10, 2014 in Albuquerque, N.M. District Judge Dustin Rowe and court advocate Kymberly Cravatt will attend to represent the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department.

## Sexual abuse awareness event set for April 12

ADA, Okla. - Portraits of two children are prominently displayed in her pleasantly appointed office at the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services building.

But Janie Tingle's profession is anything but pleasant. She works with colleague Joy Burris, whose job is not pleasant, either. Ms. Tingle is a violence prevention manager within the department. Ms. Burris an advocate for victims of sexual abuse.

Despite what they do for a living, both smile and laugh easily. Each brings a success story that inspires them. It may well be those success stories that help both women stay focused as they toil away offering much needed encouragement and helpful services to any and all victims of sexual abuse.

They are excited about April 12 because on that day hundreds of people will gather at Wintersmith Park to show solidarity and support to Stomp Out Sexual Assault. Last year, 400 people walked in support of the cause and, despite the difficulty of the issue, enjoyed the day with family, friends and co-workers who joined in the effort to raise awareness of sexual assault.

Statistics are grim. One in three Native American women will experience sexual abuse. Nationally, the figure is one in four. Unfortunately, Oklahoma is ranked in the top 10 nationally in domestic abuse, which many times is a precursor to sexual assault.

"I think many factors play into it," Ms. Tingle said. "Drug additions, alcohol addictions, poverty, limited education. Oklahoma ranks near the bottom of the nation in education and that plays a role."

While visions of trailer parks and rusty pickup trucks and neglected animals may spring to mind, both women dispel that image immediately. Sexual abuse and domestic violence crosses all socioeconomic lines. Homes of highly-successful professionals, pillars of the community or the soft-spoken neighbor next door are not immune.

Environment also contributes. Ms. Burris said statistics showed if a child grows up in an abusive household - be it domestic or sexual - that child is 25 percent more likely to continue that behavior into adulthood.

A host of services are available to all victims through the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Services.

Counseling is available, as is transportation and career development. If a victim wishes to change her life, help is available to get them back into school and even find a job. Legal advocacy is accorded victims from the initial incident all the way through court proceedings if the victim desires it.

The Nation partners with many agencies within its 13-county tribal territory to assist victims. In Ada and Pontotoc County, those include the Family Crisis Center, East Central University, law enforcement and prosecutors. The only service reserved exclusively for Native American

### Stomp Out Sexual Assault

**WHEN:** April 12 beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Wintersmith Park in Ada on 18th Street.

**WHAT:** Stomp Out Sexual Violence awareness walk and support. Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Family Services Jay Keel will speak as well as Pontotoc County Assistant District Attorney James Tillison. Chickasaw Nation Princesses will perform the Lord's Prayer in sign language. The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard will present the colors and the Nation's dance troupe also will offer demonstrations of stomp dance. The Chickasaw Martial Arts program will offer tips and illustrate defensive tactics one may use beginning at 9 a.m. April 12. The martial artists will present a formal presentation of defensive actions at 12:30 following the walk. Chickasaw Wellness Center officials will be offering stretching routines and pre-walk warm-ups. Hotdogs will be given out and so will T-shirts. Children attending will be allowed to enjoy the Kiwanis

department.

The Chickasaw Nation Bar Association continuing legal education seminar is now scheduled for June 27, 2014, at the Artesian Hotel, Sulphur, Oklahoma to begin at 8:00 a.m. This seminar will be 1/2 day seminar to include CLE credit and ethics. Please mark your calendar now to attend and contact Ginger Sanders, District Court Clerk Deputy, (580) 235-0279 for registration. To date, the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association membership has grown to over 450 members. These members are all able to practice in our courts. Contact information for our Bar Association members is listed at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net) on the judicial page click Bar Association.

As many of you know, I have lived my entire life in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma. I am so very honored to be also raising my children in Sulphur. I can personally say that Murray County has grown by leaps and bounds since I was a child. Murray County has 7 attractions now and I am proud to say that the attractions are right in my backyard. You can take a drive on Highway 7 and go visit Bedre's Chocolate factory, Treasure Valley, The Cultural Center and watch a movie on Saturday night for a great deal with your family, Artesian Gallery and Studios, the Visitor Center, go for a drive to the beautiful Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, then visit the Artesian Hotel and stay the night. I would like to encourage everyone to visit the Chickasaw Nation's beautiful facilities and enjoy the culture and services our great Nation has provided.

My great uncle Wiley Seeley is a full blood Chickasaw, 90 years of age and going strong. He currently lives in Dallas, Texas, loves to come to Sulphur and stay at the Artesian Hotel and visit the warm water in the "pool" as he calls it. He has told me that the water gives him strength and makes him feel strong. His Wife, Connie, loves Sulphur too. She gets all excited when Wiley wants to go to Oklahoma and visit. Everyone in town is so friendly and being closer to his Chickasaw family means everything to the both of them. The expansion of our area it has made a difference in my life by allowing me the opportunity to be closer to my great uncle, Wiley, he is the only surviving child of the Walter Seeley and Mamie Tushkatomb, original enrollees, and the only surviving full blood Chickasaw in our family. I am so grateful to the Chickasaw Nation for providing such wonderful opportunities as the "warm pool" for my dear uncle to visit.

It is my pleasure to report on a successful month of the Judicial Department.

CHIPISALA' CHO ANOWA means "Until I see you again".

Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, please contact me I would love to hear from you (580) 235-0281 or [cheri.bellefeuille-gordon@chickasaw.net](mailto:cheri.bellefeuille-gordon@chickasaw.net).



Chickasaw Nation Violence Prevention Manager Janie Tingle, left, and tribal advocate for sexual assault victims Joy Burris look over a schedule of events for Stomp Out Sexual Assault awareness campaign set for April 12 at Wintersmith Park in Ada.

cans is a SANE test performed at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. SANE is an acronym for sexual assault nurse examiner. It is commonly referred to as a "rape kit" but both Ms. Tingle and Ms. Burris avoid the term. And, surprisingly to some, a SANE test can be administered to either a man or woman. Both sexes can be assaulted.

Sadly, Ms. Tingle and Ms. Burris report sexual assaults are not on the decline. They are unsure if more cases are being reported or if more incidents are occurring, but regardless statistics are static.

Even more disconcerting are the number of attacks that may not be reported.

"Think about it," Ms. Burris said. "They have experienced something that is very, very private. If they report it and follow through to court, the private assault now becomes very, very public."

Ms. Burris is on call "24-7" for any victim needing her assistance and expertise. She may work for the Chickasaw Nation, but she is active at Mercy Hospital Ada, too, when a victim crosses its threshold.

"This will be our sixth year of Stomp Out Sexual Assault. It is a way of communicating we are here to help, along with a lot of other professionals and organizations. I think it makes a difference. I believe we all make a difference," she said.

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Club attractions for free. Parents may choose to have their children fingerprinted by the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Department. Fingerprints help lawmen track down children who go missing.

**TIPS:** Listen to your instincts. If something seems "wrong," listen to yourself and be self-aware.

Park your vehicle in well-lighted parking places at night. Lock your doors.

Don't leave with a stranger.

Keep an eye on your beverage to make sure nobody puts something in it.

Tell friends and family where you are going and how long you will be there. Stay in contact with family and friends.

Remember, if you are a victim of sexual assault, 80 percent of the time you will know the person who assaults you.

Exercise caution always.

## Living a healthy lifestyle, taking care of diet and exercise can effectively control diabetes

**H**ello Everyone, I hope you are enjoying the spring weather. This is the time of year to get outdoors, working in your gardens and flower beds. Taking long walks and enjoying the fresh air. Exercise is a major factor in preventing Diabetes. In March I attended a tribal consultation



**CONNIE BARKER**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

with members of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee and IHS Director Dr. Yvette Roubodeaux.

The purpose of the tribal consultation was to discuss the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. In September 2014, funding for the program will end, and many tribal programs along with it.

At this point, only Congress can keep the programs alive by approving a one year or hopefully a five year continuation of the 150 million dollars allocated to this program. The money is distributed to all federally recognized tribes in the United States, and still it is not enough. Many tribes have to supplement the programs with their own money just to keep the programs alive.

Diabetes is a killer among Native American people, but it is also a disease that can be controlled or prevented. Diet and exercise are the two main contributing factors for avoiding this disease. Just in the last 10 years, in the state of Oklahoma, user population has risen by an additional 50,569 people seeking healthcare for diabetes or diabetes related illnesses. This is why more federal dollars are needed for the SDPI and why continued funding is so important.

So what you can do as an individual is to listen to your healthcare provided, eat healthy and get plenty of exercise.

God bless each of you and take care,  
Connie Barker, Pickens District, Seat 2

## Container gardening at horticultural gardens innovative and productive

**C**hukma! I hope everyone is doing well! Spring has finally arrived and it is time for everyone to start planting. Last year I had the opportunity to tour the Chickasaw Nation Horticultural Gardens in Ada. I was pleasantly amazed by their operation. The facility has plants grown with traditional gardens, aquaculture, hydroponics, and some are grown organically. The container gardening was a very interesting way to grow plants in plastic tubs.



**SCOTT WOOD**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

One of the department employees stated these gardens in containers are like a "Modern Day Mound Garden". The large containers are tubs used as mineral feeders for cows or horses. These large tubs have a large 15 gallon landscape pot placed inside with a couple of bricks separating them at the bottom. A hole is drilled in the large tub at the same height as the bricks. This allows only a certain amount of water to remain in the larger container. The small container is layered with cloth that is pulled through the holes in the bottom. The small container is then filled with mulch and potting soil then is ready for planting. The cloth absorbs water from the larger container, providing water

to the root system. These containers will only require watering a few times during the summer, thus saving on expensive water bills. Space is not an issue for plants in the containers. The Horticultural Gardens had tomatoes, peppers, and cilantro growing together in one container. In the picture below there are chives, lettuce, collards, kale, and parsley grown all in one container. What was amazing was that all of these plants grew well in proximity together. What is great about this set up is that you can have your own garden no matter where you live. Give the Chickasaw Nation Horticultural Department a call at (580) 559-0888 and they can instruct you on how to start your own container garden at home.



I recently attended the Albuquerque council in New Mexico. This is a great council with lots of energy! My wife and I had a wonderful time meeting all the council members and their families. We met some wonderful Chickasaws with family ties to Oklahoma. It is interesting in these out of state councils, how many people you know with family members in Oklahoma that know yours. It is truly a small world. The potluck dinner was wonderful! Rita Yepa made a dish with green chiles that was delicious. I love anything with green chiles in it and if you go to New Mexico almost everywhere has green chiles on the menu. New Mexico is one of our favorite places to visit. My wife and I were married in Santa Fe, New Mexico and I also hunt mule deer and elk there every year. It is an enchanting place to visit and live. If you ever get a chance attend this council, they will make you feel right at home.

Feel free to contact me anytime for any concerns, questions or needs.  
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## Chickasaw needlepoint art continues to grace childhood home after 41 years

**M**arch was a good month. That time change was a bit rough but we're slowly adjusting. We did get our first glimpse of what spring will be like. That was nice and it makes me eager for the beautiful weather and great sunshine. Recently, my family and I visited my mom, Mrs. June Leake. She still lives in the family home where my siblings and I grew up and graduated high school. My parents decided to leave the north Dallas area in the summer of 1972. We moved from living in a cozy neighborhood to the country. Being the youngest, I got the best of that deal.

We only had one TV channel and it didn't tune in very clear! That first summer, I fell in love with reading and my favorite book was Charlotte's Web. Like Fern, I spent a lot of time watching our pigs, geese, chickens and garden spiders. Country life was great for me!

Aunt Mary (my dad's sister) and her daughter-in-law, Alyce gave Mom two very special housewarming gifts. A pillow with the Chickasaw Seal on it and a framed copy of The Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation also done in needlepoint and mounted under glass. The entire background around the Seal was done in a rich green needlepoint as well. This special gift was placed in the front entry

hall of our home in 1973. As I opened the front door yesterday, I noticed the picture and stopped to take a closer look at it. It didn't seem to be as large as I remembered or hang as high in the front hallway as when I was a child. Mom didn't let us get too close to it. We were taught to "look but don't touch" it was a special gift. Here it is, forty-one years later and it still looks as good as the day it was given to my mother.

Aunt Mary and cousin Alyce gave my mom more than a pretty needlepoint pillow and picture. They gave her a lasting memento of her heritage and another excellent way to share that legacy with her children and grandchildren. I can't wait to share with my granddaughter, Ever Grace, the family history behind the needle point pillow and framed picture and the Tribal history of our people.

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children.....  
Proverbs 13:22  
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Needlepoint that hangs in the entry hall where I grew up.



## Research into family's allotted lands becomes marathon of information

**H**ello Everybody, In last month's article, I shared the latest on my quest to discover how much land and the location of all the land that was distributed to my grandpa through the Dawes Commission. I was excited then and I am still excited now.



**KATIE CASE**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The quest, however, has become more of a journey. It is more like a marathon than it is like a sprint. In the beginning the quest was more about the possibility of reclaiming family land. Now, the quest has become a mission to discover and understand more about my family's past through study of the land ownership so that I can know it and share it with my kids and grandchildren.

Because I know that understanding family history creates strong family bonds, and strong family bonds are building blocks for successful lives, I am committed to understanding and sharing as much family history as possible.

So...we ended last month's article with my cousin Sim's discovery of a sixth parcel of land being allotted to my grandpa. It was a five-acre plot that was near but not attached to the other parcels. According to Sim, land was allotted in this way to allow for the ability to sell some land without affecting the homestead.

Then as I studied the map from "The Big Book" I found an additional 10-acre parcel allotted to Intolubby.

The discoveries of the 6th and 7th parcels make for a total of three parcels previously unknown to me. The discovery of the three unknown parcels reminds me of a mysterious, anonymous, hand written note left on my mother's front door in the late 1970's. The note simply read, "There is a deed for land supposedly signed by your dad, but he was only 9 years old when the deed was signed."

At the time we could not make sense of the note. We didn't know how a nine-year old could legally sign away land. We didn't know who left the note. We didn't know what land the note referenced. At the time, we only know of four parcels being allotted to grandpa.

So now, I am thinking that the note was referring to one of these newly discovered parcels, or even to another parcel yet to be discovered. Sim says that the total known allotted acreage does not equate to the total that should have been allotted to Intolubby.

So...the journey continues, and it may or may not end in recovered family land. But, the effort is well worth the information gained about our family history. I will be stronger for the family knowledge gained, and I will share it with my kids and grandchildren to create strong family bonds.

Mama often said, "How do you know where you're going if you don't know where you come from?"

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## Young Chickasaw have great opportunities for fun, growth during tribe's summer camps

**C**hukma!  
Greetings from the Tishomingo District! Spring has sprung and the month of April brings thoughts of the upcoming summer break for most school-age students.

Chickasaw youth have several opportunities while school is not in session. One option is to attend a vast selection of Chickasaw camps, academies and clinics. These activities provide our youth an excellent opportunity to explore topics such as science, the arts, Chickasaw language and culture and sports during their break from studies.

Our young people can select from camps and academies which focus on many different areas including sports camps - golf, football, tennis, basketball, stickball, marksmanship and cheerleading.

Unique camps such as Environmental Camp introduce our youth to important concepts such as recycling and conservation.

Court camp gives our young people a new understanding of our tribal courts and laws and teaches lessons on the importance of self-determination and sovereignty.

Chickasaw Nation Air and Space Academy allow youth to explore new possibilities in space, aviation and even introduces them to complex concepts such as physics.

Family Immersion Camp gives the entire family a week full of Chickasaw culture and language.

Golf, cheerleading, football, basketball and tennis camp stress the importance of goal setting, determination, respect and teamwork which are important values our young people can carry into adulthood.

The Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy allows Chickasaw youth to explore and experience many art forms, from dance to writing, theatre to visual arts.

Young people are the future leaders in both the Chickasaw Nation and in our world. Through these camps the Chickasaw Nation can prepare our youth for all types of life events.

The Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth and Internship programs are also beneficial programs designed to benefit our youth. Young people spend the summer gaining real-world work experience and learn the virtues of dependability and commitment by participating in these programs.

By providing important programs such as Camps and Academies, the Summer Youth program and the Internship program, Chickasaw students of all ages are able to apply what they learn during the summer months when they return to school and retain these values as they step into the future.

Values such as discipline, respect, in and out of the classroom, and hard work can translate to academic excellence and lead to brighter futures for our youth.

By laying the foundation of opportunity for our youth we strengthen the Chickasaw Nation's future and enhance the overall quality of life of all Chickasaw people, and have more Chickasaws carry the mantle of Chickasaw excellence in their everyday lives.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

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

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## Apply now for upcoming Chickasaw Nation summer camps for youth

**S**pring is a season of renewal. It is nature's way of throwing a party, with soft breezes (sometimes gusty in Oklahoma!), rain and sprouting new flowers. The sun shines a little brighter, longer and warmer. It awakens us from winter. With our energy renewed, it's time to leave the indoors behind and find activities for the great outdoors!

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is a great place to start. Join a game of Stickball, eat a bowl of pashofa, or watch a movie on the big screen on Saturday nights. You can find a schedule of events online at chickasawculturalcenter.com.

Some of our very popular outdoor offerings are youth camps. The deadline for several of the camps is April 15 to sign up now! These camps include Camp Survivor, Environmental Camp, Golf Camp, Tennis Clinic, FCA XTreme Camp, Champions Football Clinic, Cheer Clinic, Basketball Camp and many more. Visit our website at Chickasaw.net for the application and deadlines.

But those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow

weak.  
~Isaiah 40:31



**TIM COLBERT**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

## Springtime brings more great opportunities to plant, share heritage, even fly a kite!

**C**hukma, Chinchukma, Hello, how are you? I've been to my first Wild Onion dinner this year, so I can say that Spring has finally arrived.

I know some parts of the country are still digging out of the snow, but here in the Chickasaw Nation, the daffodils are blooming and trees are beginning to bud out their leaves.

One of the most popular events for the ladies at this time of year is the Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum. This year the Conference will be on Thursday, April 17 at the beautiful Artesian Hotel and Spa in Sulphur, Okla. Chickasaw women from across the Nation gather to share their expertise and success stories with each other.

Some of this year's sessions will be "Lessons Through the Lens" by Kristina Kirtley, who is the Project Coordinator with International Cinema Education in New York, NY, and "Beautiful Life, Beautiful Art" by Brenda Kingery, well-known Chickasaw artist. There will also be sessions on "Financial and Retirement Planning" by Tracie Tuck Davis, and "Physically Active and Healthy Lifestyles" by Nikki Lowe.

Shannon Speed, the Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of 2013, will give the keynote address. A panel of dynamic Chickasaw women will share their own secrets of success, as well as a panel of young Chickasaw women, during a session entitled "The Next Generation".

These panel discussions will be followed by the "Art of the Chickasaw Woman" Art Show in the beautiful new ARTesian Gallery & Studios, which is across the street from the Artesian Hotel.

The Forum will be in the Anoli Theatre at the Chickasaw Cultural Center beginning at 6 p.m. with a reception, where we will hear from another panel of successful Chickasaw women from a broad range of fields.

The Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum has a tradition of being one of the most popular and successful events of the year. I hope you ladies will make plans now to attend.

For more information, you may call (580)272-5520. Hope to see you there. Don't forget to let me know if I can help you in anyway.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,  
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**NANCY ELLIOTT**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

## Join the Chickasaw Historical Society now and begin your journey into our unique past!

**H**ello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. March brought us some much needed rain, but also a late winter storm with ice. Hopefully, winter is over and we warm up for Spring. It's time for gardening and planting flowers.

Several Legislators attended Community Council meetings in Newcastle and Oklahoma City. We enjoyed the meetings and the company as usual.

This month I would like to remind you of the great benefits of joining the Chickasaw Historical Society. The per-year costs are \$25 for regular membership; \$15 for students; \$55 for Patron level; \$105 for Corporate level and \$355 for Corporate Patron level. Each level has corresponding benefits which include, for a regular member, Ishtunowa twice a year (the historical journal); T-shirt; email updates on new journals and events; free admission to the Chickasaw Cultural Center; 10% off at the Cultural Center café and gift shop items and 10% off Chickasaw Press retail items.

For those of you already familiar with the historical journal, it has been taken under the wing of Chickasaw Press. It has been redesigned as Ishtunowa: The Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture. It will now be published in an 8"x10" full color magazine style layout. I'm very excited to receive my first copy of Ishtunowa!

I hope that you will consider joining the Chickasaw Historical Society for no other reason than receiving the Ishtunowa. The journal contains stories about Chickasaw people and history - stories that have been submitted by individuals who wish their families to be remembered. They contain much information that needs to be passed on so it is not forgotten. I have personally co-authored with a cousin the story of my great grandfather Alfred Victor's return after the Civil War. My cousin also submitted a story about two of my cousins named Kennedy who fought in World War II. My grandfather Tom Thomas was sheriff in Pickens County 1869 - 1871 and I am in the process of writing his story.

So, please consider joining the CHS and submitting all your family stories! You can contact the Chickasaw Historical Society at chs@chickasaw.net; P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821; or by calling (580) 310-0847. I will tell you next month about the bricks that are available from the CHS.

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

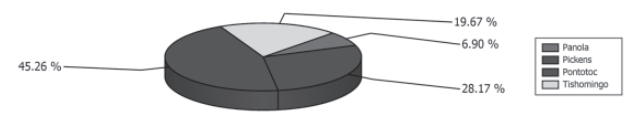


**MARY JO GREEN**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

### Count of Voters by District

Panola	2,049	Pontotoc	13,451
Pickens	8,372	Tishomingo	5,845
		<b>Total</b>	<b>29,717</b>



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Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

# April

## MOVIE SHOWCASE

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BIRTHS



Luke Evan Edwards

Luke Evan Edwards was born 10:15 a.m., February 13, 2014.

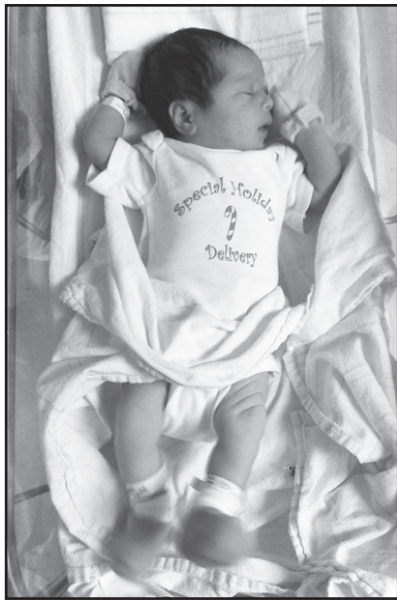
He is the son of Aaron Edwards and Amy Howard, of Norman, Okla.

He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 21 inches at birth.

His great-great-grandmother Mary Howard (Wolfe) is listed on the Dawes Roll, No. 1212, Chickasaw by blood.

Maternal grandparents are Ora Mae and the late Phillip Howard of Norman.

Paternal grandparents are Mark and LaVonna Edwards, of Del City, Okla.



Caroline Renee Henry

Caroline Renee Henry was born at 7:37 p.m., January 1, 2014 at Houston.

She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth.

She is the second daughter of Michael and Marcie Henry, of Cypress, Texas.

She is the second granddaughter of Dennis and Cheryl Thompson, of Newcastle, Okla., and Kenneth and Wei Henry, of Katy, Texas.



Lawson Janel Ream

Lawson Janel Ream was born at 12:32 a.m., February 24, 2014 at Stillwater, Okla.

She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Zac and Charleen Ream, of Alva, Okla.. She has a brother, Zane Ream.

She is the maternal granddaughter of Charles and Belva Rosson, of Willcox, Ariz.

She is the paternal granddaughter of Mark and Wallecia Rem, of Alva.

She is the maternal great-granddaughter of Carolyn Cook, of Willcox and the paternal great-granddaughter of Wallace and Doris Lee Howard, of Woodward, Okla.

BIRTHDAY



From left, Abigail Ogas, Isaac, Sophia Ogas and Jerris Egge.

Sophia turned 10 years old Feb. 4, 2014 and her sister Abigail turned 13 years old Feb. 21, 2014.

They are the daughters of Callie and Mario Ogas, of Hanover, N.M.

Their cousin Jerris Egge, of Ada, Okla., turned 23 years old March 21, 2014.

Sophia has a unique gift of loving animals. Abigail is an ex-

ceptional artist and Jerris is an outstanding young land. We are proud of each girl.

They are the granddaughters of Walter and Valla Egge, of Hurley, N.M.

The girls are descendants of original enrollee Shug Johnson Jack and son Walter Jack.



Maverick Lane Elcyzyn

Maverick Lane Elcyzyn was born January 24, 2014 at Integris Baptist Medical Center, Oklahoma City.

He weighed 9 lbs, 14 oz. and measured 22.5 inches at birth.

He is the son of Gerald and Tiffany Elcyzyn, of Newcastle, Okla. He has one very proud big brother, Ayden Elcyzyn.

He is the grandson of Gerald and Melana Elcyzyn and Danny and Debbie Love. He is the great-grandson of Oretha (Ruth) Hilton, John and Bonnie Krueger, and Bill Love, Sr.



Rylee Kathleen Waller

Rylee Kathleen Waller was born at 3:03 p.m., December 13, 2013 at Ada, Okla.

She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 19 3/4 inches long.

She is the daughter of Russell and Meagan Waller, of Stratford, Okla.

She is the paternal granddaughter of Jan Barbour, of Stratford and the maternal granddaughter of Richard Melton, of Stratford, and Donna Melton, of Ada, Okla.

Rylee has an older sister, Miranda Kelly, of College Station, Texas and an older brother, Travis Waller, of Corpus Christi, Texas.



Eli Walker Smith

Eli Walker Smith was born 7:47 a.m. February 19, 2014 to Chris and Esther (Shaw) Smith, of Oklahoma City. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20 inches at birth.

Eli is the grandson of Rita Shaw, of Oklahoma City and the late Ronald Shaw, of Lexington, Okla., and he is the great-grandson of Lois Sockwell, of Oklahoma City and Oretha Mae Hilton, of Tuttle, Okla.



Genevieve Williams

Chickasaw citizen files for Missouri Congressional seat

A Chickasaw woman has filed for a Missouri Congressional seat.

Genevieve Williams, 26, filed on March 18 for Missouri's Seventh District U.S. Congress seat. She is the first woman ever to file for the seat.

Also filing are incumbent U.S. Rep. Billy Long and challenger Marshal Works, both Republicans.

Ms. Williams is a small business owner and has worked in both economic development and media. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in journalism from Missouri State University, Springfield.

She is a descendant of Chickasaw Governor Winchester Colbert, a lifelong resident of the Seventh District and a seventh-generation Missourian.

Chickasaw West annual gathering set for May 31

The Chickasaw West annual gathering is set for May 31 at Santee Lakes, Calif.

The gathering is sponsored by Chickasaw West.

The gathering will run from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. and will be at Picnic Area L, in the back. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be served at noon. Attendees are asked to please bring a dish to share.

Covered areas will be available in case of hot or rainy weather

and attendees are advised to bring lawn chairs.

There is a \$5 entrance fee to the area and parking is next to the picnic area.

Several Chickasaw legislators should be in attendance.

Fishing, paddle boat and canoe rentals are available.

For directions or more information, call Sharon Tandy at (818) 985-8392 or (818) 378-3295.

Santee Lakes can be contacted directly at (619) 596-3141.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

To State Tourney



Chickasaw citizen Allie Foster played a major role in helping her team, The Turner Lady Falcons, return to the Class A State Tournament for three consecutive years.



State champion

Chickasaw citizen Adam Walker, right, is a team member of the newly crowned Class 2A State Champions Latta (OK) High School Panthers. This is Latta's second consecutive state tournament championship. Attending the State tournament was Adam's dad, Bailey Walker, left. Also attending was his Uncle Billy Long and his brothers, Blayne and Tyler Walker. Adam is the great-grandson of the late Adam and Viola Walker, grandson to Ruby Long, grandson to Papa Herb and Granny Julie.

Quiz Bowl participants

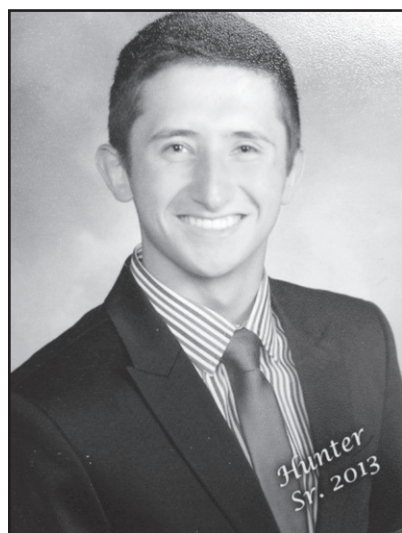


Hundreds of Native American students from across Oklahoma participated in the Oklahoma Indian Education's Quiz Bowl last month at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Members of the Chickasaw academic team 'Holisso Pisa' Imponna' who participated in the competition are, from left, Marissa Moore, sponsor, Nieka Counts, Lydia Fish, Kylee Gonzales, Jacqueline Levario and Jacy Wallace.

**Citizens At-Large Help Number**

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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Hunter L. Luna

**Hunter Luna awarded science scholarship**

Hunter L. Luna, son of Paul and Stefanie Luna, of Sulphur, Okla., has been awarded the 2013 American Meteorological Society 21st Century Campaign Scholarship.

Mr. Luna is a graduate of Sulphur High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in oceanic and atmospheric science at The University of Oklahoma.

The AMS/Industry Minority Scholarship encourages minority students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Black/African American students, to pursue careers in the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences.

Four scholarships have been made possible through the generous contributions of AMS members to the AMS 21st Century Campaign, and Baron Services, Inc.

The award is \$3,000 for a nine-month period in the freshman year and an additional \$3000 for a nine-month period in the sophomore year, based on performance in the first year.

The American Meteorological Society promotes the development and dissemination of information and education on the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences and the advancement of their professional applications.

Founded in 1919, AMS has a membership of more than 14,000 professionals, professors, students, and weather enthusiasts.

AMS publishes 11 prestigious peer-reviewed scientific journals — in print and online — sponsors more than 12 conferences annually, and offers numerous programs and services.



Evan Wolfe

**Evan Wolfe recognized by honor society**

A Chickasaw high school student has recently been recognized by a high school honor society.

Evan Wolfe is a student at Ford High School, Quinlan, Texas. He has been selected to become a member of the National Society of High School Scholars.

The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment.

Evan is also a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club.

Evan is the son of Rodney and Tammy Wolfe, of Quinlan. He has a sister, Kristen, also of Quinlan. His grandparents are Gary and Mary Carroll, of Rockwall, Texas.



Jeffrey Wells

**Chickasaw student receives 'white coat'**

Chickasaw student, Jeffrey Wells, was presented his "white coat" during a Feb. 28, 2014 ceremony at Langston (OK) University's physical therapy program.

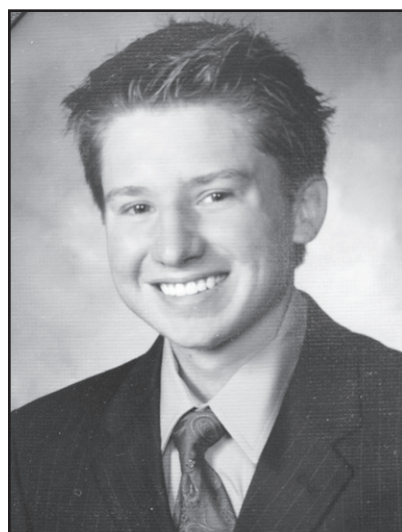
Mr. Wells graduated from Oklahoma State University in December 2012 with a bachelor's degree in athletic training. He was accepted into the physical therapy program at Langston University in June 2013.

He is completing his first year of the program and will begin clinicals in the near future.

The white coat ceremony is a presentation of the physical therapist's white jacket to first-year students who will begin clinicals and will continue in the next two years of the program. The presentation is to remind physical therapy students of the responsibility to their patients, what a great career they have chosen and the awareness to always be professional and compassionate towards their patients.

Mr. Wells and Hannah Harren were married December 2012.

He is the son of C.M. Danny and Betty Wells, of Stratford, Okla. He is the grandson of Morgan and Phercella Wells, of Ada, Okla., and Kenneth Jarrell, of Stratford, and the late Jewell Jarrell.



Kelby Luna

**Kelby Luna named to Sigma Alpha Lambda**

A Chickasaw student at the University of Oklahoma has recently been named to a leadership organization.

Kelby Winson Luna, of Sulphur, Okla., has been recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization at the university.

Sigma Alpha Lambda is dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development and professional fulfillment.

**13th Annual Children's Fair scheduled for April 26 at Pontotoc County Agriplex**

ADA, Okla. - The 13th Annual Children's Fair will be Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Pontotoc County Agriplex big red barn in Ada.

This event recognizes Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In 2011, an estimated 1,570 children died from abuse and neglect in the U.S. Children's advocacy centers around the country served more than 279,000 child victims of abuse.

**NATIONAL ABUSE STATISTICS for 2011**

Approximately 681,000 children were victims of maltreatment (unique instances).

46 states reported approximately 3.3 million children received preventative services from Child

Protective Services agencies.

Children younger than one year had the highest rate of victimization, 21.2 per 1,000 children.

Of the children who experienced maltreatment or abuse, more than 75 percent suffered neglect. More than 15 percent suffered physical abuse, and almost 10 percent suffered sexual abuse.

More than 78 percent of reported child fatalities as a result of abuse and neglect were caused by one or more of the child victim's parents.

This information can be found on the National Children's Alliance website at (<http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/> NCANationalStatistics).

The Children's Fair will offer information regarding child abuse and neglect prevention, community organizations' information and various activities for children and families. There will be rides, games, food, petting farm, community helpers (fire, police, etc.) and entertainment.

This event is free and open to the community. For more information regarding the fair, please contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 310-7993 or email, [Deanna.carpitche@chickasaw.net](mailto:Deanna.carpitche@chickasaw.net).

To reserve a booth at this year's fair, complete the booth form at [www.chickasaw.net/childrensfair2014](http://www.chickasaw.net/childrensfair2014).

CONTRIBUTED BY Amber Carey, Public Affairs.

*Sponsored by National Museum of the American Indian; submissions due April 22*

**Young Native Writers Essay Contest open**



2013 winners with NMAI Museum Director from left, Kaitlyn Boy (Blackfeet Nation); Taylor Archuleta (Choctaw Nation); Kevin Gover (Pawnee and Director of the NMAI); Morgan Gray (Chickasaw Nation); and Constance Owl (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians). Not pictured: Shanice Britton (Round Valley Indian Tribe).

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation is welcoming entries for the Young Native Writers Essay Contest. The contest is conducted this year in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian and the National Indian Education Association.

The essay contest, in its ninth year, encourages young Native American writers to explore and reflect on their heritage. It is open to Native American high school students from all tribal commu-

nities throughout the U.S.

The five winners will each receive a \$2,500 college scholarship. They will also be awarded an all-expenses-paid "Scholar Week" trip to Washington, D.C., in July 2014. The trip will include a personal tour of the National Museum of the American Indian's Cultural Resources Center, educational workshops and a tour of the U.S. Capitol. It will culminate with an honor ceremony at the museum.

Participants are asked to write

about one or more of the cultural images, symbols or art forms that have been historically developed by their community (American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian) to communicate a particular message, value or serve a specific purpose. **Essays should be 1,200 words or less and should cover the following:**

- describe the image(s), symbol(s) or art forms selected
- explain how it was originally developed or used by the community
- reflect on the student's own experience about it, including thoughts and feelings
- suggest why or how it is still relevant today

The deadline for submissions, which should be submitted electronically through the contest website, is April 22, 2014. More details are available on the website.

We look forward to reading this year's essays! <http://communications.hklaw.com/rs/emsimages/bannerimages/2014/announcements/YoungNativeWriters/backgroundann2.jpg>

**Fricks honored by State**



Dwight and Donna Frick (Chickasaw), of Marlow, Okla., were recently named ABBI Breeder of the Year.

Dwight and Donna Frick, owners of F-F Rodeo Stock, Inc., of Marlow, Okla., were recently recognized with a citation from the State of Oklahoma.

The citation honored the Fricks for being named ABBI Breeder of the Year at the 10th Annual PBR World Bucking Bull Finals in Las Vegas.

The citation was sponsored by State Rep. Scott Biggs.

The Fricks were honored for their "outstanding commitment to the state of Oklahoma."

**Stonewall Public Schools honored as Exemplary JOM Program**



Stonewall Public Schools was chosen as the Exemplary JOM Program and honored at the 2014 Oklahoma Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Conference Banquet hosted at Southern Hills Marriott in Tulsa, March 4, 2014. From left, Penny Watson, Chickasaw Nation Public Schools Program Manager; Rogenette Whittington, Stonewall Indian Education Committee Member; Shayna Stone, Stonewall Indian Education Coordinator; Jerri Sanders, Stonewall Indian Education Committee Member; Savannah Burwell, Chickasaw Princess (graduate of Stonewall High); Tonya Skokos, JOM Program Support; Sarah Logan, Stonewall Indian Education Committee Member; Kevin Flowers, Stonewall Superintendent; and Julia Tyler, Chickasaw Nation JOM Specialist.

*Apply today!*

# 2014 Youth Camps, Clinics and Academies

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting applications for 2014 youth camps, clinics and academies. A number of tribal departments work together to offer a variety of educational and recreational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills. Application deadlines are fast approaching, with many in April and May.

Chickasaw Nation 2014 youth events and deadlines include:

## SUMMER CAMPS

**Camp Survivor · May 27-30**

**YMCA Camp Classen, Davis, Okla.**

**Ages 9 to 13**

**Application deadline: April 14**

Camp Survivor is a wellness camp that incorporates activities promoting physical, mental, cultural and spiritual health. Throughout the week, campers participate in numerous activities including swimming, hiking, fishing, archery, canoeing, rock-climbing, stickball and nutrition education. Campers also compete in mental and physical challenges and attend daily "tribal councils" where individuals and groups receive special recognition. This is an overnight camp.

For more information, contact Allen Elliott at (580) 310-7981.

**Environmental Camp · May 28-30**

**Ada, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 12**

**Application deadline: April 15**

This camp allows students a behind-the-scenes look at facilities. Participants learn about on-going conservation efforts and multiple field trips are planned.

For more information, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

**Golf Camp · June 2-3 (Beginning Golf) · June 4-5 (Advanced Golf)**

**WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 11 (Beginning Golf) · Ages 12 to 18 (Advanced Golf)**

**Application deadline: April 15**

Golf Camp provides Native American youth the opportunity to enjoy the game of golf while learning life skills such as honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Instruction for all skill levels is provided by a highly knowledgeable and motivated staff. This is an overnight camp.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

**Diabetes Prevention Camp · June 2-6**

**The Inn at Treasure Valley, Davis, Okla.**

**Ages 12 to Adult**

**Application Deadline: May 9**

Diabetes Prevention Camp is designed to be a fun and interactive educational experience. Throughout the week, campers attend lectures, breakout sessions and participate in group and individual activities. Discussion topics include nutrition, exercise, blood sugar goals, diabetic medications, prevention of complications associated with diabetes and emotional health while living and dealing with diabetes. Participants must be a patient of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center or a Chickasaw Nation satellite clinic (Ardmore, Durant, Purcell or Tishomingo). Campers are encouraged to bring a family member or guest.

For more information, contact Shondra McCage at (580) 436-3980 or (800) 851-9136.

**Chikashshaat Hoochokoshkomo Camp "Chickasaws are Playing" · June 3-5**

**Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.**

**Ages 12 to 18**

**Application Deadline: May 9**

This day camp will provide students the opportunity to learn the history of traditional games. Campers will learn how to play a variety of traditional games including chunky, marbles, archery, horseshoes and stickball. Students will also learn how to make stickball sticks and balls.

Activities will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact cultural resources at (580) 622-7140.

**Native American Junior Open · June 7**

**Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 18**

**Application Deadline: On-site Registration**

The Native American Junior Open allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or golf association tournament. It is also a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12 to 18 for five available positions on Team Chickasaw.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

**Chickasaw Nation Cultural Camp · June 10-11 · June 24-25**

**Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.**

**Ages 6 to 11**

**Application Deadline: May 23**

This two-day camp provides students the opportunity to learn about and experience a variety of cultural activities such as traditional games, traditional stomp dance, traditional crafts and the Chickasaw language. This is a day camp. Activities will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact cultural resources at (580) 622-7140.

**FCA Xtreme Camp · June 15-19**

**Camp WOW, Stuart, Okla.**

**Ages 15 to 18 (Sponsored)**

**Application Deadline: April 15**

This camp is for students who want to participate in challenging activities and great fellowship. Campers have the opportunity to water ski, water tube, skeet shoot, rappel, ride horses, compete in huddle competitions, scale a 65-foot climbing tower and experience a high ropes challenge course. Campers will also enjoy outstanding speakers and great music. This is an overnight camp.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

**Chickasaw Cultural Enrichment Family Camp · June 16-20**

**Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, Sulphur, Okla.**

**Chickasaw Families**

**Application Deadline: May 15**

This camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language, culture and history within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include tours throughout the Chickasaw Nation, swimming, sports, storytelling and various other games and activities with primary instruction given in the Chickasaw language. This is an overnight camp.

For more information, contact Rachel Wedlow at (580) 272-5540.

**Ikbi Holisso Camp "Book Creation" · June 26-27**

**Ages 12 to 18**

**Application Deadline: June 5**

This camp will introduce students to the world of book publishing from concept to writing, illustrating, editing, design and production. The students will be trained and guided through the steps of book creation while they produce a book in digital format.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Press at (580) 436-7282.

**Space Camp · June 22-28**

**U.S. Space & Rocket Center at Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.**

**Ages 9 to 18**

**Application Deadline: April 16**

Space Camp students obtain 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.

For more information, contact the office of supportive programs at (580) 272-5579 or STMPProgram@chickasaw.net.

**Yaakni' Inaalhpsaat Chokma "The Nation's Laws are Good" · June 24-25**

**Chickasaw Nation Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.**

**Ages 10 to 16**

**Application Deadline: May 15**

This camp educates youth about the operations of a tribal court system. Students meet tribal judges and justices, Chickasaw Lighthorse Police officers, Peacemakers and court staff. Students will also participate in mock trials.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at (580) 235-0281 or connie.tillery@chickasaw.net.

**Chikashsha Billi'ya Camp "Forever Chickasaw" · June 30-July 2**

**Goddard Youth Camp, Sulphur, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 18**

**Application deadline: April 15**

Chikashsha Billi'ya Camp provides foster care students an opportunity to learn more about their Chickasaw culture and heritage. Campers participate in stickball games, arts and crafts, archery and Chickasaw language lessons. Other activities include an obstacle course, ropes course, swimming, topical discussions and more.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

**FCA Competitors Camp · July 6-9**

**Crosspointe Camp, Kingston, Okla.**

**Ages 11 to 14 (Sponsored)**

**Application deadline: April 15**

Competitors Camp combines great facilities and activities with the athleticism and competition that defines the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry. Activities include a climbing wall, zip line, water slide, ropes course, obstacle course, the Blob, Bible devotions, upbeat music, topical discussions and much more. This is an overnight camp.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

**Tanumpo Hosa Apisa "Place For Watching Shooting Guns" · July 7**

**Ages 12 to 18**

**Application deadline: April 15**

This camp features instruction on gun safety and marksmanship techniques. The camp focuses on the disciplines required for Olympic-style target shooting and consists of both classroom instruction and firing practice.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

**Youth Basketball Camp · July 8-11**

**Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 18**

**Application Deadline: April 15**

Youth Basketball Camp participants learn basketball techniques from high school head coaches, university coaches and current or former university players. This camp ends with a round-robin style tournament. This is an overnight camp.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

## FALL CAMPS

**Hayaka Unta Camp "Into the Woods" · Oct. 17-19**

**Camp Simpson, Bromide, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 18**

**Application Deadline: Aug. 29**

Hayaka Unta Camp gives Chickasaw youth and their parent or guardian an opportunity to share quality time together while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors. This camp offers a variety of exciting and challenging activities including rock wall climbing, canoeing, hiking, fishing, skeet shooting, archery and camping. This is an overnight camp.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

**Halloween Lock-In · Oct. 24-25**

**Andy Alligator's, Norman, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 18**

**Application Deadline: Aug. 29**

This Halloween themed lock-in allows students to participate in mini-bowling, go-karts, batting cages, mini-golf, a climbing wall, bumper cars, bumper boats, arcade and a variety of other fun activities. This is an overnight camp.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

## SUMMER CLINICS

**Ada Tennis Clinic · June 9-12 (ages 8 to 11) · June 16-19 (ages 12-18)**

**Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 18**

**Application Deadline: April 15**

This clinic offers students the tools necessary to build a lasting foundation for the sport of tennis. Participants

also learn about honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

**Champions Cheerleading Clinic · June 27-28**

**Family Life Center, Ada, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 18**

**Application Deadline: April 15**

At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches instruct students on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness. Students enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamentals geared toward their skill level.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

**Champions Football Clinic · June 26-28**

**Ada High School, Ada, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 18**

**Application deadline: April 15**

At this clinic, a team of veteran coaches and players, led by Ken Heupel, teach students fundamental football skills. The clinic features special guests and former University of Oklahoma quarterback, Josh Heupel. Highlights include an 8-to-1 student to instructor ratio, offensive drills, defensive drills and more.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

## WINTER CLINICS

**Winter Baseball Clinic · Dec. 22-23**

**Legacy Sports Complex, Oklahoma City, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 18**

**Application Deadline: Nov. 14**

This clinic is designed to teach essential life skills such as dedication, goal setting and teamwork while teaching the basic skills of baseball. Camp instruction focuses on improving the fundamentals of hitting, pitching and fielding. Campers learn how goal setting and self-discipline improve playing ability and help in everyday life.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

**Winter Softball Clinic · Dec. 29-30**

**Legacy Sports Complex, Oklahoma City, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 18**

**Application Deadline: Nov. 14**

This camp focuses on improving the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, fielding, conditioning and teamwork. Camp instruction is led by high school and college level coaches and players dedicated to helping students improve their softball skills.

For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

## ACADEMIES

**Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy · June 23-26**

**Lighthorse Police Department, Ada, Okla.**

**Ages 10 to 15**

**Application Deadline: May 30**

This academy provides an excellent opportunity for youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students hear presentations from law enforcement personnel and learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.

For more information, contact Melisha Sutton at (580) 436-1166 or melisha.sutton@chickasaw.net.

**Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNA-SA) · June 15-21**

**Science, Technology and Math Academy, Ada, Okla.**

**Grades 5 to 12**

**Application deadline: April 16**

This is a week-long academy for students interested in space, aviation, math and science. Students gain hands-on training in a simulator and have the opportunity to fly in an actual plane. CNASA is designed to inspire excellence and to motivate and challenge the vision, talent, and energies of Chickasaw young people to pursue careers in science and technology.

For more information, contact the office of supportive programs at (580) 272-5579 or STMPProgram@chickasaw.net.

**Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) · July 14-26**

**East Central University, Ada, Okla.**

**Ages 8 to 19**

**Application deadline: April 21**

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) is a two-week arts program that provides youth opportunities to gain experience in the artistic fields of visual arts, theatre, creative writing, dance, vocal music, music composition, photography, theatre technology, video production, textile design and cultural enrichment in Chickasaw and southeast Native cultures. Some disciplines require special or prior experience—visit www.chickasaw.net for details.

For more information, contact the division of arts & humanities at (580) 272-5520 or csaa@chickasaw.net.

## Application Information

Submitting an application does not guarantee selection to the camp. Applicants should be aware once acceptance to a youth services event has been determined, attendance is required. If circumstances prevent attendance, selection for future events may be hindered.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

Additional information is also available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.

**Return application(s) to:** The Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820 or fax to (580) 310-6626.

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Miranda Elliott, Public Affairs.

Remembering the 1995 Alfred P. Murrah building bombing victims

# Chickasaw runner honors the fallen during OKC Memorial Marathon



Chickasaw citizens Justin and Kara Berst after the OKC Memorial Marathon 2013.

By definition, a marathon involves pain. Miles and miles of feet pounding on pavement, seared lungs and burning thighs are part of the process.

But Justin Berst, and others who take part in the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon, run with a purpose.

"The OKC Memorial Marathon

is very special because of what the race represents," Mr. Berst said. "The race is my favorite because of the size and deep feeling of purpose, which is to remember what happened and remember those who died."

The participants and volunteers honor the 168 people who were killed in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing in 1995. This race serves as testimony that good can overcome evil.

More than 25,000 runners participate in the Memorial Marathon each year. The money raised by the marathon helps fund the Oklahoma City Memorial Museum.

Mr. Berst, a Chickasaw, runs to remember the bombing victims.

"By running in the marathon, I get to contribute to that Memorial staying open because the marathon is what keeps it open," he

said.

Voted one of 12 "must-run" marathons in the world by Runner's World magazine, the 26.2 miles of the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon are packed with cheering supporters and the most beautiful neighborhoods in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Berst's intense training and love of running is what first sparked his interest in 5K and obstacle races, as well as the OKC Marathon. He trained to get physically fit, but wanted to test his fitness level. Now, his participation in the Marathon is fueled by something much greater.

"After participating in the race your first year, you get to be a part of it and get to have that experience and see what the race is about," he said. "I didn't know what it was about. I just knew it was a race I wanted to do. They

have a moment of silence with all the runners before the races start. There's a big significance after you've participated in the race."

Today, Oklahoma City stands as a symbol of hope and resilience. Recovery after the bombing was a marathon in its own right. Marathon runners and donors are the driving force in making sure this story is told forever.

This year, Mr. Berst will run the half-marathon in the OKC Memorial Marathon.

He has also participated in the Fireball Classic in Ada, Okla., as well as the Mud Run, Warrior Dash and Gauntlet race in Tulsa.

Mr. Berst's training consists of progressive running with a long run each weekend. He also does functional lifting and the fitness routine, CrossFit.

CONTRIBUTED BY Bethany Gill, Media Relations.

## SoonerCare a health care benefit to many Oklahomans

More than 125,000 American Indians are currently enrolled in Oklahoma's SoonerCare program. SoonerCare is a health coverage program jointly funded by the federal and state government. The program helps pay some or all medical bills for many people who can't afford them. In general, to qualify for SoonerCare benefits, a person must reside in Oklahoma, be a U.S. citizen, and meet the financial income and resource standards in certain categories:

- Adults with children under 19 years old
- Children under 19 years old and pregnant women
- Individuals age 65 and older
- Individuals who are blind or have disabilities
- Women under age 65 in need

of breast or cervical cancer treatment

Men and women 19 and older with family planning needs

To learn if you qualify for SoonerCare, visit the real-time eligibility website at [www.mysooner.org](http://www.mysooner.org).

Typical SoonerCare services for children include dental, vision, pharmacy and specialty care. While the majority of the SoonerCare population is children, the program also serves the aging adult population with programs such as SoonerCare Supplemental and Living Choice.

SoonerCare Supplemental pays Medicare co-insurance and deductibles, and provides benefits to supplement services covered by Medicare. Living Choice members are offered the chance to

move back home or into an apartment after being in a nursing facility.

Your SoonerCare membership can be used as a resource in your tribal community. American Indian SoonerCare members may choose an Indian health care provider as their medical home or they may choose any SoonerCare eligible provider. Patients can use their SoonerCare card at any IHS, tribal, or urban Indian health care facility.

For more information about SoonerCare benefits, contact a patient benefit coordinator at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center at (580) 436-3980, visit OHCA's website at [www.okhca.org](http://www.okhca.org).

CONTRIBUTED BY Amber Carey, Public Affairs.

# Chickasaw robotics teams advance to Super-Regionals



Robotics mentor Rob Murray looks on during the FTC State Robotics Competition as mentor Clayton Edwards, teammates (from left to right) Joshua Kretschmer, William Ellison, Jacob Nichols, Morgan McDonald and Adam Click work on practice field.

As the Chickasaw Nation's FIRST Tech Challenge (Federal Trade Commission) robotics team #4224 the Y-Not Robots and team #6780 the Y-Not Robots2 rushed to set up the pit area Feb. 7-8 at the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics "Block Party" Competition in Weatherford, Okla., the mentors registered both teams. Teams were invited to the State Championship because they placed at both the Ada Qualifier and the Muskogee Qualifier.

From the moment attendees walked through the door, excitement

was in the air. State FTC Director Brad Fitzgerald said that no two robots looked alike. Although competition was tough, the Chickasaw Nations Y-Not Robots and Y-Not Robots2 teams looked forward to the thrill of the faceoff.

On the journey to the state competition, the Chickasaw Nation teams qualified to advance because of their success at two qualifying competitions. One of these competitions was the Chickasaw Nation Qualifying Tournament.

At the Ada Qualifier, the teams came away from the competition

with several awards. During the course of a competition, the judging panel may encounter a team whose unique efforts, performance or dynamics merit recognition, despite not fitting into any of the existing award categories. To recognize these teams, FIRST offers a "blank" judges' award. The judging panel may select a team to be honored, as well as the name of the judges' award. Both robotics teams won this award. Y-Not Robots team #4224 also won the Finalist Award.

At the second qualifying tournament in Muskogee, the Chickasaw Nation FTC teams were the top winners, with the Y-Not Robots scoring the highest in the qualifying rounds. In the semi-

finals, the Y-Not Robots chose the Y-Not Robots2 and the Light Sabers of Oklahoma City as their alliance partners. After the semi-finals, the alliance advanced to the finals. The best of three matches determined the winner, and the alliance won the finals in two matches.

The Y-Not Robots2 team was successful in Muskogee, bringing home several awards including the Rockwell Collins Innovative Award and the Inspire Award, the most prestigious FTC award. The Finalist Alliance Award was presented to the Y-Not Robots #4224, the Y-Not Robots2 #6780 and the Light Sabers #4250 for competing in the final match.

The Rockwell Collins Innovative Award celebrated the team for bringing its design to life with out-of-the-box thinking, ingenuity and inventiveness. This judged award was given to Y-Not Robots2 because their robot featured the most innovative and creative design solution to any or all specific field elements or components in the FTC game.

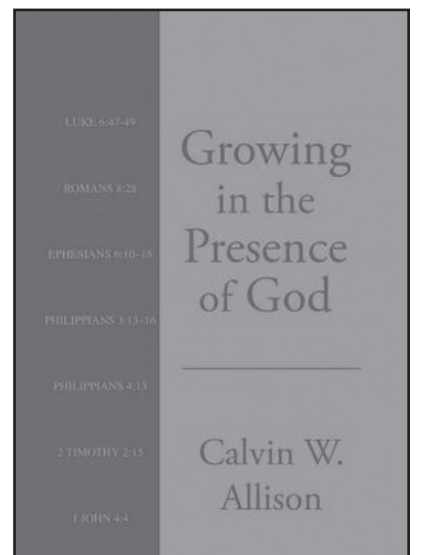
Team #6780, the Y-Not Robots2 also won the formally judged Inspire Award because the team truly embodied the challenge of the FTC program. The team was chosen by the judges as having best represented a role-model FTC Team. This team was a top contender for all other judging categories and was a strong competitor on the field. The Inspire Award Winner is an inspiration to other teams, acting with Gracious Professionalism™ both on and off

the playing field. This team communicated their experiences, enthusiasm and knowledge to other teams, sponsors, and the judges.

At the state level, Y-Not Robots and Y-Not Robots2 competed proudly, made it to the final rounds of the competition and created an alliance with team #7986, Owasso Middle School's Block Breakers. Each team received the 2013-2014 Oklahoma Championship Tournament Finalist Alliance Award. Because of good drivers, a strong student coach, and enthusiastic team members, Y-Not Robots2 advanced to the Super-Regional in San Antonio.

Contributed by Pakanli Ramsey.

## Chickasaw author pens fifth volume, 'Growing in the Presence of God'



A Chickasaw author has recently completed his fifth volume.

Calvin W. Allison has written "Growing in the Presence of God," a book about spiritual growth. The theme of the book is to diligently seek God and study His word. The book is intended to help believers when they encounter tough times.

"Growing" is available at amazon.com, barnes and noble.com and numerous other sites.

To contact the author via facebook, use [www.facebook.com/CalvinW.Allison](http://www.facebook.com/CalvinW.Allison).

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**Letter to Editor**  
**Thanks for HR help**

Dear Editor,

I went to the Chickasaw Nation Human Resources office to have some papers to be filled out, and Rachel Storkel was very helpful and immediately filled out the forms. The tribe is very lucky to have such a nice young employee working for them.

While I was waiting I noticed she had two employee of the Month recognitions. She is very deserving of a third one.

Thank you,  
 Arleen Brown



Chickasaw Nation Roads Program officials show prestigious national and state citations awarded to the Chickasaw Nation recently. They are, left to right, Levi Foreman, inspector; John Ellis, executive officer for construction and supply; Bo Ellis, roads program director; and John McKay, field operations supervisor.

## Chickasaw Nation Roads program honored for efficient techniques, quality work

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation is the first Native American tribe ever to win a national award for road improvements. The tribe has also earned an award from the state of Oklahoma for its efforts on the recently-completed Latta Road-Main Street project.

"It is an impressive accomplishment for the tribe. We are the first tribe to compete for the award; be nominated for it and then win it," Bo Ellis, the Chickasaw Nation's roads program director, said.

The national honor from the Asphalt Emulsion Manufacturers Association was awarded in Florida during a conference in February. The tribe's dedication to repairing roads using quality, long-lasting material with the added benefit for saving money earned it top honors.

A two-year drought caused problems last year on a one-mile stretch of road leading to the Chickasaw Children's Village in Kingston, Okla. Cracks and oxidation were eating it away.

Mr. Ellis and his crew consulted

with Johnny Roe, a representative of Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions, of Lawton, Okla. They decided to use preservation treatments to restore the road and dramatically reduce the price tag to fix problems.

Cracks were resealed, locking out moisture and preventing further damage. A chip seal was then applied using a high grade polymer modified asphalt emulsion. When that was completed, the tribe decided to double fog seal the road.

"I've seen chip seals that are still losing rocks a few weeks after they are applied," Mr. Ellis said. "The fog seal really bonds the whole thing together and locks in your driving surface giving you more bang for your buck."

An added plus for the Chickasaw Nation is Oklahoma suppliers, experts and contractors were used exclusively to assist in restoration.

In March, the Chickasaw Nation was named the Gold Winner in the country roads category for its

complete makeover of the Latta Road and Main Street project in Ada. Mr. Ellis said the Nation had been cited by the state before but on projects where the Oklahoma Department of Transportation acted as the main contractor.

"This is the first award given to us where we were in full control of the project," Mr. Ellis said.

The American Concrete Pavers Association issued the award for the "overall quality of the project," using a standard of "what it was like before construction and what it is like now."

The Chickasaw Nation partnered with the City of Ada to widen the road, install two left turn lanes onto Latta Road that are regulated by traffic lights, removed a confusing and dangerous tree-lined center medium and even installed a sidewalk for pedestrians.

CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann, Media Relations.

## 'Best of Chickasaw Country' features favorites of popular vote



Six destinations owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation were voted "Best of Chickasaw Country" in the annual 2014 Best of Chickasaw Country poll.

The 2014 Best of Chickasaw Country poll began in January with a nominations phase in 12 categories, followed by a voting phase, which ended Feb. 25.

Votes were cast on [www.ChickasawCountry.com](http://www.ChickasawCountry.com) as well as the organization's Facebook page [facebook.com/ChickasawCountry](http://facebook.com/ChickasawCountry).

Nearly 90,000 individual votes were cast. Fans of some of south-central Oklahoma's most prominent tourism destinations chose Chickasaw-owned Bedre Fine Chocolate, Davis, Best Attraction; Newcastle Casino as Best Casino; Lazer Zone Family Fun Center, Ada, Best Family-Friendly Venue; WinStar Golf Course, Thacker-ville, Best Golf Course; the Artesian Hotel, Sulphur, Best Lodging; and Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Best Overall Dining.

There was a 300 percent increase in voting compared to last year's vote, Paige Williams, Chickasaw Nation director of tourism said.

Ms. Williams counts the voting increase as a positive indica-

### About Chickasaw Country

Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 south-central Oklahoma counties. A joint marketing association between The Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Country Marketing Association to blend tourism efforts in the region, Chickasaw Country represents festivals, events and attractions. A very diverse and cultural

tor that awareness of Chickasaw Country as a travel destination is growing.

"(Chickasaw Country's) strategic tourism initiative has been met with immeasurable support from business owners as well as many chambers of commerce all working together to enhance the local economies across south-central Oklahoma."

2014 Best of Chickasaw Country Winners include:

- Best Attraction**  
Bedre Fine Chocolate – Davis
- Best Barbecue**  
Pigskins BBQ – Ada (Pontotoc-39%)
- Best Boutique**  
Prairie Rose Gifts & Collectibles – Duncan (Stephens-34%)
- Best Casino**  
Newcastle Casino – Newcastle
- Best Family-Friendly Venue**  
Lazer Zone Family Fun Center – Ada
- Best Festival**  
Okie Noodling Festival – Pauls Valley
- Best Golf Course**  
WinStar Golf Course – Thacker-ville
- Best Lake**  
Lake Texoma – Kingston
- Best Live Performance Venue**  
Arbuckle Ballroom – Davis
- Best Lodging**  
Artesian Hotel – Sulphur
- Best Museum**  
Chickasaw Cultural Center – Sulphur
- Best Overall Dining**  
Fork Café – Pocasset

In 2014, nearly 50 Oklahoma-owned businesses and attractions were represented across 12 categories. Visit [ChickasawCountry.com](http://ChickasawCountry.com) for a full list of 2014 winners and nominees.

destination, Chickasaw Country has new adventures around every corner. In 2013, the U.S. Travel Association honored Chickasaw Country with a Destiny award in both the Best Travel Website and Best Use of Social Media Platform categories. The awards were given during the annual Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations conference

## February 2014 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

### Overall Outstanding Achievement

#### Laraby Jennings

Laraby Jennings, 8, daughter of Jimmy and Laurie Jennings, is the February 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Overall Achievement Award.



Laraby Jennings

Laraby is in the second grade at Latta School in Ada, Okla. She was nominated by her teacher, Lou Jean Studebaker.

"Laraby is reliable and dependable in all that she does," Ms. Studebaker said. "I see her as a role model for other children and students."

"Most of all, Laraby is a joy to be around," Ms. Studebaker continued.

In addition to being a successful straight-A student, Laraby is involved in a number of extracurricular activities including dance, softball, basketball and singing.

Laraby's love of singing has led to several performance opportunities including a public rendition of the national anthem last summer. She has placed at the county fair for the past three years, participated in the McSwain Theatre's Christmas Kids presentation and has been involved in several other community singing events.

Laraby lives on a farm with her parents, two big brothers and dog, Roscoe. The family raises show pigs.

"I am looking forward to turning nine and showing my pigs at the Pontotoc County and Oklahoma City livestock shows," Laraby said.

In her downtime, Laraby enjoys bike riding, crafting, cooking with her mom, caring for the family bunnies and hanging out with friends.

Laraby would like to learn to play the guitar and take hip-hop dance lessons. When she grows up, she plans to pursue a career in music and be on "The Voice."

### Outstanding Academic Achievement

#### Brooklyn R. Cook

Brooklyn Cook, 18, daughter of Nick and Amy Cook, is a February 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Brooklyn R. Cook

Brooklyn is a senior at Rockwall High School in Rockwall, Texas. She was nominated by her teacher, Fran Webb.

"Brooklyn was inducted into National Honor Society for her excellence in technology classes as well as all academic classes," Ms. Webb shared. "I invited her into a Problems & Solutions class for technology this year due to her outstanding work in design software program."

"She has been a true success story in this class we are developing at Rockwall High," Ms. Webb continued. "Her creativity and motivation were valuable to her in this class. I only selected 10 students to be in this class."

Brooklyn enjoys singing, playing the guitar, watching movies, spending time at the lake and hanging out with friends.

Throughout her high school career, Brooklyn has been active in choir and was selected to join "Walk The Line," Rockwall's show choir.

She played on the Rockwall High varsity golf team for two years and has been developing her leadership skills in a Peer Assisted Leadership class.

Brooklyn attends Lakepointe Church. She provides special music for classic services and

outreach services throughout the community.

Brooklyn plans on pursuing a degree in education at Oklahoma State University this fall.

#### Katlynn Galemore

Katlynn Galemore, daughter of Jimmy Crewse Jr. and Miranda Galemore is a February 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Katlynn Galemore

Katlynn is in the seventh grade at Roff Elementary in Roff, Okla. She was nominated by teacher and librarian, Lana Simon.

"Katlynn is extremely bright with excellent reading skills," Ms. Simon said. "As her reading teacher, I see her consistently turn in work with mastery of seventh grade objectives."

Katlynn enjoys basketball, gymnastics and cheer. She does well in school, consistently earning A's and B's and achieving her A.R. reading goals.

In her free time, Katlynn likes hanging out with friends, texting and sleeping.

Looking to the future, Katlynn says she would like to continue her academic success, attain perfect attendance and go to high school and college.

"For my future job, I want to be someone who does hair and makeup for a living," Katlynn said. "If I don't succeed at that, I want to be a cheer coach."

#### Destiny Manford

Destiny Manford, 9, daughter of Melissa and John Manford, is a February 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Destiny Manford

Destiny is in the fourth grade at Gladden Elementary in Belton, Mo. She was nominated by her teacher, Laura Harmon.

"Destiny is a hard-working fourth-grade student. Each day she comes in the classroom focused and ready to learn," Ms. Harmon said. "Her attentiveness in the classroom is mirrored on her assignments."

"In addition to high academic achievement, Destiny is a kid of character," Ms. Harmon continued. "She respects herself by working to her full potential. She respects her classmates by being a wonderful helper and role model."

"It is amazing to have a student in class like Destiny. Her internal motivation shines through in all that she does!"

Destiny maintains good grades, earning A's and B's. She enjoys swimming, soccer, reading, traveling and collecting turtle jewelry, but gymnastics is her true passion.

"I am very focused on my schoolwork and gymnastics," Destiny said. "This year in gymnastics, I am doing double back handsprings and vaulting on the vault table."

In the future, Destiny hopes to continue in gymnastics and prepare for college.

#### Garrett Morgan

Garrett Morgan, son of Scott and Melissa Morgan, is a February 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Garrett Morgan

Garrett is in the third grade at Roff Elementary in Roff, Okla. He was nominated by his teacher, Tandy Bowerman.

"Garrett is an outstanding stu-

dent," Mrs. Bowerman shared. "He excels in all of the core subject areas. He always has his work finished and is ready for the next task."

"He tackles new things with excitement and truly loves to learn," Mrs. Bowerman said.

According to Garrett, his favorite school subjects are science, reading and math. He earned third place recognition in science at the Justice Elementary Scholastic Meet.

Garrett is a member of the Gifted and Talented program and the Superintendent's Honor Roll.

When not busy with schoolwork, Garrett enjoys playing basketball and baseball, reading and building with Legos.

In the future, Garrett would like to become a scientist.

### Outstanding Citizenship

#### Cooper Hardison

Cooper Hardison, son of Eric and Shawna Hardison, is a February 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Cooper is in the third grade at Roff Elementary in Roff, Okla. He was nominated by his teacher, Tandy Bowerman.

"Cooper is a great student. He excels in all of the core subject areas," Mrs. Bowerman said. "Cooper is always prepared and is a great help to anyone who may be around him and have a question."

Cooper favorite school subject is English and he enjoys spending his free time outside.

He likes playing baseball, basketball and golf.

When he grows up, Cooper hopes to play professional basketball in the NBA.

Richard Thomas is 'Master Refinisher'

# Chickasaw craftsman took detour to find life's passion



Richard Thomas, master refinisher, seated with the finished door in the governor's mansion.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Master furniture refinisher Richard Thomas sweeps a bare hand across the blonde-colored French Walnut barn door that dates to 1750.

Mr. Thomas, a Chickasaw, emits a low sigh while examining the door, pointing to flaws, nicks, and imperfections crying out for his expertise.

The 264-year-old door has been a guest in Mr. Thomas' Portland Avenue workshop before - an unassuming structure with a tiny weather-molested sign saying simply: "Richard Thomas, Master Refinisher."

The door was purchased from a Dallas antique store for former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating and his wife, Cathy. It was Mr. Thomas who first laid healing hands upon it and restored it to its full splendor. When the door needed attention again in February, the telephone in Mr. Thomas' shop sounded.

It is not just any old barn door from France. It is a door but it is not used as one.

Instead, Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin and her family have breakfast each morning on its fastidiously maintained, hand-rubbed surface at the governor's mansion. It sits atop a stable wrought iron base manufactured specifically for it.

A benevolent organization wishes to keep the door in good condition for Gov. Fallin, or for any other governor who might break bread on it in future years. Friends of the Governor's Mansion, Inc., maintains all the furnishings and items donated to complement the 12-room living quarters of the state's chief executive.

Since 2004, the "Friends" have relied on Mr. Thomas to refinish, refurbish, rebuild, restore and refine many cherished and historically significant items used by Oklahoma's first family.

The master Chickasaw crafts-

man has refinished the original formal dining table used by Oklahoma's first governor Charles Haskell. The table is still in use more than 100 years since statehood. Exquisitely prepared meals for exceedingly important people have graced it since 1910. Gov. Haskell never resided in the 14,000 square-foot home. It was completed in 1928, a full 21 years after Haskell was elected.

The first Oklahoma Governor to reside at 820 NE 23rd Street for a full term was William H. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray. Probably the most colorful of all 27 Oklahoma governors, Gov. Murray served during the Great Depression. He and a team of mules plowed up the mansion lawn to make a garden. Financially struggling Oklahomans were invited to plant vegetables there. And, they did.

## BUILDING THE BUSINESS

In 2014, Mr. Thomas' long, flowing mane is saturated with salt and sprinkled with pepper, but in 1978 he was a new graduate of Putnam City High School. He later graduated from Oscar Rose Junior College, known now as Rose State College. A life working in computer technology awaited Mr. Thomas back in 1983.

That is not the script that played out, however.

"I was a painting contractor throughout college, mostly exterior painting with occasional tasks inside," Mr. Thomas said.

He was working on high-profile homes, many of them located in Oak Tree Estates, an Edmond real estate development with ornate and magnificent \$1 million-plus domiciles dotting the fringes of links trod upon by pro golfing elites.

Mr. Thomas earned the respect of a seasoned remodeler and painter. His name was Jack Evans and he knew just about everything there was to know about paint, stain, refinishing and the

labor of love embraced by true craftsmen.

"He'd send jobs my way," Mr. Thomas said. "He also began sharing tricks, tips and secrets about what he knew."

So, at 23, Mr. Thomas began refinishing furniture while continuing to paint. Five years would pass before he could eke out a living refinishing exclusively.

That was 31 years ago.

## THE HEART OF AN ARTIST

"I have always been an artist at heart," Mr. Thomas said. "I was drawing and carving wood before I was a teenager. I built two or three boats when I was 12. I do leatherwork and craftoccasins, quivers, bows, spears. All of the Native American artistry has come from books I've read or by educating myself in the craft through trial and error - mostly error," he laughed.

His workshop is stacked high with personal projects either in the works or needing a few more hours of his undivided attention. Thomas-made squirrel sticks - a kind of mallet used to slay squirrels by hurling them - are proudly displayed at both the Chickasaw Visitors Center in Sulphur and Chickasaw Welcome Center in Davis.

But, clients come first and his success is illustrated in his schedule. Projects brought to him today are on a 60-day waiting period.

There is a dreamy-eyed craftsman who, at age 54, owns a second home in the Arbuckle Mountains calling out to him and Pam, his wife of 31 years.

With his youngest child, Henry, graduating Putnam City North High School this spring, the couple will have an empty nest for the first time in a long time. Daughter Melissa, 25, has already graduated from the University of Oklahoma. Autumn, 22, will earn a nursing degree from there this fall. Jamie, 20, is pursuing an in-

terior design degree, and Henry is poised to follow the OU family tradition this fall.

Mr. Thomas dreams of retiring. He is moving toward retiring, but the business he crafted from scratch keeps the dream just beyond reach.

"I probably will never 'retire retire'," Mr. Thomas said with a quick grin. "I'll have important projects to work on and clients who have trusted me for decades, so I'll keep at it," he adds while his eyes drink in all the personal projects in varying stages of incompleteness.

"I am so proud to be Chickasaw," he said. "The Nation's financial assistance has made it possible for my children to receive college educations. If not for the Chickasaw Nation, I'm not sure we could have sent all of the kids to college."

## IN THE LAND OF THE ANCIENTS

Mr. Thomas' desire is strong to connect to his heritage and that of all his Native brethren.

"I always was aware I was Chickasaw, but in the 1970s it was nothing you announced," he said sadly. "I've traveled the Natchez Trace to visit the ground where footfalls from my ancestors still exist. I have paid respect at the mounds and have empathy for all Native people."

Another adventure is planned

with his son. It is aimed at instructing Henry about the history of Native people, their tribulation and heartache. Cheyenne, Arapaho and Comanche tribes are the focus. The excursion ends in Chickasaw Country where father and son will stop, reflect and contemplate what their ancestors endured.

They will set out in kayaks at the site of the Battle of the Washita, located in far western Oklahoma's Roger Mills County. There, in 1868, Cheyenne leader Black Kettle was slain by George Custer's Cavalry, along with 102 braves from other tribes who were wintering along the river.

The trip down the meandering, silted, twisted stream will end at Lake Texoma. Mr. Thomas believes the trek will take three weeks.

Father and son will enter Chickasaw Country in western Grady County after paddling through Roger Mills, Custer and Washita counties. From Grady County, they will either pass through, or skirt the boundaries of, eight of the 13 counties of Chickasaw territory before the river delivers them into the Red River, then east to Lake Texoma.

"I want Henry to see nothing is easy in life. It takes work, planning, dedication and perseverance," Mr. Thomas said. "But rewards are many for the few who see a task through to the end."

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Chickasaw master furniture refinisher Richard Thomas with a 1750 French door used as a breakfast table in the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion.

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## Tishomingo Health Clinic marks 1st anniversary



Chickasaw Nation Department of Health staff, from left, RN nurse manager for the Tishomingo Health Clinic Kellie row; Director of Nursing for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Jerod Waters; Tishomingo Health Clinic Manager Sallie Hillburn; Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Secretary Judy Goforth Parker, Ph.D., APRN-CNP; and Gov. Bill Anoatubby attend the one year anniversary of the Tishomingo Health Clinic.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - On Feb. 28, the Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic marked its first anniversary of providing health care to Native American patients and their families.

The health clinic staff enjoyed a celebration luncheon and slideshow of the new facility and its accomplishments over the past year.

The 50,000 square-foot clinic is more than five times the size of the original Tishomingo Health Clinic, and services have grown markedly. The clinic added 25 new jobs to the Tishomingo area, including physicians, nurses and support staff. The clinic became

a reality after Chickasaw Nation officials successfully negotiated a joint venture partnership agreement with the U.S. Indian Health Service.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health serves more than 500,000 patients annually at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada and health clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Durant and Purcell.

For more information about the Tishomingo Health Clinic visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net), or call 877-240-2720.

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## Students hear 'Rachel's Challenge,' story of Columbine HS shootings

ADA, Okla. - On April 20, 1999, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold opened fire on students and faculty at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. Thirteen people were killed and 24 injured. Columbine is still considered the most deadly high school shooting in American history.

Rachel Scott's was the first life taken that tragic day. Fifteen years later, her story still resonates around the world. Rachel left a multitude of journals behind, which enabled her family and friends to carry on her legacy.

Her father, Darrell Scott, started "Rachel's Challenge" in the aftermath of Columbine. His hope was to turn her tragic death into a mission for change by creating safer learning environments.

The Chickasaw Nation recently sponsored Mr. Scott to present "Rachel's Challenge" to local high schools and the community at East Central (OK) University.

"I have this theory that if one person can go out of his way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same," Rachel wrote in 1999. "People will never know how far a little kindness can go."

This simple, yet profound philosophy defuses bullying, disrespect and prejudice. It provides

hope where there is isolation and despair, according to [rachelchallenge.org](http://rachelchallenge.org).

Mr. Scott's presentation included footage from April 20, 1999, as well as interviews with Rachel's family and friends. It entailed a series of student empowering programs and strategies. The intent is to equip students and adults to combat bullying and allay feelings of isolation and despair. It focuses on creating a culture of kindness and compassion.

The students of Ada, Byng, Roff and Stonewall High Schools were encouraged to start their "own chain reaction of kindness and compassion" by taking five simple steps back with them to their schools. The fifth step is to implement the "chain reaction of kindness and compassion." This chain reaction will positively affect school environments.

"I want to go on living even after my death," Anne Frank wrote.

Rachel Scott, much like Anne Frank, continues to live on even after her tragic end. Her family and friends have taken on the task to spread her message of kindness and compassion. As a result, more than 19 million people have heard her story all over the world.

CONTRIBUTED BY Bethany Gill, Media Relations.

## Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to service personnel 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 Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or [randi.payne@chickasaw.net](mailto:randi.payne@chickasaw.net).

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!



# Chickasaw Foundation announces scholarship applications for Spring 2014 and Fall 2014

The Chickasaw Foundation announces a comprehensive scholarship application which offers a variety of scholarships annually with funding to begin in fall 2014 for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Each year the foundation application is offered and lists available scholarships along with their criteria. Scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability

of funding.

Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the student's designated college or university. Requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year.

All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be delivered or postmarked

by the stated deadline date - May 30, 2014 - to be considered for funding.

If you would like an application or additional information regarding the application, please contact our office at (580) 421-9030 or visit [www.chickasawfoundation.org](http://www.chickasawfoundation.org).

## Chickasaw Foundation Announces Scholarship Recipient

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the spring 2014 recipient of The Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Scholarship - In Memory of Special Agent Patrick Flickinger as Ms. Laura Moritz. She is a sophomore criminal justice major at Carbrillo College.



Laura Moritz



## Chickasaw Foundation Annual T-Ball Tournament April 25-26

The 6th annual Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament will be April 25-26, 2014 at the Chickasaw Nation Softball Complex in Ada.

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

The entry fee is \$75 before April 1, and \$100 after April 1. The age cut-off date is January 1. Players must be six years old on or before December 31 to play.

For a team packet or additional information, please call (580) 421-9030.

## Chickasaw Foundation Fellowship Application

The Chickasaw Foundation announces the availability of the 2014-2015 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship application. The fellowship is for Chickasaw students or persons studying Chickasaw history and/or culture. It is for a one-week period of research to be conducted at the Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The fellowship will provide up to \$2,000 in expenses for room, board, hotel, airline tickets, etc., to the selected applicant. The deadline to submit the completed application is July 18, 2014.

Fellowships are awarded annually. All applicants are notified by mail of acceptance or denial. No information will be given over the telephone. If awarded, you will receive further instructions by mail. Failure to comply with all parts of the process, as described herein, and all deadlines required for applicant eligibility will result

in automatic denial of your application. Fellows will have from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 to complete their fellowship.

**To be considered for this fellowship, the applicant must be:**

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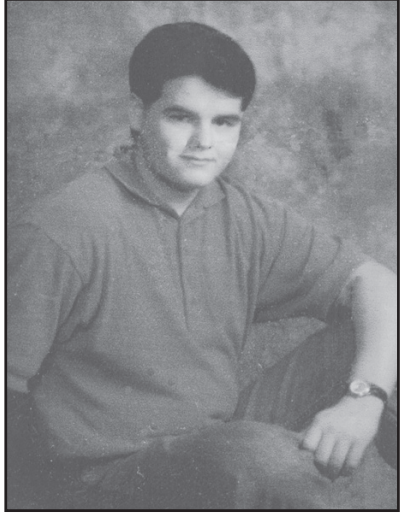
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### Michael Andrew Engelhaupt III



Michael Andrew Engelhaupt III of Calera, Okla., went to be with his savior January 10, 2014 at the young age of 39 years. Funeral Services were January 16, 2014 at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, with Pastor Kellos Walker officiating. Interment followed in Rosedale Cemetery, Ada.

Mr. Engelhaupt was born August 26, 1974 to his mother Vicky Thurston at Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated high school from Denison, Texas in 1993 and he loved playing football there. He continued his football career and attended Southeastern University.

He was a true outdoorsman. He enjoyed guns, fishing and hunting. His truest love was his family. He was a member of Grace Indian Baptist Church.

Mr. Engelhaupt was a dedicated employee of the Sam's Club in Sherman, Texas.

Although Michael is no longer with us, his memory will be kept alive through the family and friends he leaves behind.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Bonnie and Loren Pete Brown; uncles, Charles H. Brown, Randall Brown; an aunt, Darla Brown and great-grandparents, Thurlow and Eva Perry Clark.

He is survived by Vicky and Gary Thurston, of the home; six cousins, Cody Brown, Carissa Tatum, Sheldon Brown, Darlene Tatum, Toshia Cook and Sally Clark; two aunts, Donna Brown and Aunt "Boo" Sue Clark; two uncles, Richard Brown and Gene and wife, Niki, Clark; one great-aunt, Ardell Brown; and a host of other loving relatives and long-time friends.

Pallbearers were Richard Brown, Sheldon Brown, Ethan Cook, Aaron Cooper, Michael Cooper, Richard Myers.

Online condolences are available at [www.phillipsfuneralservice.com](http://www.phillipsfuneralservice.com)

### Frances Ruth Page Mitchell



Frances Ruth "Sissy" Page Mitchell, of Kingston, Okla., died March 21, 2014. Services were March 26, 2014, at the Watts Memorial Chapel, Madill, Okla., with Malon Ward officiating. Interment followed in the Willis Cemetery.

Mrs. Mitchell was born August 21, 1926 at Willis, Okla., to the late Paul E. Dickerson Sr. and Viola Hayes Dickerson.

She was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation, and a lifelong resident of Marshall County. She was a wonderful country cook who liked nothing better than to prepare a meal for her family and friends. Her hands were rarely idle as she quilted and crocheted her way through life. She believed every new baby in Willis deserved one of her hand-made baby afghans. And her flowers seemed to always be in bloom. The last years of her life were spent at the Baptist Village and Family Care Center.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Willis and she loved little children and her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Lee Voy "Buddy" Page; her second husband, Edd Mitchell; three sisters, Inez Hefner, Lucille Dickerson and Kathleen Dickerson; and two brothers, Bud and Paul E. Dickerson Jr.

She is survived by her children, Richard Page and wife, Sandra, of Willis, and Donna Page, of Norman, Okla.; grandchildren, Kasi Shelton, of Norman, Heather Weaver and husband, Urian, of Kingston and Dustin Page, of Ithaca, N.Y.; great-grandchildren, Ewan and Ella Weaver; a sister, Hyahwannah Cox, of Willis; a sister-in-law, Katie Page, of Willis; and a brother-in-law, Bill Page, of Hollis, Okla.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Kingston Public Schools, PO Box 370, Kingston, Oklahoma. 73439.

Condolences may be sent to [wattsfuneralhome.com](http://wattsfuneralhome.com).

Pallbearers were Bill Shelton, Ralph Page, Joe Paul Hefner, Brad Scott, Mark Rogers, Lawrence Henry

Honorary Bearers were Rick Steiner, Winston Hook, Urian Weaver, Larry Moore, Guy Mitchell and Marvin Mitchell.

### Ethel Loreen Harrington



Ethel Loreen Harrington, 86, of McLoud, Okla., died March 12, 2014 at McLoud. Services were March 15, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, McLoud with Bro. James Bond and Bro. Donnie Bond officiating. Interment followed in Sunny Lane Cemetery, Del City, Okla., with a traditional Native American burial.

Mrs. Harrington was born January 25, 1928, at Stonewall, Okla., to Johnson Futischa and Harriet (Bonham) Ledbetter. She was raised by her mother and step-father, Loren Ledbetter.

Mrs. Harrington was a descendant of John Futischa and Wincy Edwards Futischa, original Chickasaw enrollees. She was extremely proud of her Native American heritage.

She married George (G.C.) Harrington March 3, 1947, at Fort Smith, Ark. She lived in the Harrah (OK) and McLoud (OK) area since 1974. She was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, McLoud.

She was a homemaker and her hobbies included fishing, crocheting, raising her vegetable and

flower gardens and she loved to cook.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, G.C.; and a sister, Sylvetty.

She is survived by her children, Patsy and Richard Blemmel, Shirley and Kenneth Bailey, Kathryn and Bernie Freeman, all of McLoud, Kenneth Harrington and Genevieve Williams, both of Del City, Okla.; grandchildren, Angela Hudson, Lisa Fields, Duwayne Bailey, Kim Catchings, Mike Harrington, Bernice Grimes, Christine Burk, Laura Harrington-Foster, Heather Ward and Amy Grijalva; 19 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends

Pallbearers were Duwayne Bailey, Robbie Catchings, Thad Burk, Jerry Grimes, Kyle Turner and Greg Block.

Honorary pallbearers were grandsons Mike Harrington, Dalton Harrington, Tanner Harrington, Gavin Grimes, Casey Hudson, Todd Ward, Kevin Foster, Miguel Grijalva and Brogen Isbell.

The family would like to thank Angelic Hospice, Dr Vivek Bhaktaram and the staff at the McLoud Nursing Home. We appreciate all you have done for Ms. Ethel during her last journey on earth. Ethel is gone from our sight, but will forever be in our hearts.

### Wakeitha Mae "Keitha" Williams

Wakeitha Mae "Keitha" Williams, 56, of Allen, Okla., died March 5, 2014 at an Ada, Okla., hospital. Graveside services were March 7 at the Coleman Cemetery with Rev. Steve Wilburn officiating.

She was born October 24, 1957 in Oklahoma City, to Gene E. and Leota P. Kirkwood Williams. She attended school in Oklahoma City and Allen.

She was of the Pentecostal faith. She is survived by her parents, Gene and Leota Williams, of Allen; children, Michelle Rowsey and husband, Steve, of Allen, Melvin Leroy Thomas and wife, Charlene, of Ada, Cher Coker and Steven Coker, both of Prague, Okla.; three brothers, Thomas Williams, Tim Williams and Paul Williams, all of Allen; three sisters, Jean Tiger, Allen, Loeta Stick, Ada, and LaJuana Ledbetter, Ada; and 11 grandchildren.

Bearers were her three brothers, Thomas Williams, Tim Williams and Paul Williams, and Jacob Williams, Jonathan Alexander and Steve Rowsey.

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
Legislature Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
February 21, 2014**

**AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER**  
Chairperson Steve Woods 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, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

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

**Guests present:** Dana Lance, Jerry Imotichey, Michael L. Wingo, Mike Watson, Summer Stick, Kinsey Brown, Dohna Logan, Rachel Wedlow, Stirling Stick, Thirkiel Wedlow, Michael Stick

**AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION**  
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES -**  
January 17, 2014

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of January 17, 2014.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2014, carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
There was no unfinished business.

**AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**  
**(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair David Woerz

**General Resolution Number 31-012, Designation of Change of Legislative Session Day**

This resolution changes the Legislative Session for April, 2014, to Thursday, April 17, 2014, at 9:00 AM at the Legislative Building in Ada, Oklahoma. Such change is necessary due to a conflict with the third Friday in April being Good Friday, a tribal holiday.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR31-012.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR31-012 carried unanimously.

**Mr. Woerz concluded his report.**  
**(B) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus

**General Resolution Number 31-018, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society (Mrs. Rose Jefferson)**

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mrs. Rose Jefferson to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mrs. Jefferson will fill a vacant three year term of office ending on September 30, 2014.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR31-018.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR31-018 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 31-019, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society (Mrs. Sue Fish)**

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mrs. Sue Fish to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mrs. Fish will fill a vacant three year term of office ending on September 30, 2016.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR31-019.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR31-019 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 31-020, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society (Ms. LaDonna Brown)**

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. LaDonna Brown to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Brown will fill a vacant three year term of office ending on September 30, 2015.

A motion was made by Ms Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR31-020.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR31-020 carried unanimously.

**Ms. McManus concluded her request.**  
**(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

**General Resolution Number 31-013, Water Pipeline Easement in Pittsburg County**

**This resolution authorizes and approves a water pipeline easement granted to the City of McAlester on jointly owned tribal trust land in Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma. This lease will survive for ninety-nine (99) years and the offer of payment is One Dollar (\$1.00).**

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR31-013.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR31-013 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 31-014, To Affirm General Resolution 23-062 (Authorization for Acquisition of Real**

**Property in McClain County)**

This resolution affirms General Resolution 23-062 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR31-014.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR31-014 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 31-015, To Affirm General Resolution 21-031 (Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County)**

This resolution affirms General Resolution 21-031 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR31-015.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR31-015 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 31-016, To Affirm General Resolution 30-025 (Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County)**

This resolution affirms General Resolution 30-025 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR31-016.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR31-016 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 31-017, To Rescind and Replace General Resolution 19-054 (Request to Place Land into Trust for the Chickasaw Nation)**

This resolution rescinds and replaces General Resolution 19-054 for the purpose of removing the request the land be placed into trust for Class II Gaming as a Bingo Facility and gaming purposes. Said tract of land is deter-

mined to be for the purpose of self-determination.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, and execute any and all documents necessary to effect this trust acquisition.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR31-017.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR31-017 carried unanimously.

**Ms. Briggs concluded her report.**  
**(D) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 31-003, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Adjudication Hearing)

This resolution amends Title 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to eliminate the jury trial option for adjudication hearings.

A motion was made by Mr. Colbert and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR31-003.

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

13 yes votes  
The motion to approve PR31-003 carried unanimously.

**Mr. Colbert concluded his report.**  
**AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)**

Mrs. Alexander acknowledged the site directors and employees that handled the Senior's Valentine coronation. She also acknowledged the guests in the audience.

Mr. Watson read a statement regarding trust responsibilities.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**  
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Barker, Secretary  
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature  
Prepared by:  
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

MARCH 2014 RESOLUTIONS

**General Resolution Number 31-021 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Seminole County**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to accept a parcel of Real Property being donated by the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, described as follows:

Hamilton Addition East 100 feet of Lot 19, Block 5 and Hamilton Addition Block 5, Lot 20 Wewoka, Seminole County, Oklahoma.

**Property Location:** 301 West 20th Wewoka, Oklahoma

**Use:** Undetermined

**Purpose:** Self-determination

**Presented by:** Land Development Committee

**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Wood

**Absent:** Tim Colbert, David Woerz

**General Resolution Number 31-022 Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service for the Tribal

Preservation Program grant. Funds from this grant will be utilized to survey and inventory significant Chickasaw archaeological resources on private land along the Chiwapa and Tallabinella Cuesta Bluff escarpments in the Mississippi aboriginal homeland. The grant proposal is not to exceed \$40,000 for the 18 month grant period.

**Presented by:** Human Resources Committee

**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Wood

**Absent:** Tim Colbert, David Woerz

**Permanent Resolution Number 31-004 Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Election Rules)**

**Explanation:** This resolution amends the election rules and procedures located in Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

**Presented By:** Election Rules and Procedures Ad Hoc Committee

**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Wood

**Absent:** Tim Colbert, David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**March 17, 2014**

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

**Absent:** Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Steve Woods

**Election Rules & Regulation Ad Hoc Committee**  
**March 10, 2014**

**Present:** David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

**Finance Committee**  
**March 17, 2014**

**Present:** Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz

**Absent:** Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Steve Woods

**Human Resources Committee**  
**March 10, 2014**

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

**Land Development Committee**  
**March 10, 2014**

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

2013-2014 Tribal Legislature

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

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5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 310-4563 Mary.Green@chickasaw.net		1. Beth Alexander PO Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 272-7850 beth.alexander@chickasaw.net bethalexander22@hotmail.com

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6 p.m. – 6:20 p.m. Honor Guard 6:20 p.m. – 7 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. 8:05 p.m. – 8:35 p.m. 8:45 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Welcome & Prayer- Eddie Postoak  Dinner- Hamburgers Youth & Co-Ed Stickball Social Games Storytelling- Dixie Brewer in the Council House Stomp Dance
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**Saturday, May 17**

8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 12 p.m. 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. 1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.	Fishing Derby Cornstalk Shoot, located at the ball field Welcoming & Prayer- Lori Hamilton Horseshoe Tournament, located at the ball field Washer Tournament Traditional Craft Demonstrations Craft Classes, located in the Council House Trail Rides with Chickasaw Rangers Chunky Demonstration Little Warriors & Children's Tent Youth Activities Squirrel Stick Throw Youth Archery Dance Troupe Performance Traditional Meal Chickasaw/Choctaw Hymns Chickasaw Press Reading Loksi Race Chunky Tournament Sign-Up is from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Storytelling- Stephanie Scott Youth & Co-Ed Stickball Social Games Dinner- Hot Dogs Stickball Tournament at the ball field Dinner- Stickball Players Stomp Dance
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