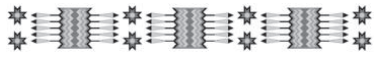




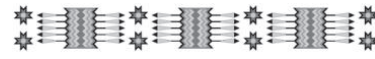
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Ada, Oklahoma

'I want to be a gold medalist'

Olympians instruct youth on shooting, dedication



Olympic gold medalist Matt Emmons explains proper shooting technique to Chickasaw student Kodie Shepherd.

ADA, Okla. – More than a dozen Chickasaw students from across the state recently received personal instruction on gun safety and target shooting

technique from Olympic gold medalist Matt Emmons and silver medalist Bob Foth.

Organizers and instructors of the gun safety and target shoot-

ing clinic agreed the two-day event conducted March 21 and 22 at the Community Center Gymnasium had been very successful.

Emmons, who many consider to be the best rifle shooter in the world, won gold in the 2004 Athens Olympics. He is projected to win as many as three gold medals in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

"Seeing these kids smile really puts a big smile on my face," said Emmons.

It was obvious, Emmons said, that the kids were enjoying the experience of learning Olympic-style shooting techniques.

Two students, Katie Mitchell and Kodie Shepherd, have a

great uncle who set numerous world records in military rifle competitions in the 1950s.

Gunnery Sgt. V.D. Mitchell (USMC, ret.) won the National Service Rifle Championship in 1955 and 1958, as well as the Daniel Boone trophy, Dupont trophy and numerous other awards.

Katie, a 17-year-old junior at Ringling (OK) High School, said she had never fired a gun before attending the clinic.

"I just came because my Mom brought me," she said. "But when I started shooting and started getting better, I thought 'hey, this is fun.'"

She also thought it was great that Emmons and Foth took the

time to teach the students at the camp.

"It's not many times that you get to meet someone who has proven that they are the best in the world at something," she said of Emmons. "Bob Foth was really nice. He helped me out a lot."

Kodie, a 14-year-old student at Ringling, has been shooting a .22 rifle for some time. He said that Emmons treated him like one of his friends and that he had learned some valuable techniques.

Emmons said while he enjoys teaching youngsters about the

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Chickasaw ballplayer made most of Chilocco

Boarding school era saw restrictions on tribal culture, but students found ways to overcome

Chickasaw anthropologist finds connections with past



LaDonna Brown

Anthropology is defined by Webster as simply "a study of man."

That simple "study," however, becomes so much more when the intellectual curiosity of scholars is aroused.

Chickasaw scholar LaDonna Brown found her need to learn more about the Chickasaw people set afire through a series of events.

"I was working in the tribe's

See Culture, page 8

Some of those who attended tribal or BIA boarding schools were able to retain the Chickasaw language and pass that knowledge on to others.

Some who attended such schools were not fluent speakers, but were able to retain and pass on other elements of Chickasaw culture through the experience.

Overton "Buck" Cheadle, a Chickasaw

who graduated from Chilocco in 1939, does not speak Chickasaw.

Nevertheless, Mr. Cheadle kept alive some very important elements of Chickasaw culture.

His unconquerable spirit, dedication to family and community and desire to pass knowledge on to future generations are among



Chilocco Indians 1937

Back row from left, Elmer Harjo, Ben Parris, Overton Cheadle, Key Kretcher, Coach Ray Colglazier. Middle row, Ben Arkeketa, Alvin Shamayme, Joseph Manitowa, John Issacs, Emmett Howery, Vernon Aitson. Front row, ? Hummingbird, Gilbert Smith, Bob Chambers, Jack Bushyhead. Not pictured, Amon Hamilton.

those elements of Chickasaw culture demonstrated through his life.

In the summer of 1939, Mr. Cheadle had the opportunity for a professional baseball career.

He chose to continue his education to fulfill his lifelong dream of teaching others.

"I've known I wanted to be a

coach since I was knee-high to a duck," said Mr. Cheadle.

He fulfilled that dream to become a member of the Iowa High School Athletic Association Hall of fame.

More importantly, he was able to benefit hundreds of young men whose lives were made better under his guidance.

When the opportunity arose to attend Chilocco, Mr. Cheadle's parents were very supportive.

His father had only a fourth-grade education because he continued running away from an Indian boarding school until

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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 16, 2007**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

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

Guests present: James Humes, Sue Simmons, Bill Simmons, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Tom Bolitho, Tony Choate, Ron Frazier, Rita Loder, Melissa Walker, Barbara Goodman, Paul Yates,

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given earlier in the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - December, 15, 2006

(Tabled 1/19/07)

January 19, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the minutes of December 15, 2006.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2006 carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the minutes of January 19, 2007.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2007 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 Steve Woods

No report.

(B) **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

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

General Resolution Number 24-017, Approval of Application for Funding – Administration for Native Americans Social and Economic Development Strategies

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Native Americans for the researching, planning and establishment of family resource services for the Chickasaw Nation through the Social and Economic Development Strategies grant. The application requests federal funding in the amount of up to \$500,000.00 per year for up to three years. The tribe's required 20% match will be provided through non-federal in-kind and tribal funds.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR24-017.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-017 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) **LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 24-018, Seismic Permit in Garvin County

This resolution approves seismic permit number 11163 in favor of Eagle Land

and

Minerals Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for a seismic permit across three properties belonging to the Chickasaw Nation for an access fee of \$7.00 per acre for a total of \$97.44. The Chickasaw Nation will receive \$97.44, for a term commencing on August 2, 2006 (the "Effective Date"), regardless of the actual date of execution, and shall terminate on or before December 31, 2007, if the Grantee fails to commence seismic operations

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR24-018.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-018 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-019, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Oklahoma. The property contains 0.482 acres, more or less and is located at 900 North Mississippi. It will be used for additional office space for Chickasaw Nation employees.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR24-019.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

See Minutes, page 42

Legislature modifies election rules

Chickasaw tribal legislators voted March 16 to revise rules regarding the candidate filing period, filing fees and mailing of ballots for Chickasaw elections.

Filing period for candidates has been changed from five days to three days. After close of the filing period, candidates

have more than five weeks to campaign prior to the mailing of ballots.

"We still provide candidates with a list of voters, including names and addresses, within five days of filing," said

See Election rules revised, page

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Clarification

LaDonna Brown, of the Chickasaw Nation Multimedia Department, was the principal author of the page 1 boarding school era article which appeared in the March issue of *the Chickasaw Times*.

The article, headlined "Boarding school reunion set for June; era saw Chickasaw culture survive," was researched and written fully by Ms. Brown.

Ms. Brown is a Chickasaw anthropologist with a master's degree in Anthropology from the University of Mississippi.

Bill Anoatubby
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In-Nation conference displays spirit, energy of Chickasaws

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

Chickasaws At-Large

Chickasaws at-large from across the country will recall last year when the Chickasaw Nation hosted a series of "Listening Conferences." These special conferences were conducted in cities closest to the largest concentrations of Chickasaws living at large.

Those conferences proved to be exceptionally good for everyone involved.

Those of us who serve you in your tribal government had the opportunity to hear comments from Chickasaws living in many outlying communities. We listened to what the people had to say about a wide variety of topics, from transportation to health care, housing to nutrition, and so much more.

The people in attendance were, and are, very interested in making positive, lasting connections with the tribe. And I believe there were many successes following the listening conferences, most notably the new Services At-Large programs.

We learned what the greatest needs were, and we learned that needs can vary depending on the area of the country and the circumstances of each family. We learned that each and every Chickasaw can benefit from some aspect of tribal programs and services. And it was apparent that the tribe could develop processes that would greatly enhance outreach to citizens living in distant areas.

Each listening conference brought forth new and vital information. These gatherings became much anticipated events by those in tribal government. We knew we would be receiving



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

information that would greatly improve our service to citizens.

In-Nation Conference

These listening conferences tailored for Chickasaws living at large were successful. We have now heard from Chickasaws living inside the nation, as well. On March 24, your tribal government hosted the first listening conference *within* the Chickasaw Nation. The conference

was conducted at Ardmore. The turnout of Chickasaw citizens was tremendous and Chickasaw spirit was alive and active!

This first-ever listening conference in Ardmore, much like the conferences of last year, provided information that will help shape the Chickasaw Nation in the years ahead. This direct input from citizens has no peer when it comes to frankness, spontaneity and straight talk. The people are forthright when they communicate the needs, desires and dreams they have for their families, and for their tribe.

Our job, as your tribal officials, is to listen. It may seem a simple process to listen, but there is much more to it than simply not talking. Listening is a skill that requires us to open our minds, to follow the speaker's words carefully, and to be disciplined in processing

the information.

To hear another's thoughts, we must be actively engaged and interested. Anything less is not fair to the citizen being heard. We all work very hard to be good and attentive listeners.

A special thanks to all the Chickasaws who attended the Ardmore conference. You displayed your interest, and often your passion, regarding our tribe. I am very proud of those who shared their thoughts, and also of those who came to listen and consider the opinions of others.

Your ideas will be of tremendous help as we establish our goals and objectives for the years to come at the Chickasaw Nation. Your energetic participation in our planning process helps ensure your tribal government is meeting its sacred obligation to the Chickasaw people.

Capitol exhibit honored by Oklahoma Museums Association

Historic Capitol stands as symbol of Chickasaw strength



Chickasaw Capitol exhibits highlight intriguing and important people, places and events from Chickasaw history.

An exhibit at the historic Chickasaw Capitol in Tishomingo was recently honored by the Oklahoma Museums Association.

Chickasaw Government, the Indian Territory Years was awarded first-place honors in its category.

Restoration of the historic capitol building includes numerous exhibits highlighting historic events and interesting facts about the capitol.

"These exhibits provide a fascinating glimpse of Chickasaw history," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This magnificent

structure was built when our people were facing difficult circumstances. It is only fitting that the story of those the strength of spirit of the Chickasaw people."

Restoration of the historic Chickasaw Capitol in Tishomingo has turned the building into a showcase of Chickasaw history.

Not only has the building itself been restored to its former glory, numerous exhibits highlight historic events and interesting facts about the capitol.

"This magnificent structure, built when our people were

facing difficult circumstances, stands as an enduring symbol of the strength of spirit of the Chickasaw people," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Its restoration is a great reminder of the resilience and resolve of our nation."

One of the most striking exhibits includes a very lifelike representation of Governor Douglas Johnston sitting in his office chair at his desk.

Another exhibit corrects the misconception that the vault in the capitol building was used as a jail. The jail was actually located north of the capitol.

There are also several exhibits that highlight historic events in times and places extending well beyond the life of the capitol building.

Topics including the allotment process, politics, law enforcement, culture and more are addressed in a variety of exhibits.

Among these is a photo gallery of famous and lesser known Chickasaw citizens.

Construction of the historic capitol, made of red granite from the Pennington Creek quarry, was completed in 1898.

Dedicated November 17 of that year, the building served as capitol of the Chickasaw Nation until statehood in 1907.



One striking capitol building exhibit includes a very lifelike representation of Chickasaw Governor Douglas Johnston sitting in a chair at his desk.

Sold to Johnston County in 1910 for \$7,500, the building was repurchased by the tribal government in 1989.

Special legislation was passed by the state allowing the sale of what was then the Johnston County Courthouse.

Under that bill, the sale was allowed with the requirement that the tribe allow the county to lease back the building for three years. This provision allowed the county adequate time for construction of a new courthouse.

As the third building on the site to serve as seat of government for the Chickasaw Nation, it replaced a two-story brick building completed in 1858 and destroyed by fire in 1890.

Prior to that, the Chickasaw Council House, a log structure built in 1856 and still preserved in the council house museum, served as the seat of Chickasaw government in Indian Territory.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Optometrist for Purcell; Saturday dental clinic at Carl Albert



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! I hope all enjoyed Easter in church and family gatherings. The weather in the Chickasaw Nation is beautiful with blooming flowers and trees and much needed rain.

Kudos to Mason Laxton for outstanding achievement at Byng School and to all Chickasaw students receiving awards through the Chickasaw Nation's school programs. I hope you enjoy reading in *the Chickasaw Times* about the many Chickasaw students who receive

awards. I'm very proud of our youth!

Our Health Care Committee met with Bill Lance, Administrator of the Health System. One of my personal goals will soon be reached to have an Optometrist at the Purcell Health Clinic one day a week. This will help a lot of Chickasaws living in the Purcell and surrounding areas.

Our best news is that the dental clinic at Carl Albert will see 200 more Chickasaw per month by operating a Saturday dental clinic twice a month. The toll free number to call for those appointments is (888) 512-5522.

Ground breaking for our new

hospital is being planned for the not-too-distant future. A policy change at the hospital is that all patients who are eligible for Medicaid will be asked to fill out an application form. Oklahoma DHS workers will be available to provide assistance and determine eligibility for the program. This action will assist us in providing additional health care services for those patients with no health insurance.

We are happy to report that the renovation work is starting at the historic McSwain Theatre in downtown Ada. The attached building on the east side will be incorporated into the Theatre. Delays have been present because of the difficulty in locating qualified firms to do the work. The new Ada Community Center is nearing completion. It is located across from the Headquarters building on Mississippi Street.

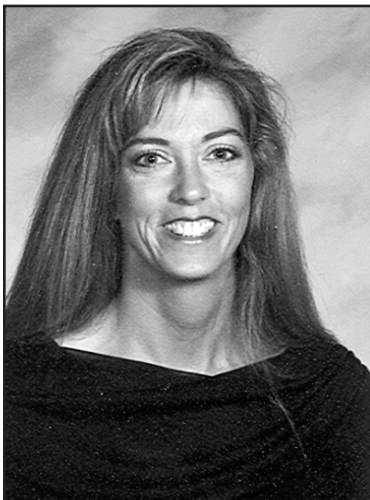
Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: In the month of February, 2007,

there were 192 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,190. February Emergency Room visits were 1,069. February saw 237 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,921 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 3,998 patients in February. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,881 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,887. The Durant Clinic saw 2,432 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,458 in February.

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

Neurocare muscle stimulator now in operation at Diabetes Care Center



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

feeling in his feet and toes. Thanks to Addie Gratz, the staff at Victory Home Health Care and treatments on the machine, Mr. Jordan has improved and is doing much better.

Just last week, I was fortunate to witness the Neurocare machine being used. After a 35 minute session on my mother's left leg, the results were noticeable. The swelling in her foot went down, the skin color changed to a healthy pink and feeling had returned in her ankle and toes. She could also feel the pattern in the floor linoleum - something she had not been able to do for sometime. With continued treatments we are expecting to decrease the swelling, increase the circulation and maintain sensitivity in the entire foot.

The Neurocare Muscle Stimulator is FDA approved. It is used in a variety of treatments. While the machine can not cure diabetes, it can assist in the treatment of various diabetic complications. Will it work for everyone? Probably not, however, it is an option. One advantage of the System -it does not take months of use to see if it will be of assistance. Just two or three treatments will show if it is going to work.

For more information call toll free 1-877-571-3599 or www.neurocare.com <<http://www.neurocare.com/>> Contact the

Diabetes Care Center at Carl Albert Hospital to learn more on this new system. (580) 421-4532 or (800)851-9136m ext, 82260.

Congratulations to the Oklahoma City Metro Community Council on their new location. They will now be meeting at Lake Pointe Towers (east building), 4005 Northwest Expressway, 6th floor in Oklahoma City. The council still meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. If you have any questions or need directions contact Betty Smith (405) 348-7459, pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

If you live in California make sure to check *the Chickasaw Times* for an advertisement on a gathering in your state. There will be a picnic and fellowship of Chickasaw Citizens on May 26th in Santee, California. There is always plenty of food, fun and fellowship. Contact Sharon Tandy for more information. (818) 985-8392 I hope to see you there.

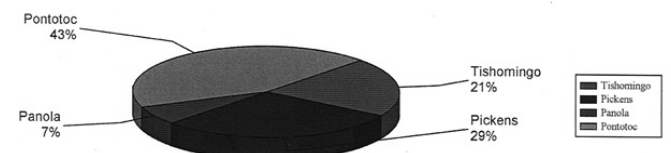
May you and your family be blessed.

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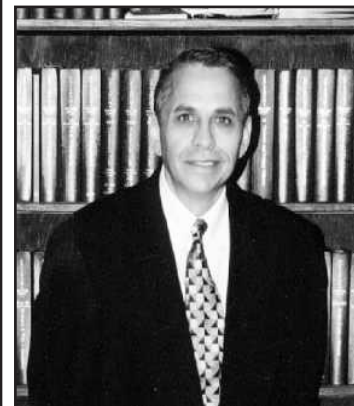
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Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,443	Panola	1,393
Pickens	6,201	Pontotoc	9,204
Total		21,241	



Colbert hosting open house at Tish Clinic first Wednesdays



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman and Tishomingo District legislator Scott Colbert hosts an open office for legislative business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month.

Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Natchez Trace bicycle trip retraces ancestors' footsteps



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

birds chirping outside the window where my desk is located. They know that soon it will be daylight.

I have long learned that no day is ordinary; just that some days are extraordinary. And just the other day my phone rang and brought one of those "extraordinary" days. A fellow Chickasaw, Jerry L. Brown, who lives in Alberta, Alabama called and the visit made that day special. Jerry is dedicated to sharing and teaching our heritage to his children. Also, to experience as much as he can of what, where and who our ancestors were. In that effort, he made a bicycle trip, alone, on the route of the Natchez Trace – 300 miles! He kept a journal as he traveled

and made photos identifying the sites he was visiting.

Jerry Brown, retired from the United States Navy, is a gifted storyteller! His journal is great reading! He put it together with pictures and gave copies to his children and grandchildren – and now, to me. It is so well done it really should be published for all of us to give to our children. But for now you may be reading parts of it in the Times (not this month – but soon, I hope!) as he has given us permission to use it. His wit and humor coupled with his deep respect for our history is great reading. Jerry's grandfather, Joe Brown, was Secretary of the "Last Chickasaw Legislature" of 1905-06 and is pictured with the group

in front of the Chickasaw Courthouse in Tishomingo. It was my honor and privilege to be in the Legislature that celebrated that 100-year anniversary. And I am now Secretary of the present Legislature. Jerry has given us a great gift with the sharing of his journal and we deeply thank him.

The previous Listening Conferences were interesting and productive and now we are beginning another round of them – the first this weekend. Much benefit was derived from the previous conferences, with an emphasis on how to reach out to our citizens living outside the boundaries of the Nation and these will continue in that effort. Most notably the programs now

in place (Services at Large) as a result of the previous conferences for our citizens living outside the Nation are the Health Savings Account which is designed for Chickasaw Health System: those citizens can receive \$100 per month toward his/her care outside our system; the Prescription Mail Order Program (this is so great!); and the Eye Glass Program. Much work has gone into implementing these programs and we believe they are just the beginning. For information on these three programs (or any health related program) call: 1-800-851-9136.

For all of you I wish good health and days that cause you to smile – Take care!

Linda Briggs

Good Morning! It's a very early morning as I write this and the greeting feels appropriate. I am an early riser. I love the quiet and the sounds of the

From newsprint to the web, communication is vital as new Chickasaw generations emerge



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

events that are occurring in the Chickasaw Nation.

With a the new generation of Chickasaws, communication tools must also change. I was on a trip recently with a group of our young Chickasaw citizens, and I observed as they all walked around with Ipods dangling from their ears. In my era, I suppose that the Walkman was the tool we used. I also listened to these young Chickasaws talk about My Space frequently and while I will not be developing such a site as this, I do have plans for creating a web site for

a communication tool.

I want you to "see" what we sometimes try to say in words. I am at a Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee now as we work for the funding that I have written about frequently in past articles. That will be my first goal for communication.

Please think about what you would like to see on this web site. Your input is important to me. I value the information that I am able to share with you as well as the information you share with me.

Communication is key. Hi. I am writing this to inform you about an upcoming web site . . . mine.

As I continue to watch the Nation communicate through the Listening conferences, it confirms to me the importance of our communication. People often ask why Legislators write articles for *the Chickasaw Times*, and the reason is simple. Several years ago we actually passed legislation designating two pages of *the Chickasaw Times* as Legislative pages.

Over time, we Legislators have become quite regular writers for this communication tool that is provided to our citizens. It is our goal to share with you

Children's Fair 2007 Planned

ADA - The 2007 Children's Fair will be Saturday, April 28 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and help celebrate the Week of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The free family event will feature games, door prizes, information booths, food, entertainment, rides and more.

During the fair, the Diaper Dash will be open to all children who are crawling as well as many other games that include parent-child participation.

The award-winning Chickasaw Nation martial arts competitors and the Chickasaw Nation

Dance Troupe will perform.

Businesses and organizations interested in securing booth space can register online by clicking the Children's Fair 2007 link at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting Scott Wingo at (580) 436-3523. Registration must be completed by March 30.

The Children's Fair is coordinated by the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Nation Health System and the Pontotoc County Oklahoma Department of Human Services. For more information, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 421-4532.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

Committee Reports

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

March 12, 2007

Present: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Education Committee

March 5, 2007

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz

Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Judy Goforth Parker

Election Rules & Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

March 5, 2007

Present: Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Judy Goforth Parker, Holly Easterling (Chairperson Pro Tempore)

Absent: Tim Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

March 12, 2007

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

Health Committee

March 5, 2007

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth

Alexander, Dean McManus

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Human Resources Committee

March 5, 2007

Present: Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Absent: Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee

March 5, 2007

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

Legislative Committee

March 5, 2007

Present: Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Citizens At Large Help Number

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

Retention of Chickasaw college students a priority



**Wanda Blackwood
Tippit Scott**
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Our school children are in the final nine-week period of the year, and our college and university students are now past mid-terms and looking forward to completing their final exams.

It is amazing how many of our Chickasaw students are building excellent scholastic records as they work toward graduation, career and family. I can attest, as chairman of the legislative Education Committee, that our Chickasaw students – from elementary through graduate school – are working hard and making great strides. It is won-

derful to see young Chickasaws building the educational base that will serve them so well in our modern society!

You may have read earlier in this column about the tribal recruitment and retention efforts at East Central University in Ada. We have many Chickasaw students at ECU and our mission is to make each and every ECU Chickasaw successful. The retention office we operate at ECU is designed to provide all the assistance and counsel our students need to ensure a successful college career.

Now, we are also reaching out to Chickasaw students at Murray State University in Tishomingo, and Southeastern University in Durant. Our retention officers make themselves well-known to our Chickasaw students. It is very important we track our students and provide them the tools they need to graduate.

In each of our Chickasaw districts, we had a total of 180 elementary and secondary students with perfect attendance for the month of December. That is tremendous! We know from experience that students who

comply with regular attendance have a much higher rate of success in the classroom.

Please contact me anytime. I'm always happy to hear from you! My contact information is: Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott, Route 1, Box 42, Elmore City, OK 73433. My phone number is (580) 788-4730 and my email address is scottides@telepath.com



March 2007 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 24-020

Approval of Application for Funding

Family Violence Prevention and Services

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the Administration for Children and Families for the continuation of the Family Violence Prevention and Services project. With the funds from the grant, we are able to assist clients with relocating costs as-

sociated with leaving an abusive situation. This can include assistance with housing rental costs and deposit plus utility deposits for housing, household items, bedding, beds, dinettes, kitchen items, clothing, transportation tickets to locate services or employment and groceries. We also provide crises counseling, safety planning and education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders and facilitate a weekly support group, "Spirit Circle." We also make many referrals to tribal

and non-tribal agencies to assist with emergency shelter, legal and other needs. This grant serves Native America and non-Native American victims.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David

Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-023

Utility Easement in Stephens County

Explanation: This resolution approves an additional 22 foot (22') wide (east to west) by 40 foot (40') long (north to south) utility easement adjoining a previously conveyed utility easement to the City of Duncan, Oklahoma, a municipal corporation, for constructing, maintaining and operating public utilities across property owned by the Chickasaw Nation, described as follows:

A 22.00 feet utility easement being 11.00 feet on either side of a centerline described as beginning at a point 184.09 feet N 89E58'29" E of the Southwest corner of the SW/4 of the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 19, T1N, R7W, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma; thence North a distance of 40.00 feet to a point.

Compensation for these utility easements is waived for providing utility services to the Duncan Senior Site.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-024

Right-of-Way in Love County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way granted to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for drainage purposes along Rogers Road across property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation described as being in the E/2 NE/4 of Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, Love County, Oklahoma. Compensation is hereby waived.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-025

Right-of-Way in Love County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way granted to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to construct a portion of the roadway on Merle Wolfe Road that connects to I-35 across property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation described as

2006-2007 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.

<u>Pontotoc District</u> Seat #	<u>Pickens District</u> Seat #	<u>Tishomingo District</u> Seat #
1. Holly Easterling HCR 64 Box 241 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 399-4002 hollye@cableone.net	1. David Woerz P.O. Box 669 Ardmore, OK 73402 (580) 504-0160	1. D. Scott Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3960
2. Judy Parker P.O. Box 2628 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-3840	2. Donna Hartman HC 66, Box 122 Overbrook, OK 73448 (580) 226-4385	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
3. Katie Case 14368 County Road 3597 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 421-9390	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods Route 1, Box 430A Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottides@telepath.com	<u>Panola District</u> Seat #
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409



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Court system designed to dispense equal justice for Chickasaws



Barbara Smith
Supreme Court Justice

Chukma!

Greetings from the Supreme Court Justices: Chief Justice Barbara Smith, Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, Mark Colbert.

We come to you with great news and updates from the Supreme Court. We are proud to share with you the accomplishments of the Judicial Branch. The District Court has been back in operation since January 2004 and there have been **1,252** cases filed over the last three years, and **3,715** citizens serviced through the Court Advocate program.

THE DISTRICT COURT

The District Court is located in Ada where you will find Court Clerk Wayne Joplin and Deputy Court Clerk Tamara Dresser and Deputy Court Clerk Jeanie Jones wonderfully managing the court dockets, the court documents, the court filings and the court days. They will greet you with a smile and be happy to help you with your court needs.

Judge Aaron Duck, who is also a practicing attorney in Sulphur, holds court every Tuesday. Judge Dustin Rowe, who is also a practicing attorney in Tishomingo, holds court every Thursday. Magistrate Sherry Todd, who is also an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma, handles cases that might present a conflict of interest for Judge Duck or Judge Rowe. We are very fortunate to have such fine law trained attorneys as our sitting Judges.

THE COURT ADVOCATES

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday the Court Advocates meet with folks who have made appointments for assistance in filing their cases. David Ponder and Darlene Cheadle are our

Court Advocates. Both are licensed attorneys with experience in many areas of the law. The Court Advocates are provided by the Judicial Branch to help people with the court process. They assist people with preparation of documents and pleadings for those who would like to proceed without an attorney. The Advocates never represent a party in any case, as that would place them in a conflicted position. They do not offer legal advice outside of the issue of the court processes and the documents and pleadings to be filed and served. However, their services have been invaluable and have enabled many people to understand and use the court system.

In June 2007, the Supreme Court will be expanding the Court Advocate system to new areas in the Chickasaw Nation. In an effort to make the court system more accessible to more people we will be opening an office in Ardmore and in Purcell. Appointments will still be made through the Court Clerks at the District Court, but the Advocates will travel to these two locations to meet with folks two days a

week.

We are hopeful that this will allow more people from different parts of the Nation to have the opportunity to use the Chickasaw Nation court system. Many actions that might have been filed in state court may be filed in tribal court. We look forward to expanding this system throughout the Nation so that we might serve more citizens and provide more assistance with your legal needs.

THE PEACEMAKING COURT

In addition to the District Court and the Court Advocates, the Judicial Branch also provides an alternative method of resolving disputes through working with the Peacemakers in the Peacemaking Court. We have seven Peacemakers; Robert Cole, Anna Ruth Cole, Smith Cole, John Edwards, Tewanna Edwards, Don Moody and Kathi Trent. The Judges and Court Advocates have been sending folks to the Peacemakers in an effort to allow the parties to talk things out. The Peacemakers help people remember how to talk to one another and, more

importantly, how to listen to one another. There is much healing of spirits and feelings in telling your story and in listening to others tell their stories. The Peacemakers have trained and practiced in using the talking circles and in helping people tell their stories. They bring kindness and compassion to conflicted situations with great success. If you find that your family or your situation could use some help in returning to some peaceful moments, call the Supreme Court Judicial Clerk, Jason Burwell, and he will assist you with applying for the Peacemaking Court.

THE SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court is the appellate court for the Judicial Branch. Decisions from the District Court may be appealed to the Supreme Court. There are three Supreme Court Justices who are elected by the citizens; Chief Justice Barbara Smith, Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, and Justice Mark Colbert. The Supreme Court is also responsible for the development and management of the Judicial system. As you can see, we are very fortunate to have so many

wonderful, well-qualified people who do their part to make the court system work. The Supreme Court Justices could not help provide these services without the amazing work of our staff in the Supreme Court. Supreme Court Clerk, Connie Tillery, Judicial Clerk, Jason Burwell, and Receptionist, Labrista Landers keep the entire system together through all they do.

I travel to many areas of the country and work with many Judges from other Tribes. I am always so very proud of how impressed they are with our judicial system. I invite you to come and visit the courts and meet the staff and look to the Judicial Branch as the forum for redress for your conflicts and your legal needs. We look forward to providing the two new offices in Ardmore and Purcell for Court Advocate services. Look for our ads in *the Chickasaw Times* and your local papers for the dates, times and locations. If you have questions or concerns, please call the **Supreme Court at 580-235-0281 /800-479-1455** or the **District Court at 580-235-0279 or 800-479-1459**.

'Therapeutic' justice seeks gentler response to cases



Left to right: Hon. Barbara Smith, Hon. Elbridge Coochise, Hon. David Raasch, Program Attorney Christine Folsom-Smith, Hon. Charles Cloud, Hon. Ingrid Cumberlidge, Hon. Vincent Knight and Hon. Gary LaRance. Not pictured: Hon. Stacy Leeds, Hon. Robert Yazzie, Hon. Eugene White-Fish and Hon. Carolyn Seneca Steele.

In February, Chief Justice Barbara Smith traveled to Reno, Nevada to teach a course in Decision-Making to Tribal Judges from around the United States. The course was a part of the Essential Skills for Tribal Judges program at the National Tribal Judicial Center in the National Judicial College in Reno. The National Judicial College trains judges from all over the world.

Most judges in the United States have been trained at this College located on the campus of the University of Nevada-Reno.

The Decision-Making course was based on a theory of therapeutic jurisprudence. Judges are looking more to alternatives to decisions of incarcerations and decisions without thought to social ramifications to families and communities. Many judges are

looking to community sentencing, drug courts, mediation, treatment plans and family counseling to be a part of adjudications. Therapeutic Jurisprudence looks to help families and communities address a more healing approach to justice. The Chickasaw Nation Judicial System has incorporated the Peacemaking Court into its justice system to add to the possibilities of assisting our Judges with alternative methods of resolving conflicts.

Justice Smith is also a council member on the National Tribal Judicial Center Council at the National Judicial College. The Council is the advisory board for programming, staffing and policy making of the National Tribal Judicial Center. The Council is comprised of Hon. Barbara Smith, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Chickasaw Nation; Hon. Elbridge Coochise; Hon. David Raasch, Judge for the Mohican Nation; Program Attorney Christine Folsom-Smith, citizen of the Choctaw Nation and a descendant of the Chickasaw Nation and the Rose-

bud Sioux Nation; Hon. Charles Cloud; Hon. Ingrid Cumberlidge; Hon. Vincent Knight; Hon. Gary LaRance, Chief Judge of the Hopi Nation; Hon. Stacy Leeds, Judge for the Cherokee Nation; Hon. Robert Yazzie, Judge for the Navajo Nation; Hon. Eugene White-Fish; and Hon. Carolyn Seneca Steele.

All council members are tribal members and sit as judges for various tribes or are former sitting judges. In 2002, the National Tribal Judicial Center was formed at the National Judicial College to provide tribal judges with the unique skills and knowledge necessary to enhance tribal sovereignty. Many of the Chickasaw Nation judges have attended training at the Center and Magistrate Sherry Todd has eventually teach courses to other tribal judges.

Chief Justice Smith has taught several courses at the National Tribal Judicial Center and will be teaching a course on Restorative Justice and Peacemaking in August of this year.

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cultural resources department and people continually came in asking very basic questions," Ms. Brown said. "Many were Chickasaw people, and I thought, 'they ought to know this stuff already.'

"I began to question my own knowledge, although I thought I had a good grasp on Chickasaw history and culture. I asked myself, 'what's going on here?' and I wondered **what** our Chickasaw culture was really all about."

The questions led Ms. Brown to a 1976 book authored by Charles Hudson and published by the University of Tennessee Press. The book, "Southeastern Indians," thrilled the budding anthropologist.

"I read 'Southeastern Indians' and it amazed me," Ms. Brown said. "Everything was there about our early culture. This was a non-Chickasaw author and he was talked about the deepest points of Chickasaw culture."

Her experiences, coupled with her reading and re-reading of "Southeastern Indians," spurred Ms. Brown to action. She decided she would help others become more knowledgeable about the Chickasaws.

"I felt I had to bring these two worlds together, the world of the modern Chickasaw and the world of the prehistoric Chickasaw," she said.

Ms. Brown knew from reading "Southeastern Indians" and other texts that the Chickasaws were a great, powerful and developed society upon contact with Europeans. She knew Chickasaws had complex political units, smart and talented leadership. The people had built large towns and monumental ceremonial centers. Chickasaw culture possessed rich symbolism and produced a unique and expressive art style.

She wanted to know much more about her people.

In 1999, as a member of the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe, Ms. Brown visited Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. While in Cape Girardeau, she heard about an internship at Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site at Wickliffe, Kentucky. She decided to go visit.

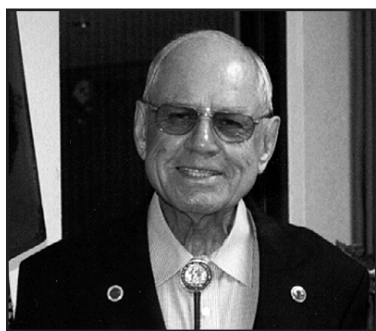
Though the site was closed, officials at the site welcomed Ms. Brown in. It was a visit that would change her life di-

rection.

"I was amazed at the artifacts they brought out," she said. "I saw animals in the pottery. These were the same animals from our Chickasaw stories. I felt the connection so strongly, and I knew I was in the right place."

The site officials, obviously joyous to discover a Chickasaw citizen with such deep initial understanding of Southeastern anthropology, offered Ms. Brown the internship on the spot. She accepted.

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Overton Cheadle

officials tired of chasing him down.

His mother, who had an eighth-grade education, saw Chilocco as a way for her son to find a better life.

Mr. Cheadle said the fact that his food, clothing and shelter would be paid for at Chilocco was very appealing.

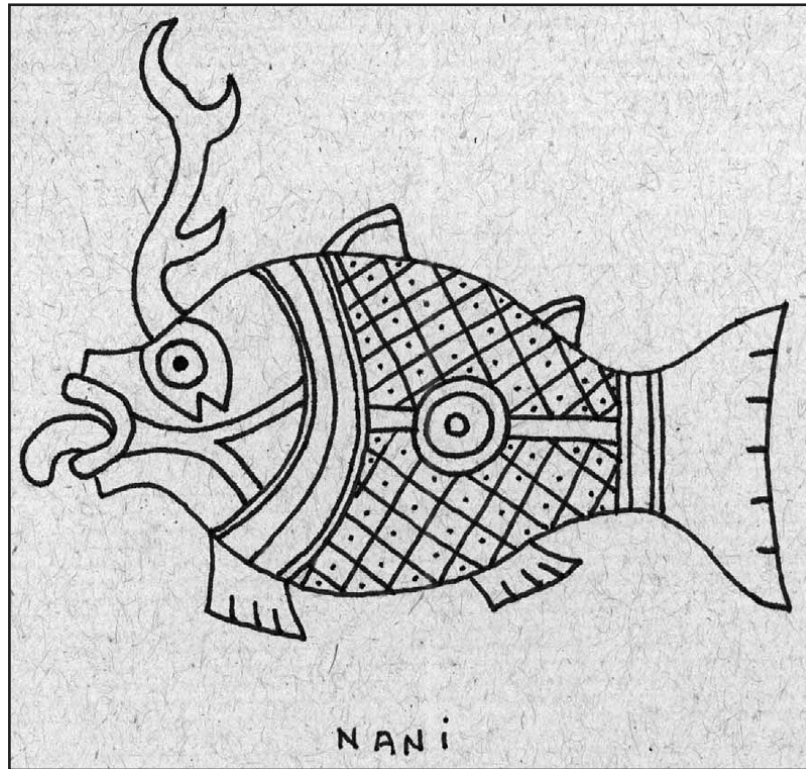
While he had learned some Chickasaw from his grandmother, native languages were strictly forbidden at the school.

"The first thing they told us was to forget your native language," said Mr. Cheadle.

"I remember two Kiowas who would go out to the fields to speak Kiowa, but they'd get caught every time."

Punishment for speaking your native language was breaking

Wickliffe Mounds is an archaeological site of early Native American Mississippian mound builders. The mounds were built



about AD 1100 to 1350. The people built a complex settlement there, farmed the river bottoms and participated in a

vast trade network. They were also exceptional for the dignity and respect with which they buried their dead. Much pottery, stone tools, bone and shell implements and other artifacts are still there.

"A door was opening for me," Ms. Brown said. "I had to see what was going on with this prehistoric culture. I wanted to see how it fit with the ways of 21st Century Chickasaws."

The internship turned out to be "the most knowledge-rich experience I have ever had."

During her time at Wickliffe, Ms. Brown said the most surprising aspect was the Chickasaw concept of spirituality. There was, she said, a distinct

concept of good spirits and bad spirits. The care with which people led their lives in order to be "in tune" with their spiritual essence, she said, was very obvious.

"I saw so many connections between what I was studying in Kentucky and what was manifested in Oklahoma," Ms. Brown said. "I could see the continuity of very important aspects of Chickasaw culture. Even though many Chickasaws did not consciously realize they were carrying on cultural traditions, their actions told the story."

A touching example of the cultural connections over the generations involves Chickasaw burial traditions. Nearly 1,000 years ago, Chickasaws buried their beloved dead with tools, weapons, clothing and special artwork. The burial practices denoted love and respect for the deceased.

In modern Chickasaw society, the practice continues. Men are often buried with a favorite bow

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big rocks into smaller ones on the rock pile.

Being away from home for the first time, it was not long before Mr. Cheadle started longing to go home for a visit.

He explained to the superintendent that he wanted to go home for a visit, but would return soon.

The superintendent's answer was a definite "no."

Mr. Cheadle, however, was determined.

"I got my pasteboard suitcase and packed my clothes at 5:30 in the morning," he said. "I was careful to leave all the clothes

that belonged to Chilocco in the room."

He made his way home by hitchhiking.

When the next school year approached he told his mother he wanted to return.

She wrote a letter asking if he could return.

"The superintendent told her something I'll never forget," Mr. Cheadle said. "He said 'he's a runaway and he'll never amount to a hill of beans, but I'll let him try one more time.'"

Determined to show his worth, Mr. Cheadle returned to Chilocco and did not return home

until he had graduated.

After graduation he continued his education, eventually earning a master's degree.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the service, he began a 40-year career as a teacher and coach.

He also served as a Chickasaw legislator and continues to contribute to the Chickasaw Nation education committee.

Keeping alive the Chickasaw tradition of dedication to family and tribe, he has committed his life to serving the community.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Boarding school era event set for June

A celebration of the survival of Chickasaw language and culture through the boarding school era is tentatively scheduled for June 2007.

Event organizers are urging Chickasaws of all ages to participate in this event.

Family members are asked to complete the form on page 9 for any Chickasaw citizens who have attended or are attending tribal or BIA board-

ing schools.

Organizers are also asking family members to share memories of boarding school experiences as well as any photos of Chickasaws at tribal or BIA boarding schools from all time periods.

Photos will be scanned and returned to the owners.

This information will help in creating a list of Chickasaw boarding school students, a

photo gallery of their experiences and a video documentary including interviews with boarding school students of all ages.

Please send any relevant information and photos to:

Lori Hamilton
124 East 14th Street
Ada, OK 74820

For more information, call Lori Hamilton or Chenae Casady at (580) 421-7711.

Chickasaw Nation big winner of prestigious Addy Awards

The Chickasaw Nation received several awards for material highlighting the tribe's history and heritage during the recent Addy Awards in Oklahoma City.

The Chickasaw Multimedia Department staff won an Addy Award for the presentation piece created for the Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Awards.

The Chickasaw Historical Society earned a Silver Merit award for the Chickasaw Historical Society Calendar.

A Silver Merit Award was also presented for sound design for the television advertisement promoting the 150th Anniversary of the Chickasaw Nation Constitution.

Chickasaw Enterprises earned more than a dozen awards, including four first place Addys, for advertising materials for Riverwind Casino, WinStar Casinos and Bedre' Chocolates among others.

Numerous ads created for Chickasaw Nation businesses by outside firms also won awards.

Award winners were selected by members of the Oklahoma City Advertising Club, a chapter of the American Advertising Federation.

A detailed list of awards appears below.

Chickasaw Multimedia

Addy Award - Direct Marketing Specialty - Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Award

Silver Merit - Sound Design - 150th Anniversary of the Chickasaw Constitution.

Chickasaw Historical Society

Silver Merit - Chickasaw Historical Society Calendar.

Chickasaw Enterprises

Addy for Special Event material - Mel Gibson *Apocalypto* Preview

Addy for Apparel Specialty Advertising - Riverwind Synergy T-shirt.

Addy for Invitation Special Event material - Riverwind New Year's Eve Invitation.

Addy - Video, Film Sound Design - WinStar Casinos - Red River Roundup

Silver Merit - Single Medium Campaign - Mel Gibson *Apocalypto* Invitations

Silver Merit - Collateral Material (Brochures, Posters, Etc.)

Silver for Outdoor Board - WinStar Casino VW Bug Giveaway

Silver for Outdoor Board - Thackerville Microtel Billboard

Silver Merit Out-of-Home Campaign - Bedre' Chocolates Good vs. Evil.

Bronze Merit - Illustration Campaign Riverwind Casino

Bronze Merit - Non-traditional Advertising - Riverwind Casino Pre-Opening Guerilla Campaign

Bronze Merit - Single Unit packaging - Riverwind New Years Eve Invitation.

Bronze Merit - Single Poster - Monster Machine Madness

Bronze Merit - Announcement - Riverwind Grand Opening announcement.

Ackerman-McQueen for Chickasaw Enterprises

Judges Award - Mixed Media Visual Effects, Animation - Riverwind Campaign

Addy - Single Unit Packaging - Mel Gibson *Apocalypto* preview invitation.

Addy - Consumer Services,



The Heritage Preservation Award designed by Chickasaw multimedia staff members Harley Lewis and David Ballard won a first place Addy award.

Entertainment/Lotteries - Riverwind Casino Musical Journey :30 TV

Addy - Mixed Media - Riverwind Casino - Visual Effects Animation

Silver Merit - Consumer Services, Entertainment/Lotteries - Riverwind Casino Card Trick :30 TV

Silver Merit Television - Riverwind Casino Games :30 TV

Silver Merit - Television Campaign - Riverwind Television Campaign

Bronze Merit - Video, Film - Be Amazed :30 TV

Bronze Merit - Be Amazed - Riverwind be Amazed :30 TV

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Boarding School Student Information

(Please submit a separate form for each student.)

Name of student: _____

Name of School: _____

Location of School: _____

Dates attended: _____ to _____

Number of photos submitted (if any): _____

Contact information – Photos returned to this address:

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Apartment number: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Location of each photo:

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Names of individuals in each photo (left to right):

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(Please list information for additional photos on a separate page.)

For more information contact Lori Hamilton or Chenae Casady at (580) 421-7711.

Elders Day & First Stomp Dance

May 11, 2007

Kullihoma

Located 7 miles northeast of Ada, Oklahoma, On Hwy. 1, 3 miles east and 1 mile south

Elders Day

Opening Ceremony – 10 a.m.

Chickasaw Color Guard

Prayer

Welcome

Presentation

Lunch – noon

Stomp dance – 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

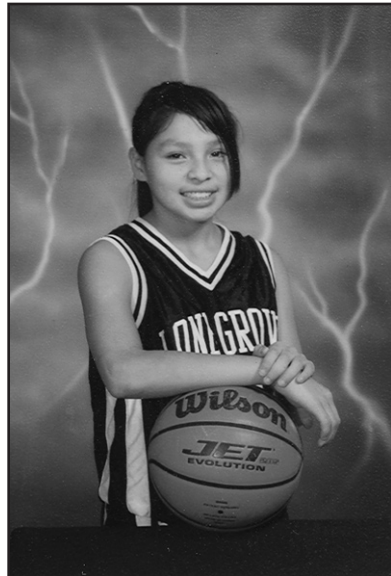
Birthdays



John David Runyan

John David Runyan celebrated his first birthday March 23.

Happy Birthday! Mom, dad and big brother love you!



Alexis Lewis

The family of **Alexis Shai Lewis** and **Koby Corene Lewis** wish them a Happy Birthday!

Alexis turned 13 years old Feb. 12 and Koby Corene turned five years old Feb. 16.

Alexis enjoys playing basketball and softball and spending time with her friends. She also dances with the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe.

Koby Corene loves going to Sunday school and her favorite song is "Jesus Loves Me!" She loves playing games with her cousin Damien Joe.

They are the daughters of Coby and Jamie Lewis of Lone Grove, Okla. They have three sisters, Amiea, Taloa and Justice and three brothers, Cameron, Stringfellow and Harmon.

They are the grandchildren of Gary and Mary Lou Thomas, and Charlie and Christine Lewis, all of Ardmore, Okla.

They have a special cousin, Nathan Landeros.

We are very proud of both of them.

Happy Birthday, God bless you both!

Love you both very much,

Grandma Mary Lou



Koby Lewis



Neely Alexis Wood

Neely Alexis Wood turned 8 years old February 27.

She is the daughter of Patricia Wood and Scott Wood of Tishomingo, Okla., and the sister of Kayla Jo and Cheyenne Wood.

Her grandparents are Phyllis Seymore of Bethany, Okla., the late Joe Plumley and Larry and Eugenia Wood of Tishomingo. Her great-grandparents are Floyd and Joyce Hackworth of Bromide, Okla.

She celebrated her birthday Feb. 25 with a swimming party at Murray State College with family, friends and classmates.

Neely is in Mrs. Yow's second grade class at Tishomingo Elementary where she is on the Governor's Chickasaw Honor Roll and the Tishomingo Honor Roll. She was also student of the month for March 2007.

Neely enjoys pitching softballs, cheerleading, soccer, basketball, jumping on her trampoline and riding her 4-wheeler.

Happy 8th Birthday Neely!

We Love You!

Chickasaw student serves as page for Rep. Billy



State Rep. Lisa J. Billy and Holly Cole

Holly Cole a Wynnewood (OK) High School junior, is a Chickasaw citizen involved with student council and year-

book. Holly also runs track. She was a personal page for State Representative Lisa J. Billy on Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

Nickells celebrate 50th anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nickell

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nickell, of Roff, Okla., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 17, 2007.

Over 70 friends and family gathered in Kingston, Okla., for a family luncheon. Among the guests were Tommy and Mary's son Jerald Nickell and his wife Lynda of Kingston, two granddaughters, Chandy and Sara, and four great-granddaughters. Also, Mary's mother Sadie Herrall, of Mill Creek, Okla., took part in the festivities.

Many family members came from all over to wish the happy couple their best. Tommy and Mary were married in Olney, Okla., on Feb 21, 1957.

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK
(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Lecturer asserts cultural issues impact Indian entrepreneurship



Bill McCurdy

neurship activities for Native Americans and that perhaps cultural, not business, barriers are a more reasonable explanation for low Native American entrepreneurial activities.

Mr. McCurdy has been a faculty member in the John Massey School of Business for five years and has been studying and working in Native American issues for more than 20 years. Mr. McCurdy teaches Native Ameri-

can Business, Native American Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Casino Management, Organizational Behavior and Small Business Management on the SOSU campus. Mr. McCurdy also provides small business and entrepreneurial training and consulting services for the Oklahoma Small Business Development Centers as well as individual business owners.

Chickasaw student wins Heritage Essay Competition



Chickasaw seventh-grader J.J. Stewart, center, is pictured with representatives of the Oklahoma Heritage Association.

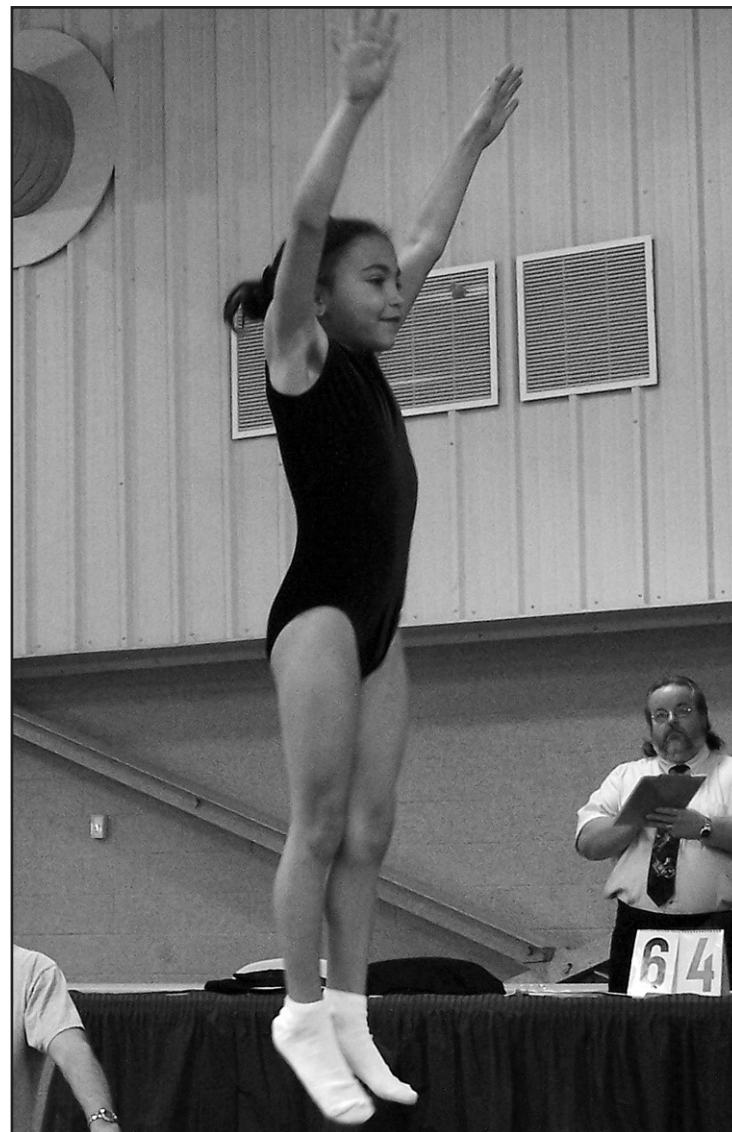
J.J. Stewart, a seventh grader at Roff (OK) Elementary School recently won first place in the Southcentral Zone in the Oklahoma Heritage Essay Competition.

The essay topic was to write about a person who had made

a contribution in the student's county. Legendary basketball coach Bertha Frank Teague was J.J.'s topic.

J.J. visited the State Capitol to receive her award. J. J. is the daughter of Mike and Jana Stewart, of Roff.

Terrific tumbler



Sierra Brown

Sierra Brown competes on the trampoline at a recent meet in Chickasha, Okla.

Sierra placed third in trampoline and second in tumbling at the March 10 meet. She is a

member of Justice Tumbling and Trampoline team, We-woka, Okla.

She is the daughter of Wendy Harrison.

Chikashsha Anompa (Chickasaw language)

Imambi	Win
Imilli	Lose
asilhha, ahlisha	Ask for, request
Im issa	Allow, to let (someone) do something
Ikbanno	Refuse, don't want
Iweli	Offer
Ataklammi	Bother, interfere
Aachi	Say
Anoli	Tell
Im anompa ima	Promise
Anompa falama ima	Answer
On tohnochi	Sic (dogs) on something
Imolabi	Scold, to tell to behave
Ahli	True
Ahli kiyo	False
Ala	To arrive
Iklo	Not to arrive
Im malhkaniya	Forget
Imabachi	Show how
Ithana	Know
Ikthano	Don't know
Okami	Wash off (face)

Bill McCurdy, Chickasaw and faculty member of the John Massey School of Business at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, was recently selected to present at a Franklin Press Conference on Entrepreneurship in Dallas.

The conference was sponsored by the Business Journal for Entrepreneurs and Students in Free Enterprise.

Mr. McCurdy joined university faculty members and professionals from across the United States to discuss and present research projects dealing with entrepreneurship and small business development. Mr. McCurdy discussed his current research project titled *Cultures in Conflict: Evaluating the Impact of Culture as a Barrier for Native American Entrepreneurs*.

"Recent studies have all pointed to business related barriers that Native Americans must overcome to enter into their own business venture," stated McCurdy. "My study seeks to identify the cultural issues that may present as big an obstacle as any business characteristic currently identified". The research seeks to identify key cultural characteristics for races with high entrepreneurial activity and compare those characteristics to the cultures of Native American tribes located in Oklahoma. I have a theory that there are cultural characteristics, some naturally evolving and some imposed through European contact, which must be addressed before Native Americans can embrace small business ownership at a level consistent with other races."

McCurdy's preliminary research suggests that federally-mandated and self developed programs have done little to significantly increase entrepre-

State Capitol visit



Carrie Wallace Mayes, right, a Chickasaw from Purcell, Okla., recently visited with State Rep. Lisa J. Billy and Floor Leader Greg Piatt on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

Lighthouse D.A.R.E. visits Cub Scout Troop 13

Members of the Chickasaw Lighthouse Police recently visited Cub Scout Troop 13 in Ada. The officers took along the D.A.R.E. Hummer vehicle and made a presentation to the Cub Scouts.

Officers Dusk Monetathchi and Steve Cash, along with Lighthouse chief Jason O'Neal, talked with the Scouts at First Methodist Church in Ada.



First row from left, Ada Troop 13 Cub Scouts Tristan Marshall, T.J. Faulkner, Trenton Daniel, Tanner Gilliam, Brooks Davis, Tanner Davis, Lincoln Gibson, Dalton Stillwell, Michael Newman, and Tristan O'Neal. Back row from left, Chief Jason O'Neal holding Lona O'Neal, Harley O'Neal, Justice O'Neal, Shelby Davis, Noah Gilliam, Jackson Davis, Daniel Carpenter, Jacob Thorley, Jamie Earle, Cody Newman, Dakota Lovett, Brandon Todd and Lighthouse Police Officers Steve Cash and Dusk Monetathchi. Troop leaders not pictured are Dex Carpenter and Tina Davis.

Smith, Alexander to wed in Norman



Cynthia Nichols Smith and Dean Alexander

Cynthia Nichols Smith and Dean Alexander, of Mustang, Okla., will exchange wedding vows April 14, 2007 in Norman, Okla.

Cynthia is the daughter of Robert E. (Bob) Nichols, and Mary Louise Porter Nichols, of Pauls Valley, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Joe Benjamin Nichols, original Chickasaw enrollee #4099, and great-granddaughter of Sarah Lottie Stewart, original Chickasaw enrollee.

Dean is the son of Doyle Carlyle Alexander and Geraldine Huddleston Alexander, of Konawa, Okla.

The couple will make their home in Seattle, Wash., after a honeymoon trip to Branson, Mo.

Serving in Iraq



TSgt Robert Sherbourne

Robert Bryan Sherbourne, TSgt, USAF, NCOIC, System Administration, Kirkuk AFB Bryan is a friend, and a Chickasaw Enterprise employee. He is currently serving our country in the war in Iraq.

I have the pleasure of corresponding with my friend and recently he sent me a letter and I desire to share some of the words said with my Chickasaw family.

"Even though I am at Kirkuk AFB, we are really known as FOB (Forward Operating Base)

Warrior. That makes me a warrior, and in the spirit of the Chickasaw, I believe in my heart I am one with your people. That makes me feel pride and great honor."

In the spirit of our Chickasaw family please keep him and his family in your constant thoughts and prayers. Pray for his safe existence there and safe return home. Keep on smiling Bsure!

Your friend and coworker,
love



Johnston County council hears of Lighthouse programs

The Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council held its monthly meeting on March 19, 2007. President Ann Fink read March events in our Chickasaw history from the Chickasaw calendar. Guest speakers for this meeting were Dusk Monetathchi, Brad Holloway and Allison Russell from the Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police. Dusk teaches D.A.R.E. classes at the Middle Schools in Tishomingo, Ravia and Mill Creek. He presented the neighborhood watch program which started in 2002. If any neighborhoods are interested, they can organize a meeting and the Lighthouse Police will come and place signs in the community. The Lighthouse Police uses trained canines for narcotics and bombs. They can work with deputies

within Johnston County. Dusk also does drive throughs at the Overton James Apartments and the Capital Building area in the Hummer vehicle. He stated he always stops for kids that want to see the Hummer. Brad Holloway and dog Kai gave a talk and demonstration of how dogs are trained and showed the group their drug sniffing capabilities. Everyone then went outside to watch a dog felony apprehension demonstration with Allison Russell wearing a specially made jacket. The dogs are trained in German language because the words are so different from each other. The officers handed out pens and business cards and everyone was invited to look inside the Hummer police vehicle. The meeting concluded with refreshments of

soda, chips and dip, cake and St. Patrick's Day cookies. A ticket drawing was then held for two Easter bunnies/candy,

an embroidered ballcap and a hand crafted desk organizer. Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month beginning at

6:30pm. All Johnston County Chickasaws are invited to attend and participate.

Texas council meets in Austin

AUSTIN, Texas - Approximately 30 were in attendance at the Northern Section of the Chickasaw Council of Central and South Texas meeting February 22, 2007 in Austin. The next meeting for the Northern Section will be March 22 at the same location and time. The next quarterly meeting of the Chickasaw Council of Central and South Texas will be April 21 in San Antonio. Representatives from the Chickasaw Heath Division are scheduled to speak.

Board vice chairman Gene Thompson briefly discussed

his family's reunion and naming ceremony during which all family members were given Chickasaw names. His aunt was the honored storyteller, Te Ata. Gene also related that the Chickasaw Historical Society is asking for donations of artifacts that could be incorporated in the newly renovated museum in Tishomingo.

The remainder of the evening was spent enjoying refreshments, meeting fellow Chickasaws, sharing information and viewing board member Jay Hurst's family collection of

Chickasaw artifacts.

We were pleased to have in attendance, Jim and Joyce Herrington, parents of John Herrington, the first Native American Indian astronaut who flew in space on a shuttle mission. We look forward to future meetings with our fellow Chickasaws.

For further information regarding the Northern Section Chickasaw Community Council of Central and South Texas please contact Gene Thompson, (512) 258-7919 or genevianthompson@hotmail.com.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

### **Ada Chickasaw Community Council**

Ada, OK  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm  
Marie Bailey Community Center  
Lura Mullican  
580-272-5085  
[l.mullican@chickasaw.net](mailto:l.mullican@chickasaw.net)

### **Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council**

Connerville, OK  
Tue. before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri. of the month at 6:30 pm  
Connerville Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site  
Emma Mcleod  
580-836-7871  
[emma.mcleod@chickasaw.net](mailto:emma.mcleod@chickasaw.net)

### **Duncan Chickasaw Community Council**

Duncan, OK  
Meetings held quarterly  
Call for information  
Sherri Rose, Chair  
580-255-0152  
[wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net)

### **Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council**

Tishomingo, OK  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
Call for location information  
Ann Fink, Chair  
580-371-3351  
[flora.fink@chickasaw.net](mailto:flora.fink@chickasaw.net)

### **Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council**

Enos, OK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Enos Fire Department  
Sara Lea, Chair  
580-564-4570  
[lsar747@duracom.net](mailto:lsar747@duracom.net)

### **Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council**

Newcastle, OK  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm  
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center  
400 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> Hwy. 37  
Newcastle, OK  
Tom Hogland, Chair  
405-381-2268

### **OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council**

Oklahoma City, OK  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor  
4005 N.W. Expressway  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Betty Smith, Chair  
405-348-7459  
[pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com](mailto:pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com)

### **Purcell Chickasaw Community Council**

Purcell, OK  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm  
Regional Office – 1601 S. Green Ave.  
Keith Shackelford, Chair  
405-527-5745  
[lowakchuffa@yahoo.com](mailto:lowakchuffa@yahoo.com)

### **COLORADO ~~~**

#### **Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado**

Denver, CO  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 11:30 am  
Call for location  
Carol Berry  
303-235-0282  
[Chickasaw303@yahoo.com](mailto:Chickasaw303@yahoo.com)

### **CALIFORNIA ~~~**

#### **Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council**

Banning, CA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm  
Call for location  
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair  
909-213-7273  
[liknryn@hotmail.com](mailto:liknryn@hotmail.com)

### **KANSAS ~~~**

#### **Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS**

Wichita, KS  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3:00 pm  
Call for Location  
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair  
316-945-9219  
[lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com)  
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair  
316-393-0696

### **TEXAS ~~~**

#### **Chickasaw Community Council of Central and South Texas**

San Antonio, TX Area  
Call for time and location  
Michele Moody, Chair  
210-492-2288  
[mmoody@docuguides.com](mailto:mmoody@docuguides.com)

#### **North Texas Chickasaw Community Council**

Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 3:00 pm  
Call for location  
John C. Atkins, Chair  
972-271-0692  
[Injunjon2@verizon.net](mailto:Injunjon2@verizon.net)  
Linda Hewitt, Secretary  
214-543-1080  
[Lhewitt903@earthlink.net](mailto:Lhewitt903@earthlink.net)





# OKC Metro Council meets at new NW Expressway location

Join us for our monthly Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council meeting on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at our beautiful new location on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. We have scheduled two speakers with important information for our members.

Everyone is welcome to attend our activities. On April 3, arrive early at 6:00 p.m. to socialize and enjoy refreshments. Our council will serve sandwiches and soft drinks. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Kelley Riha will talk about "Oklahoma Voices," a new program at the Metropolitan Library System. They are searching for people to tell their story of living in Oklahoma. We hope some of our Council members will volunteer for this special project.

A "hot" issue will be dis-

cussed by Resource Specialist, Linda Williams, from the Program Operations Department through the Purcell Area Office.

She will make a presentation and provide applications and information for the Elderly Energy and Emergency Utility Programs for Chickasaw Citizens living outside the service boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

Linda will return to our Council at Lakepointe Towers on Thursday, April 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. She will assist elders in completing the applications for energy assistance. Please call the Purcell Area Office, 405-527-6667 for information.

We have created a Kid's Room for parents at our monthly meetings. Norma Barnes will be in charge of managing a "parent watch" over children visiting our Council. This will enable young families to become active in our

Council.

Tom Palmer has volunteered to donate a TV and VCR for the Kid's Room; and, others are bringing Disney type movies for them to watch. We are also asking for gently loved toy donations for the area. Norma is happy to answer any questions you may have about the Kid's Room; and, you can call her at 405-722-4118.

Neal McCaleb of the Chickasaw Nation Industries deserves applause for stepping up to the podium when our speaker was unable to appear last month. His presence was an unexpected surprise; and, he brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to our Council.

Mr. McCaleb graciously answered many questions about CNI and offered assistance to our members regarding other programs. Over 80 people enjoyed his presentation.

Wilford Williams of the United Urban Indian Council, Inc. also spoke last month at our Council. The UUIC provides employment and job training opportunities to eligible Ameri-

can Indians who live outside the tribal jurisdictional areas in Oklahoma County. Call Mr. Williams at 405-810-9202 or visit the website [www.uuic.org](http://www.uuic.org) for more information.

Special thanks go to all the people who helped move our furnishings this past month to our new location. It was a dirty job; however, we all enjoyed working together. Our Council is composed of the greatest people; and, they can always be counted on to help

We are all looking forward to the bus trip to Tupelo, Mississippi this year. Pat Bartmess and Pam Conard are heading up the bus trip committee including fund raising. This is the 170 anniversary of the removal of our ancestors to Indian Territory. We are asking for suggestions for a special project to honor our ancestors on this trip.

MaryAnn Lee, Vice Chair, is finalizing plans for the Moccasin Class. Judy Ashley will be returning in April so we may finish our Pine Needle Basket Class. Contact MaryAnn at 405-341-

7874 for the details.

Stormy Bryant has resumed teaching the Chickasaw Language Class on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Flash cards will be given to the first 50 people at our April 3 monthly council meeting.

Stormy is also chair of the committee to organize a monthly Elders Day at our Council. Interested members should contact him at 405-755-6983 with suggestions for this activity.

If you would like to make an announcement on our website, contact Secretary Charlotte Hulsey at 405-201-3164. Check out our website at [www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org](http://www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org).

This has been a very busy and exciting year for our Council. Participation in activities has quickly exceeded our expectations. If you live in the Oklahoma City metro area and have never attended a Council meeting, this is a fantastic time to join in the fun.

If you have any questions about the OKCMCCC, call Chair Betty Smith at 405-348-7459.

## Wichita Council welcomes liaison

WICHITA, Kan. - We had a good meeting in March. The weather cooperated quite nicely. We didn't have a speaker from the Chickasaw Nation this time, but we were graced with the company of Sharon Nelson, Community Council Liaison. It's always a pleasure to have someone from the Nation come and share information and offer support to our group.

We hoped to have a speaker from our local Native American Community - Eugene Cameron (Ponca) - speak to us about Indian Hand Games. However, Mr. Cameron came down ill. Our goal is to organize a Hand Game and invite the Poncas to play against us.

Brad Ream shared one of his family stories about Ms. Vinnie Ream. She was from

about the Civil War era. For more information you might like to see her story at [www.vinnieream.com](http://www.vinnieream.com) <<http://www.vinnieream.com/>> She was the first woman in history to get a commission from the United States for a statue. She received the award when she was only 18 years old.

Our next meeting will be April 15, 2007 at the Indian Methodist Church, 1111 N. Meridian at 3 p.m. We will be electing officers again, so if you'd like to run for office, please be there. We are also scheduled to have Michelle and Rebecca from the Department of Education be with us. So if you have questions about what services that Department offers, this will be a great opportunity to ask!

## Ada Council hears about language revitalization

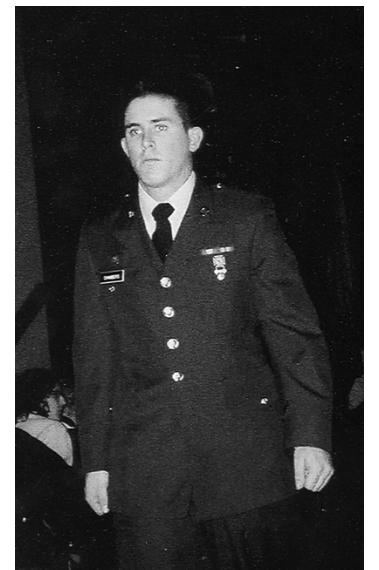
The Ada Chickasaw Community Council met on March 15, 2007 at the Marie Bailey Community Center. Timothy Baugh, Ph.D, Cultural Center Department, was the guest speaker. He gave information about the A.N.A grant and the Language Revitalization Programs.

The Council has planned an evening of singing in place of the May meeting. The gospel singing will be from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Thursday, May 17, at the Marie Bailey Community Center, 1200 Jack John Circle, Ada, Okla. The Mitchell Memorial Church singers will conduct the singing. Everyone is invited to join us for the gospel singing. There will be food items for sale. All proceeds will go to the Community Council. For more information, contact Pat Cox, president, at 580-272-0549

## Chickasaw soldier to Iraq

Pvt. Marcus Chambers U.S. Army 35<sup>th</sup> ENG BN is the great-great-grandson of Emily Gibson, the great-grandson of Melinda (Gibson) Blackwood, the grandson of Velma (Blackwood) Newell, and the son of Donald Chambers. He graduated January 18, 2007 from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He was deployed to Baghdad February 18, 2007. Please keep him in your prayers.

Thank you,  
Donald Chambers



Pvt. Marcus Chambers

## Visit Carl Albert gift shop today!

Visit the Carl Albert Hospital Volunteers gift shop. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the hospital that will benefit employees and patients.

The jewelry and crafts are made by Native Americans. Flutes, drums, Pendleton bags, blankets, beaded caps, Choctaw hymnals, CDs, and Bedre candy are a few of the items available.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Customer Service Survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net). The survey seeks input from citizens regarding

tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the \$100 giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.



# CNHS officer named 'Young Pharmacist of the Year'



**Chris Anoatubby**

Chris Anoatubby, Chief of Pharmacy Services for Chickasaw Nation Health Services, was recently named Young Pharmacist of the Year.

He received the honor during an Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service continuing education conference.

Bill Lance, CEO of the Chickasaw Nation Health Service, said Mr. Anoatubby is "very deserving" of the award.

"The Chickasaw Nation's pharmaceutical services are greatly enhanced by the outstanding leadership of Chris Anoatubby," said Mr. Lance.

"We are proud of his accomplishments."

Mr. Anoatubby said he was "surprised and honored" to be mentioned along with the others who were chosen for the award.

"This award is a reflection of our whole team," said Mr. Anoatubby, who was quick to point out that the entire pharmacy team had been nominated as team of the year.

Criteria for Young Pharmacist of the Year include implement-

ing innovative programs, exceptional leadership skills and developing or participating in mentor programs, among others.

Several CNHS employees nominated Mr. Anoatubby for the award.

"He not only believes in all of his pharmacy staff but also holds himself up to the same standards that he expects us to practice as people and as pharmacists," wrote one.

"Chris has a great vision for the Chickasaw Nation and the Indian Health Service. He shares this vision with his staff regularly to remind us of our duties and to help set our future goals."

Another wrote "Chris's dedication to the Chickasaw pharmacy program goes above and beyond the normal Chief of Pharmacy duties."

Mr. Anoatubby has worked for the Chickasaw Nation Health Service since May, 1997.

He received his degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy.

Of 18 pharmacists nominated, Mr. Anoatubby was the only tribal employee to receive the honor.

Each of the four other recipients was an Indian Health Service officer.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

# Lunsford named Heritage Preservation Administrator



**Kelley Lunsford**

Kelley Lunsford was recently named administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Division

Ms. Lunsford, who was director of the department of museums, archives and libraries, has been working for the tribe for more than 12 years.

"We want to promote the history of the Chickasaw people through all our facilities," said Ms. Lunsford.

"We want all the exhibits in the cultural center, the Hayochi Discovery Center and all our facilities to reflect and lift up Chickasaw people."

One facet of the effort is the attempt to incorporate the Chickasaw language into all the new exhibits.

One example is the Hina Lawa Linoatoak

- We have Walked many Roads - exhibit at the Council House Museum in Tishomingo.

The exhibit shows travels of Chickasaw people in six periods of time from the leaning pole migration legend to the air and space travels of Pearl Carter Scott and John Herrington.

It was created as part of a grant project funded by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation Chickasaw Choctaw-Corridor project.

The exhibit contains a number of phrases in English with Chickasaw translations which were created with the help of Chickasaw speakers from various parts of the Chickasaw Nation.

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This section of the Hina Lawa Linoatoak - We Have Walked Many Roads - exhibit displays photos of the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

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## Young Chickasaw composer makes music part of life



**Zach Garcia won two first place awards in state competitions for the composition he created at the 2006 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.**

Zachary Star Garcia is well on his way to making his middle name an accurate description of his status as a music composer and pianist.

Zach, a 13-year-old Chickasaw student, has won more than a dozen state, regional and national awards for his compositions. He has also received

numerous awards for his skills as a pianist.

Most recently, Zach won first place in the elementary piano division at the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs District VI Festival conducted March 3 at East Central University.

That win, and ninth consecutive "Superior" rating, earned

Zach the National Federation of Music Club's 3<sup>rd</sup> Gold Cup.

This achievement by a 13-year-old seventh grade student sets a national standard and may well be unprecedented in the state, according to Zach's father, W.T. Skye Garcia.

Mr. Garcia teaches music theory and piano at ECU and also serves as a judge at Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs Piano Festivals.

Asked how much time he spends at the piano each day, Zach said "about 20 minutes."

His father was quick to point out that Zach was talking about formal practice. He said Zach will often be playing the piano with one hand while grooming for school with the other.

"He spends a lot more time at the piano than he realizes," said Mr. Garcia.

While Zach spends a considerable amount of time composing music and playing the piano, he also spends time doing the same things any other 13-year-

old might.

He enjoys basketball, tennis, track, soccer and playing computer games.

One of his hobbies is slightly more remarkable.

He enjoys recreating the musical scores of movies.

"I remember what was happening in the movie from the music," Zach said.

His mother added that he will come home from a movie and recreate the soundtrack of the film on the piano.

Zach recently won two state awards for his composition "Five Shades of Burgundy." He composed the piece during the 2006 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy under the watchful eye of Jerod Tate.

"Five Shades of Burgundy" was named first place winner in the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composer's Contest.

The piece also earned Zach first place in the Junior High division of the first annual Oklaho-

ma Music Teachers Association State Composition Festival.

These awards are nothing new for Zach.

He won first place in the Music Teachers National Association composition contest in 2004. He placed second in the national Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composers' Contest in 2003.

Zach has also won five regional and eight state wide awards for his compositions.

He was won numerous additional awards as a pianist.

Zach has been invited to perform "Five Shades of Burgundy" at the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs State Festival Program in April at Southern Nazarene University.

Zach's mother, Sarah Gilmore Garcia, is the daughter of the late Owen "Buck" Gilmore, of Allen, Okla.

Zach's great-grandmother is the late Sarah Angeline Bruner, an original enrollee.

## Chickasaw citizen Blomberg appointed interim Florida Education Commissioner



**Jeamine Blomberg**

Jeamine Blomberg, a Chickasaw citizen, was appointed March 1 commissioner of the Florida Department of Education. As commissioner, she is chief educational officer of the state. She is responsible for giving full assistance to the state board of education and enforcing compliance with the mission and goals of the Florida education system.

"I have the opportunity to influence education policy that is aimed at increasing education standards," said Blomberg. "There is so much to do to ensure that every child has an

opportunity to have the best education."

Blomberg began her career with the Florida education department in 1976 and has held numerous leadership positions including Chief of Staff, Deputy Commissioner for Accountability, Research and Measurement and Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations.

During her 30-year career, she has focused on implementing research-driven education practices and combining them with accountability standards, resulting in better education for Florida students.

"I credit my Chickasaw bloodline for helping me overcome various professional obstacles and never losing site of my goals and social commitment," she said.

Blomberg has served on national and state task forces including the public school funding task force and the governor's equity in educational opportunities task force.

"I have enjoyed having the opportunity to make a positive difference in the education of Florida's children," Blomberg said.

Blomberg, 62, said she was not interested in the permanent position as commissioner. She wants to slow down and retire some day. She will hold the post while the department searches for a permanent commissioner. The search is expected to take six months.

"It's hard for me to slow down or retire. I truly believe that quality education is the most important key to success and every child has that right," she said.

During her retirement, Blomberg hopes to volunteer her services to help Chickasaw

students.

Blomberg is a native of Stonewall, Okla. She is the daughter of the late Mildred Gipson and David Humphers. Her maternal grandfather, Eddie Gipson, was a full blood Chickasaw.

*Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.*

## Burriss honored by Newcastle Chamber



**Gabe Burriss**

Chickasaw Gabe Burriss was recently presented the Heritage Award by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce.

"Gabe does so much. If there

is something that needs to be done, he will get it done," said Kim Brown, executive director of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce.

The Heritage Award was slated for long-time community members who have dedicated many hours to community service.

Mr. Burriss said there was no need for accolades. He simply tries to make the best of everything.

"I live here. I've raised my kids here and I just want to make the community better," he said.

Mr. Burriss was a member of the Newcastle City Council advisory board where he helped develop one-, two- and five-year planning systems. He has dedicated time to improve

the schools and the quality of life of Chickasaw citizens in his community. He has also coached little league football for 18 years.

Mr. Burriss's heart of gold led him to prompt the collection of an additional \$3,000 for a child with Angelmen Syndrome, a genetic problem that causes developmental delays, speech impairment and movement disorders. He made the collection during the chamber of commerce banquet.

Mr. Burriss is a former Chickasaw Nation legislator and is currently employed with the tribe as a construction engineering consultant.

*Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.*



## Sophomore selected Honor Club 'Outstanding Achiever'



**Vanoss High School student Mason Laxton is presented the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award by honor club manager, Beth Campbell, left, and Honor Club contact representative Callie Roebuck.**

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education has established a new program to identify, recognize encourage and award high achieving Chickasaw students.

The Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement program awards an outstanding student each month based on achievement in either art, athletics, band, dance, FFA/FHA,

journalism, music, theatre/drama or other area.

Students receive an engraved plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card for their achievement.

"This is a great program for our students," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "It provides the opportunity for students who excel in all areas of life to be recognized for their hard work and dedication."

Chickasaw students in grades two through 12 can be nominated. There are no residential boundary restrictions as this program is funded by revenues generated by Chickasaw Nation businesses. For more information or to receive an application, contact Beth Campbell or Callie Roebuck at (580) 421-7712.

### **Award Winner:**

The Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement Award

for January was presented to Mason Laxton, a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Vanoss (OK) High School.

Mason was nominated by Ron Akers, Pontotoc County 4-H Shooting Instructor, for outstanding achievement in competitive shooting sports. This sophomore student finished fourth place in his age group at the Oklahoma State Skeet Competition and is a member of the Oklahoma State Champion Skeet Team.

Mason's combined scores from the state skeet and state trap shoots also qualified him to compete in the Oklahoma State 5-Stand Competition. The top 25 shooters in the state were invited to participate in this shoot where Mason entered as the 11<sup>th</sup> ranked shooter and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the final 5-stand standings.

During this season, Mason broke his previous best score in a September competition when he shot a perfect score in skeet. This is an outstanding accomplishment considering some shooters never attain this level of proficiency.

Mason's outstanding season led him to finish 8<sup>th</sup> overall in the combined state shooting sports. This is the highest finish ever earned by a Pontotoc County 4-H Shooting Club member.

When not participating in shooting sports, Mason is also a member of the Vanoss High School Academic Team and is an honor student. Besides shooting sports, he also enjoys hunting and fishing.

Mason is the son of Danna Laxton.

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## Ribbon cut on Health System Pharmacy Refill Center



**Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel are joined by CNHS chief of pharmacy services Chris Anoatubby, second from left, CNHS administrator Bill Lance, third from left, and Chickasaw legislators and others during the Pharmacy Refill Center ribbon cutting.**

ADA, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by tribal legislators, citizens and employees for ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Chickasaw Nation Health System Pharmacy Refill Center.

Ceremonies were 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 8 at the facility on the west end of State Street, directly south of Carl Albert Indian Hospital, 1001 N. Country Club Rd.

"Opening of this innovative new facility marks another step toward our goal of providing the most efficient, effective, patient-centered health care possible" said Gov. Anoatubby.

A staff of 16 pharmacists and

16 pharmacy technicians at the 11,000 square foot facility are expected to fill approximately 500,000 prescriptions annually.

Chris Anoatubby, Chief of Pharmacy Services for CNHS, said state-of-the-art automated equipment and three drive-through lanes will provide faster more convenient service for patients of the Chickasaw Nation Health Service.

He said that one pharmacist working manually can comfortably fill about 200 prescriptions in an eight-hour day. The automated equipment will enable more effective use of skilled pharmacy personnel.

Dale Keel, Deputy Area

Director of the Indian Health Service, said that the facility is the first of its kind in the area.

"This is more than bricks and mortar," he said, adding the facility represents a solid commitment by Chickasaw leaders to provide excellent service.

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

Current plans for the pharmacy center include offering mail order prescription service to Chickasaw citizens living across the United States.

In addition to the pharmacy

services, the facility will also include patient counseling services, an anticoagulation clinic

and a lipid management clinic.

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## *Like math, science, aviation? Apply for tribal CNASA now!*

The Chickasaw Nation has exciting opportunities for Chickasaw students in grades five through 12 interested in space, science, math and/or flying.

• The **2007 Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA)** is set for Ada, Okla., June 18 – 21 for ninth through 12<sup>th</sup> grades and June 25 – 28 for fifth through eighth grades. At CNASA, students gain valuable hands-on experience and knowledge about aviation and aerospace history, technology and careers. Activities include a flight in a single-engine airplane, a visit to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum, building and flying model airplanes, visits from experts in the field and classroom instruction. Application deadline is May 1, 2007.

• The **CNASA Scholarship Program** is designed to provide students across the country the opportunity to participate in the academy. Scholarships pay for roundtrip airfare, mileage, lodging and meals. Applicants must complete applications and

present required documentation for consideration. Scholarships are limited.

• Chickasaw students are also encouraged to apply for a **Chickasaw Nation Houston Space Center** trip June 4 – 8, 2007. The Chickasaw Nation will take 30 Chickasaw students in grades 10 – 12 to Houston to attend a week-long adventure at NASA's Johnson Space Center. This camp is designed to take students through a challenging week of exploration of their own engineering talents. The focus is teamwork, problem solving, communication and adaptation to unexpected problems.

For information about CNASA, scholarships, the Space Center trip or how to apply, contact the Chickasaw Nation Career Technology and Training Development Manager Jennifer Brown at (580) 421-7711 or [jennifer.brown@chickasaw.net](mailto:jennifer.brown@chickasaw.net). Early enrollment is appreciated.

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## Target shooting, continued from page 1



**Katie Mitchell preparing to shoot.**

sport, he seldom gets the opportunity because he shoots in approximately 30 competitive events around the world each year.

Foth, who won silver in the 1992 Olympics, started shooting at age 14 as part of a summer

recreation program. He continued shooting competitively and earned college scholarships for his skills as a competitive shooter in NCAA events.

Currently, Foth is director of youth development programs at USA Shooting. The organization

## Chickasaw Marine legendary battlefield marksman, sniper



**V.D. Mitchell**

While few outside the armed forces have heard of Gunnery Sgt. V.D. Mitchell (USMC, ret.), he is a legend among Marine Corps snipers and special forces personnel in other branches of the armed services.

Sgt. Mitchell, a Chickasaw born in Madill, Okla. in 1926, served with distinction as a World War II rifleman and sniper. He fought his way through the Japanese islands of Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa, and later served in China and on the frozen fields of Korea.

He also set several world records in shooting competitions, winning the National Service Rifle Championship in 1955 and 1958, as well as the Daniel Boone trophy, Dupont trophy

and other awards too numerous to mention.

After retirement, he was called back into service to share the secrets of his shooting skills with young recruits in Vietnam.

"He was the only guy in the history of the Marine Corps ever to shoot a perfect score on the 250-point competition qualification course," said John Culbertson, a former Marine and author of several books chronicling the exploits of Marine snipers in Vietnam. "All Marines have to shoot that. I shot a 232 on it, and that's pretty good. Mitchell shoots a 250 out of 250. He's done it several times."

At Culbertson's urging, Sgt. Mitchell donated trophies, photos, memorabilia, his uniform complete with medals and numerous other items to the Oklahoma Historical Society.

These generous gifts, which will be displayed at the Oklahoma History Center currently under construction east of the state capitol, will give thousands of future visitors to the center some insight into the life and service of Sgt. Mitchell.

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was chartered by the U.S. Olympic Committee as the national governing body for the sport of shooting in 1995.

He said involvement in competitive shooting has helped many young people improve their grade point averages and develop important life skills.

"Targets provide immediate feedback on your performance," he said. "If you focus and concentrate you get tens. If not, you get something less."

Target shooting, Foth said, can help young people improve focus, concentration and develop problem solving and analytical skills.

Emmons agreed.

"It teaches you so much that you can apply in your life," he said.

Steve Scott, host of *Steve Scott's Outdoor Guide*, and *Safari Hunter's Journal*, helped organize the clinic and plans to feature it as part of an upcoming broadcast.

"Some of these kids have a lot of talent," said Scott, who added it was "really interesting" to watch the students interact with the coaches and learn the fundamentals of the sport.

Scott and Foth brought several highly qualified instructors to teach Chickasaw employees how to coach students.

Several Chickasaw Lighthouse

## Sgt. Mitchell marksmanship awards

Below is a partial listing of V.D. Mitchell's marksmanship accomplishments. (provided by John J. Culbertson)

1954: Intramural Small-bore Match Winner (USMC Schools)

1955: Camp Lejune - Southeastern Regional High Power Matches. Mitchell fired new world record (496 of 500) and qualified for national matches

1956: Camp Perry - Mitchell scored 246 of 250 with 19 hits in small "v" inside bull's-eye to win Individual National Rifle Championship.

1957: Marksmanship Training Unit Match - Mitchell scored a possible 250 of 250 at Camp Matthews. That same year, Mitchell fired a 300 of 300 with 40 hits in the small "v" inside the bull's-eye Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif. He also won the Arizona State Rifle

Police officers and employees of the Youth and Family Services Division received instruction in coaching competitive target shooting.

"This clinic is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for these students to learn from Olympic medalists," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "It is also a great opportunity to begin building a competitive target shooting program for the future."

Foth said he was "very impressed" with the students who attended the clinic.

"These kids have been incredible," he said. "Every single one of them has been on task for a solid four hours."

"They are really excited. One of the kids was actually running to get to the classroom to learn. I used to teach math and physics, and I never saw kids running to the classroom," he said.

Foth said he was also very impressed with the group of coaches who were trained Tuesday prior to the clinic.

"They were able to develop a rapport with the kids and dig right in on the technical stuff," said Foth. "You really have the seeds of a great program here."

Emmons, Foth, Scott and other coaches worked closely with students throughout that first day of the clinic.

Emmons also took the op-

portunity to talk to the students about his Olympic experiences.

He began shooting an air rifle in his backyard at an early age and later learned about competitive shooting from a friend of his father.

Learning about competitive shooting "changed his life," he said. "I have had lots of great experiences. I have friends scattered all over the world."

"It takes a lot of work, but I love it. I wake up in the morning and think 'I get to go to the (shooting) range.'"

Emmons attended the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, where he won multiple individual NCAA Championships and was captain of University national championship team. He also earned academic All-American honors four times.

Emmons said a college coach explained the steps necessary to prepare and earn a place on the U.S. Olympic team.

"He laid it all out and I thought, 'I can do that.'"

Katie seemed to have a similar thought during the clinic.

"When I saw the poster of the girl who won gold in the 2000 Olympics, I thought 'I want to do this. I want to be a gold medalist.'"

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

Association match that year.

1958: Coast Guard Trophy at the National Rifle and Pistol Match with a perfect 100 with 15 hits in the small "v" at 1,000 meters at Camp Perry National Matches. Mitchell was also part of the winning "Blue Team"

which won the enlisted men's national trophy at Camp Perry with 882 of 900.

1962: Member of Marine Corps Smallbore Rifle team which won "Virginia Winner's Gallery League" winning 10 of 12 matches.

## Chickasaw Foundation seeks t-ball teams for tournament

The Chickasaw Foundation is looking for T-ball teams to participate in its annual six-and-under t-ball tournament April 20-22, 2007 at Kiwanis Park in Ada, Okla.

The entry fee is \$75 per team with 10 teams participating. It is a double-elimination tournament and eligible players must have been six years old or younger on or before December 31, 2006. There will be contests including

an accuracy test, around the horn and base running. Prizes will be awarded to contest and tournament winners.

Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at 580-421-9030 or by email at

[chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net](mailto:chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net) for registration information.

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# Chickasaws display work in 'Issoba Chikasha Lowa' show



**Masheli Billy, a sixth grade student at Purcell Elementary, displays his Chickasaw Spirit Pony artwork at a recent student art show. Participants in the Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program spent Friday afternoons for a month studying the history of the spirit ponies and creating their pieces.**

On March 2, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities hosted the "Issoba Chikasha Lowa" Student Art Show in Purcell, Okla.

In celebration of March being National Youth Arts Month, students of the Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program (ASAP) created their own artwork for display inspired by the history of the Chickasaw horse, bred as a heavily muscled and powerful animal and used for transportation, hunting and speed.

"Art is such a great way for students to express themselves," stated Arts and Humanities division administrator Lona Barrick. "It is enriching and can be empowering to the artists."

Students worked in ASAP each Friday afternoon for a month as they studied the legends and created their pieces. The art show and reception gave family members and the community the opportunity to see the students' work.

Artists who participated in the show included:

#### **Masheli Billy**

Masheli is in the sixth grade at Purcell Intermediate. This 12-year-old likes taking science in school. His hobby is

flying remote control airplanes. Masheli would like to be a pilot one day.

"In my art work, my pony, Chickasa Anopa, is dancing around the fire and listening to the wolves howl."

#### **Nahinli Billy**

Nahinli, 9, is in the fourth grade at Purcell. He loves reading. When he is older, Nahinli would like to go to space. His favorite artist is Picasso.

"I like how much fun the after school arts program is, and it's also educational."

#### **Joel Hamdy**

Joel is a 16-year-old tenth grader at Word of Life in Dibble. His favorite subjects are history and science. Joel enjoys reading, drawing and writing his teen novel. He would like to be an author and illustrator.

"I love art that is fantasy fiction. I love mythical people and animals – anything imaginative."

#### **Michaela Hazlett**

Michaela, 13, is in the seventh grade at Purcell Junior High School. She loves studying pre-algebra. Special interests include dance, softball and basketball. One day Michaela would like to be an architect or a teacher.



**Purcell eighth grade student, Brittani Schultz, poses with the artwork she created at the Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program. The students created original pieces inspired by the legends of the Chickasaw ponies.**

"I think art is important because people can express their feelings and emotions."

#### **Nakoma Hazlett**

Nakoma attends the fifth grade at Purcell Intermediate. This 10-year-old enjoys math and is very active in sports. When she is older, Nakoma would like to be an interior designer or a prosecutor.

"What I like most about the after school art program is painting and drawing."

#### **Raegan Knox**

Raegan, 11, is in the fifth grade at Purcell Intermediate. Her favorite school subjects are language arts and science. One day Raegan wants to play softball and basketball for the University of Oklahoma.

"I love art that describes my Indian culture."

#### **Brittani Schultz**

Brittani is a 13-year-old student in the eighth grade at Purcell Junior High. She enjoys classes in life management and American history. Her special interests include cheer, track and tae kwon-do. Brittani would like to be a doctor and cure cancer.

"My artwork is of a beautiful, but hidden place that makes you think of a dreamy land."

#### **Brooke Shackelford**

Brooke is in the eighth grade and is home schooled. This 13-year-old enjoys taking art classes. Her hobbies include martial arts and singing. When she is older, Brooke would like to direct and act in movies.

"I think art is important because you can express yourself and see how other people look at things."

#### **Katy Shackelford**

Katy, 10, is in the fifth grade and is also home schooled. She enjoys math and band. Katy loves knitting, sewing and tae kwon-do. One day she would like to be a doctor or a nurse.

"My pony is named Star and is jumping over the fence to go play with the other horses."

#### **Skye Shackelford**

Skye, 13, is in the eighth grade and attends home school. Her favorite subjects are art and band. She enjoys all forms of music and crafts. One day Skye would like to be a doctor.

"I love art that is colorful, realistic and anything that is about nature."

#### **Madeline Smith**

Madeline is in the fourth grade at Washington Elementary in Purcell. This 10-year-old loves writing. She enjoys collecting snow globes and her favorite artist is Leonardo de Vinci. One day Madeline would like to be a teacher.

"I love art that is colorful, pretty and shows emotion."

#### **Carol Taliaferro**

Carol, 8, is in the third grade at Word of Life in Dibble. Her favorite subjects are word building and English. She enjoys reading. When she is older, Carol would like to be a teacher.

"I like being able to paint in the after school arts program."

#### **Janis Taliaferro**

Janis is a 14-year-old in the ninth grade at Word of Life in Dibble. She enjoys voice lessons and loves to sing. Janis would like to be a doctor. The name of her spirit pony is Faith or Hope.

"I like that I can express myself and do whatever I want with my painting."

For more information about ASAP or other arts programs, call (580) 332-1092.

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# Ardmore-area artists in 'Issoba Chikasha Lowa' show



Plainview Middle School sixth grader Joseph Carney shows his Chickasaw Spirit Pony artwork at a recent Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program art show. Carney was one of several Chickasaw students who participated in the program in Ardmore, Okla.

ARDMORE, Okla. - In celebration of National Youth Arts Month in March, The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities hosted the "Issoba Chikasha Lowa" Student Art Show in on March 9 in Ardmore, Okla.

Students who participated in the Ardmore After School Arts Program (ASAP) created their own pieces inspired by the legend and histories of the Chickasaw Spirit Ponies - a breed that is very rare today, and believed by some to be extinct.

Students gathered each Friday afternoon for a month and learned about the legends of the Chickasaw horse. The students spent time painting, drawing and crafting their artwork.

"By offering young people this chance, students are able to express themselves in an artistic way," Arts and Humanities division administrator Lona Barrick said. "Art provides opportunities for self expression, and for many, the opportunity to find real meaning in their lives."

Parents, relatives and community members were able to visit the art show and reception to view the students' finished pieces.

Artists who participated in the show included:

Alicia Alexander

Alicia is 11 years old and is in the fourth grade at Jefferson Elementary. Her favorite class is math. Alicia enjoys collecting rocks. She has not decided

what she wants to do when she grows up.

"I think art is important because, when you have kids, you can help them with their art."

**Brandon Battice**

Brandon, 13, is in the seventh grade at Ardmore Middle School. He enjoys spelling class. His hobbies include playing football and basketball. Brandon has not yet determined what he wants to do when he's older.

"In my work, my pony, Night-fire, is running in the dark and following the moon."

**Lea Bob**

Lea is a 13-year-old in the eighth grade at Ardmore Middle School. She loves athletics - especially basketball. Lea lists her hobby as talking on the phone. When she is older, she wants to play basketball in college.

"I enjoy the after school arts program because I can be with other Native Americans."

**Chasity Bruner**

Chasity is in the eighth grade at Ardmore Middle School. This 14-year-old enjoys language arts and likes to talk to friends. When she is older, Chasity wants to own her own salon.

"I think art is important because it's fun and cool."

**Courtney Bruner**

Courtney is 11 years old and attends the sixth grade at Ardmore Middle School. She likes math class. Her interests include skating, art and being with friends. She would like to be an art teacher.



Alicia Alexander, a fourth grade student at Jefferson Elementary, displays the pieces she created at the Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program. The students studied the legends of the Chickasaw Spirit Pony and created original artwork with that theme.

"I love art that is about love, is colorful, beautiful and realistic."

**Amanda Carney**

Amanda, 12, is in the sixth grade at Ardmore Middle School. She enjoys spelling. Her hobbies are playing basketball and volleyball. One day, Amanda would like to be a nurse.

"I enjoy the after school arts program because I can exchange ideas."

**Jace Carney**

Jace is a 13-year-old in the seventh grade at Ardmore Middle School. He likes physical education and enjoys skateboarding. Jace hasn't decided what he wants to do with his life yet.

"My pony's name is Quicksilver and I have a dream catcher in the background."

**Joseph Carney**

Joseph is in the sixth grade at Plainview Middle School. This 12-year-old likes taking math. He enjoys art and drawing. When he is older, Joseph would like to be a basketball player.

"My favorite artist is Jerome Tiger and the drawing of the Indian drum."

feelings."

**Diamond Dennis**

Diamond, 10, is in the fourth grade at Franklin Elementary. She enjoys her bobbies of playing baseball and swimming. One day Diamond would like to be a teacher.

"I love art that's funny and colorful and is about animals and flowers."

**Amber Lampkin**

Amber is in the eighth grade at Plainview Middle School. She is 13 years old and likes athletics. She lists her hobbies as running and drawing. When she is older, Amber wants to be a runner.

"I like art because you can express your personality, thoughts and feelings."

**Alexis Lewis**

Alexis is a 12-year-old in the seventh grade at Lone Grove Middle School. She enjoys geography. Her hobby is playing softball. In fact, one day Alexis wants to be a softball pitcher.

"I like art because it's fun and I have fun things to do."

**Cameron Lewis**

Cameron is in the fourth grade at Lone Grove Middle School. This 11-year-old likes taking math. His hobby is playing football. When he is older, Cameron wants to skateboard.

"What I like most about the after school arts program is that it's fun!"

**Stringfellow Lewis**

Stringfellow, 10, is a fourth grader at Lone Grove Middle School. His favorite subject is math. He likes playing football. One day Mr. Lewis would like to be a policeman.

"I like art because I can draw."

For more information about ASAP or other arts programs, call (580) 332-1092.

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## Election rules revised, continued from page 2

Rita Loder, Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary. "This makes it easy for the candidates to contact voters individually."

An updated list is provided after voter registration closes.

Voters will have more flexibility to register under the new rules, according to Mrs. Loder. New rules will enable voters to register up to three weeks prior to the election. Previously, registration closed approximately four weeks prior to the election

Deadline for voters to return ballots has been changed to 15 days after ballots are mailed. The previous deadline was approximately four weeks after mailing. "We believe reducing the time

between mailing of ballots and election day will emphasize the importance of the voting process," said Mrs. Loder. "Voters will still have more than six weeks from the time filing closes to make their decisions."

Legislators also approved an application for federal funding of family violence prevention program. The program will provide assistance for family members leaving an abusive situation as well as counseling and other assistance. A utility easement for the Duncan senior nutrition site and two agreements to provide rights of way in Love County were also approved.

### CHANGES TO ELECTION RULES & REGS:

1. Filing period changed from 5 days to 3 days.
2. Filing fees from \$1,500 to \$2,500 for gubernatorial teams.
3. The date for the mailing of ballots changed from 4 weeks prior to Election Day, to 2 weeks prior to Election Day.
4. Election date changed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August to the 4<sup>th</sup> week in July.
5. Run-off election date changed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September to the 4<sup>th</sup> week in August.
6. Oath of Office ceremony time changed from 1:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.
7. Recount fee increased from \$250 to \$1,000.

### The Chickasaw Nation 2007 tribal election positions up for election

Governor/Lt. Governor

#### JUDICIAL POSITIONS

Judge, Seat 2

#### LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

Pontotoc District, Seat 5

Pickens District, Seat 3

Tishomingo District, Seat 2

Panola District, Seat 1

### Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:

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## 'Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation' to be recognized at ECU forum

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation, along with East Central University, will proudly host the 2007 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum at 7 p.m., on Thursday, April 12, in the ECU Raymond Estep Multimedia Center in the University Student Center on campus in Ada, Oklahoma.

This exciting forum is presented annually by the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Studies program through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities in partnership with ECU. The event salutes the valuable contributions, talents and skills of dynamic Chickasaw women through a candid question-and-answer format on topics related to the Chickasaw

experience and the panelists' personal endeavors.

"The forum is a celebration of the lives and experiences of great women of the Chickasaw Nation - women who play a major role in formulating the next generation of Chickasaw women," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Among the women honored previously, panelists and moderators have included artists, writers, educators, health professionals, governmental leaders and cherished elders, among others. Rich with wit, wisdom and invaluable insight into Chickasaw history, culture and experience, the forum has established itself as an evening to remember for panelists and

audiences alike.

"We look forward each year to this forum as one of our most rewarding events," said Lona Barrick, administrator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. "These women touch our own lives as we listen to not only the trials but the many triumphs of their Chickasaw experience."

ECU's Native American Student Association will host a reception immediately following the forum.

For information about the 2007 Dynamic Women of The Chickasaw Nation Forum, call the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, at (580) 272-5520.

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

The *Chickasaw Times* would like to congratulate each of you on your accomplishment by featuring you in our May 2007 issue.

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# Chickasaws help emphasize culture in teaching methods

EDMOND, Okla. - Dozens of teachers from across the state learned to better work with Indian students and to incorporate American Indian culture into the classroom during the "Connecting to American Indian Learners" conference.

Several Chickasaw citizens and employees participated in the conference Saturday, March 10 at the University of Central Oklahoma.

The conference is designed to help educate the educators about characteristics and identities of American Indian students.

Laura Morrison, manager of the Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education department, led a session on how to incorporate Native American art on a budget.

She said several teachers commented that the conference had helped them gain a better understanding of American

Indian students and how to incorporate Native culture into the classroom.

Ms. Morrison demonstrated several projects which could be completed using low cost materials such as paper, glue and colored pencils.

One of those projects was drawing a mandala.

Using different size circular objects and a ruler, participants learned to create the design, which consists of a large circle with two smaller circles inside.

Ms. Morrison explained the four sections of the smallest circle can be used to teach the importance of balancing the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of life.

She pointed out to teachers that the lesson drawn from Native culture is important to all students, regardless of heritage.

Darrell Walker led a session where he taught participants to make dream catchers they were able to take to class afterward.

He helped participants feel comfortable by explaining that the process itself has value.

"Don't worry about how the dream catcher looks. It takes practice," he said as he urged everyone to be creative in their work.

Laura Clark taught a session on teaching native languages through story, art and song.

Trina Jones taught a session explaining how to teach students to make warrior masks.

Pam Aguilar, Stephanie Scott, Jeremy Wallace and Brandon Blankenship presented a one-act play during closing ceremonies.

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**Stephanie Scott and Brandon Blankenship on stage during closing ceremonies of the "Connecting with American Indian Learners" conference.**

## 'Bridge' meeting connects tribal governments, Forest Service



**Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department Director Eddie Postoak, right, poses with three distinguished guests from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) during the "To Bridge a Gap" Conference hosted by the Chickasaw Nation in March. The guests include USFS Tribal Relations Program Manager Alan Dorian of Louisiana, USFS Director of the Office of Tribal Relations Fred Clark of Washington, D.C. and USFS Southern Region Director of Planning Chris Liggett of Georgia.**

GOLDSBY, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation recently had the pleasure of hosting approximately 150 participants and guests at the "To Bridge a Gap" Conference at Riverwind Casino in Goldsby.

This four-day conference is an annual event in collaboration

with the U.S. Forest Service. It is designed to strengthen government-to-government relationships between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) U.S. Forest Service and federally recognized tribal governments with interests in area forests.

Attendees traveled from as far as Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas to take part in this information sharing and consultation event. The conference included presentations and question-and-answer sessions

from several tribal representatives, archaeologists, professors, environmental specialists and Forest Service professionals. The event also included a reception with keynote speaker Dr. Joe Watkins, associate professor

of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico.

This was the sixth year for the event and the Chickasaw Nation's first time to host.

*Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.*

## Arts Academy enrollment now open!

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities is once again hosting the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) for students interested in acting, dancing, music, writing or art.

The academy begins July 16 on the campus of East Central University in Ada, Okla. This incredible two-week, action-packed opportunity offers the rare chance to experience hands-on, professional instruction from experienced instructors who excel in the arts.

CSAA offers intensive, detailed and culturally sensitive instruction in both group and one-on-one classes in visual arts, drama, dance, literary arts, video production, vocal performance and music composition. Component sessions empower students to explore exciting opportunities in the fields of art while they gain valuable experience and professional instruc-

tion by composers, musicians, dancers, artists, performers, media experts and writers.

"The academy creates a greater awareness of our unique culture through the promotion of artistic expression and achievement," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We are happy to be able to offer this exciting opportunity to Chickasaw and other Native American youth."

All interested students are required to attend one of the audition and orientation sessions to be eligible for consideration to attend the academy. The first session will be offered from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, April 14, in the recital hall on the first floor of the Music Education Building at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. The second audition and orientation session is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in Faust Auditorium located in Faust Hall on the campus of East

Central University in Ada.

"This is an exciting opportunity for students interested in the arts to gain valuable experience from highly qualified and professional instructors in each field," said Lona Barrick, administrator for the division of Arts and Humanities. "Full commitments from prospective students begin with the audition process and are paramount to a memorable and valuable educational experience."

All students accepted into the academy are required to sign letters of commitment, attendance and code of conduct agreements.

Space is limited. Please contact Julie Burwell, special projects director, at (580) 272-5520 or Laura Morrison, arts in education manager, at (580) 332-1092 for more information about the 2007 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.



40 graduate Ardmore class

## Chickasaw language students complete 10-week course



Graduates paused for a group photo as they celebrated completion of the 10-week Chickasaw language class in Ardmore. Forty graduates and friends enjoyed traditional food and fun during the recent informal graduation gathering at the Ardmore Community Center.

An informal graduation event was conducted recently for 40 students who have completed a 10-week Chickasaw language class at the tribal community center in Ardmore.

Classes are part of an ongoing effort to revitalize the Chickasaw language.

"Language is a vitally important part of Chickasaw culture," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We are extremely proud of the hard work these students have invested to help revitalize and preserve our language for future generations."

Curtis Willis, of Marietta, Okla., has been teaching the classes.

He said he has seen growing interest in learning the language since teaching a previous 10-week session at the Chickasaw area office.

While most of the students are Chickasaw, some are from other tribes and others are non-Indians who are simply interested in the language.

"I am proud of the students and their desire to learn," said Mr. Willis. "If we can maintain this level of interest, with the tribe's help we can hold on to the knowledge of the language, the stories and songs that have been passed down throughout the generations."

Language classes in Ardmore

are part of a comprehensive effort to revitalize and preserve the language.

The Chickasaw Nation was recently awarded a grant of more than \$93,000 from the Administration for Native Americans to conduct a language survey and design a master-apprentice language program.

"This survey is an important component of the Chickasaw language revitalization program," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Chickasaws everywhere have an opportunity to take part in this vital effort to preserve our language for future generations."

The survey will not only help

officials calculate the number of fluent speakers, it will also help establish guidelines for selecting participants for the master-apprentice language program.

This program will pair fluent speakers with apprentices who are willing to devote the time and effort necessary to become fluent speakers in 18 to 24 months.

Each of 10 fluent speakers will be teamed with an apprentice who has some knowledge of the Chickasaw language.

Teams will make a commitment to spend two hours each day five days per week communicating in the Chickasaw language.

## Rabies clinics set

American Indian pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for a free vaccination at one of several rabies clinics planned this spring. The clinics are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and vaccines will be administered by local veterinarians. Participants should bring their pets and their CDIB card to one of the designated locations during the hours listed below.

### Sulphur

Friday, April 20  
Sulphur Nutrition Site  
401 E. Oklahoma  
10 a.m. – Noon

### Ada

Friday, April 27  
Agri-Plex North Parking Lot  
10 a.m. – Noon

### Duncan

Monday, April 30  
Fuqua Park  
Hwy. 81 & Beech Street

10 a.m. – Noon

### Pauls Valley

Thursday, May 10  
Wacker Park

Across from the Fair Barns  
10 a.m. – Noon

### Ada

Friday, May 11

Agri-Plex North Parking Lot  
10 a.m. – Noon

### Ardmore

Friday, May 11

Between Ardmore Clinic and Food Distribution Center (Chickasaw Blvd.)

10 a.m. – Noon

### Ardmore

Friday, May 25

Between Ardmore Clinic and Food Distribution Center (Chickasaw Blvd.)

10 a.m. – Noon

For more information, contact the Ada Area Office at (580) 436-7256.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

## Chilocco School reunion set for June in Albuquerque

The Chilocco National Alumni Association announces its 2007 Annual Reunion hosted by the Great Southwest Chapter to be in Albuquerque, June 7, 8 and 9. All students, graduates, employees, and relatives who attended school or worked at Chilocco Indian Agricultural School are invited and encouraged to attend.

The 2007 reunion will be at the Marriott Albuquerque Hotel, 2101 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Call (505) 881-6800 or 1-800-228-9290 to make hotel reservations. Alumni nightly rate is \$75, plus tax, if you register before May 16. After May 16 the hotel rate will be \$159, plus tax, so please register before the deadline.

The Great Southwest Chapter is hosting the reunion and you may contact any of the persons

listed below for further information:

President, Betty Deer Shannon at (505) 296-5150

Vice-President/PR, Tom Mark at (505) 869-2644

Secretary-Treasurer, George England (816) 373-0505

Marketing Director, Keith Franklin (505) 291-1880

Athletic Director, Farrell Emhoolah (505) 897-2050

1957 Class Contact, Faith Jacobs Castles (925) 937-1716

Needed are the following 1957 graduates' addresses. Contact Faith Jacobs Castles or your local CNA Chapter president. Lois Rudene Battiest, Cecelia Freeman Sampson, Elmer Perry Horne, Mary Jean Hohahta, Lee Anthony, David Lewis, Lawrence Smith, Gerald Thomas, Jeraldine Virginia Ward, Carolyn White Rolland

The 2007 Reunion Schedule:

Thursday, June 7  
Vendors, Meeting Rooms, Memorabilia Room setups

Friday, June 8  
7:30 a.m. is Golf Clinic and Tournament, Contact Farrell Emhoolah

9 a.m. Reunion Registration Begins, Hospitality and Memorabilia Rooms are available to Alumni

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Santa Fe Tour, cost \$48, contact Tour New Mexico, Inc. at 1-800-333-7159

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Reception/Social Hour, cost \$15

Saturday, June 9

7 a.m. Veterans' Breakfast, Featuring Guest Speakers: Survivor of the Bataan Death March and Navajo Code Talker, cost \$18

9:00 a.m. Reunion Registra-

tion Continues, Hospitality and Memorabilia Rooms are available to Alumni

10 a.m. CNA Business Meeting

2 p.m. Golden Class of 1957 Get-Together, Contact Keith Franklin

6 p.m. Banquet Honoring Golden Class of 1957, Hall of Fame Induction, cost \$25

9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Dancing to Freddie Chavez Foundation, Cost \$10

Please note, you may pre-register for all events by sending a registration form and check for all events in advance to George England, Secretary/Treasurer before May 16.

A charter bus to Albuquerque may be provided. A 55-passenger bus will leave Tulsa and Oklahoma City on Thursday, June 7, 2007 for the Chilocco

reunion in Albuquerque and return on Sunday, June 10. If all 55 seats are sold the round-trip cost will be \$77 per seat. Those desiring a ride may reserve a seat by March 16, 2007.

A \$50 deposit will be required. If less than 35 seats are requested, the bus will be canceled. For information or to reserve a seat, contact Dorcas Williams, 11059 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ct., Tulsa, OK 74128 or call (918) 234-5155 or contact your Chilocco Alumni Chapter President.

Hall of Fame Nominations for 2007 are being accepted. Contact James Edwards for more information at (918) 742-1549 or you may email him at [jimpstone@peoplepc.com](mailto:jimpstone@peoplepc.com).



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**By ROSS HILL  
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*Ross A. Hill is president-CEO of Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$85 mil-*

## Tribal representative in Chickasha on April 16

CHICKASHA, Okla. - To better accommodate citizens' schedules, the Chickasaw Nation representative who visits the third Monday of each month in Chickasha will now be available at an earlier time. Beginning April 16, the representative will at Oklahoma Workforce from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

For more information, or to

apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

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for Native Americans, call toll-free nationwide, 1-877-409-2265 or visit our Web site at [www.bank2.biz](http://www.bank2.biz).

## Diabetes prevention health fair April 3

ADA - The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center will host a "Power of Prevention" Health Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, April 3 at the Diabetes Care Center, 1001 N. Country Club Road, in Ada.

Free food, drinks and give away items will be available for participants. Other departments, including Moccasin Trails, Wellness, Nutrition Services and Behavioral Health will sponsor information booths at the event.

Staff members will also be available to conduct screenings for blood sugar, blood pressure, body mass index (BMI) and a diabetes risk test.

Neva Harjochee from the Get Fresh Program will conduct

a cooking demonstration at noon.

Chickasaw Nation employees who participate will receive a certificate of completion for Level 2 (EIP) upon completion

of all screenings.

For more information, please contact Shon McCage at (580) 421-4532 ext. 82252.

*Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.*

## Utility assistance program information, applications available April 10 in OKC

OKLAHOMA CITY - Information on utility assistance programs for Chickasaw citizens living outside the service boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation will be available in April.

The Chickasaw Nation Program Operations Division through the Purcell Area Office will provide applications and information for the Elderly Energy and Emergency Utility Programs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10 at Lakepoint Towers, Sixth Floor, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City.

A resource specialist from the Purcell Area Office will be available to assist with applications and answer any questions.

For more information, please contact the Purcell Area Office (405) 527-6667.

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## Dream of owning your own home?

**CHUKA CHUKMASI** is a secondary market Conventional Loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The CNDHTD can assist you with down payment and closing costs. Qualified borrowers invest as little as \$500.00. We offer expanded underwriting guidelines that allow those with less than perfect credit to be approved. There are no income guidelines. Maximum loan amount is \$359,650.00 and the minimum is \$10,000. In addition we can assist with refinancing for homeowners who want to lower their interest rates and or payments.



**NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS:** Are you interested in building your own home? If



you have been approved for your 30 year financing, Housing Counseling & Loan Services can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. This program is open to Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation anywhere in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate on the construction loan is only 5%, the term is 6 months and be prepared to make interest payments on the construction loan during construction. Please call us for further information.

**HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM:** Do you need to make improvements to your home but just don't have the money? Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development's Home Improvement Loan Program may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is \$30,000.00; interest rate is 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage for home improvements. Available only for Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a licensed contractor.

**Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development**

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(580) 421-8856  
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Section Head, CHEC  
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Ada, OK 74820

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# February 2007 Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been selected for February 2007 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female Student of the Month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each Student of the Month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native Americans students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals, or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are Students of the Month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Students of the Month for the Tishomingo District are **Victoria Miller** and **Joshua Frazier**, Ravia Elementary.

"**Victoria Miller** is always respectful to her peers and teachers and is always willing to participate in extracurricular activities," said Debbie Akins.

"**Joshua Frazier** has a very positive attitude and is always willing to participate in extracurricular activities," said Debbie Akins.

Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District are **Alyssa Blankenship**, Byng Elementary, **Dineh Bohan**, Homer Elementary, **Kelsey Greenwood**, Stratford Jr. High, **Matthew Morehead**, Stratford Jr. High, **McKenzie Phillips**, Roff High and **Jeffrey Wells**, Stratford High.

"**Alyssa Blankenship** is a very intelligent and hard working young lady and is very serious about her education," said Stephanie DeFrate. "I have known Alyssa for the last year as a fourth grade student and find her to be a fine and responsible young lady. Alyssa takes part in many school activities when possible and is a member in numerous Chickasaw Na-

tion programs such as "The Chickasaw Children's Choir" and the after school art program. Alyssa is always willing to help when needed and gets along with others. Alyssa is a very deserving young lady and your consideration for this honor will be greatly appreciated."

"**Dineh Bohan** is a very outstanding student, role model and has great leadership among his peers," said Lisa Lawson. "He is an active participant in the Gifted and Talented Program, Academic Bowl Team, 2006-07 Spelling Bee Contestant and Honors in our Homer accelerated Reading Program. He demonstrates superb study skills, and is well liked by his classmates. Dineh is one student others look up to."



**Dineh Bohan**

"**Kelsey Greenwood** is a dynamic young lady," said Angela Martin. "She is very active on campus, participating in softball, basketball, track and 4-H Club. She has also attended several camps sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, primarily softball camp and the Summer Arts Academy. She performed a dance she learned at the Summer Arts Academy for the elementary students during Native American."



**Kelsey Greenwood**

"**Matthew Morehead** is a new student to our school this year. He has challenged himself academically by taking Algebra I as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader and has done quite well," said Angela Martin. "He qualified for Chickasaw Honor Club for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks. Matthew would be a great choice for JOM Student of the Month."



**Matthew Morehead**

"**McKenzie Phillips** is very involved in school activities," said Jana Stewart. "She is President of our high school Student Council. She will be pre-



**McKenzie Phillips**

senting a workshop at our Student Council State Convention. She is also a starter on the high school basketball team. McKenzie is a leader at our school and I believe she will continue her leadership abilities beyond high school."

"**Jeffrey Wells** is a young man who is very outgoing and is an asset to our campus," said Angela Martin. "He is very active in FFA, Student Council, and varsity football and baseball. He is very goal oriented and works hard to achieve his goals. Jeffrey is also a polite and generous young man, definitely a role model for Student of the Month."



**Jeffrey Wells**

Students of the Month for the Pickens District are **Alyssa Howard**, Franklin Elementary (Ardmore), **Jackson Wallace**, Plainview Elementary, **Taylor Foster**, Turner Jr. High, **Shannon Holland**, Turner High and **Justin Hilton**, Turner High.

"**Alyssa Howard** is a very responsible student," said K. Thompson. "She works hard in class and her grades reflect



**Alyssa Howard**

her efforts high, B's and A's. She participates well and is often a peer tutor in class."

"**Jackson Wallace** is one of those students that every teacher dreams of having in class," said Mrs. Wittrock. "He is always doing what is expected of him and if he has one of those rare moments where he isn't, he corrects himself. Jackson always has his work done and it is done neatly. Polite manners and a sweet disposition are qualities that Jackson portrays in class and out of the class, whether he is at specials, recess or curricular activities. He is a joy to have in class and very deserving of the 'Student of the Month' award. He is an outstanding representation of what the Chickasaw Nation Education Division would consider the perfect example of a dedicated and hard-working fourth grade student."

"**Taylor Foster** is one of those students you enjoy being around," said Sue Kelley. "Taylor is an awesome student, but what makes Taylor is the person she is.



**Taylor Foster**

She will make a room light up with her smile and personality. Taylor is a leader among her fellow students."

"**Shannon Holland** is an outstanding student and person," said Sue Kelley. "Shannon excels in what ever she sets out to do no matter if its school or athletics. Shannon does a lot of volunteering with the young students in our school. She is going into accounting. I think she should go into teaching. She has such a way with children."

"**Justin Hilton** is the most awesome person I know," said Sue Kelley. "He is such a joy, always has a smile, and always has positive attitude. You see, Justin is mentally challenged. Looking at him you see it, but being around him the only thing challenged is you. I have the absolute privilege of teaching him, 2 days a week. Those two days no matter how I feel, I know my day will start and end with a smile because of this wonderful person."



**Shannon Holland**



**Justin Hilton**

## Chickasaw History Quiz: Post-Civil War Edition

By RICHARD GREEN

immigration to the Chickasaw Nation?

- railroads
- small number of federal law enforcement officers and courts
- reputation of Chickasaw Nation for lawlessness
- tribal members willing and able to help intruders evade taxes

3. In the 1870s, two Chickasaw political parties emerged, Nationals and Progressives. What were their differences based upon?

- pro-Oklahoma statehood vs. anti-statehood
  - pan-Indian advocates vs. those favoring an independent course
  - one favored land allotment and one did not
  - traditional culture vs. progressive, assimilative policy
4. Chickasaw Governor B.F.

Overton vigorously advocated keeping all non-Indians out of the Nation. What conviction did he base his view upon?

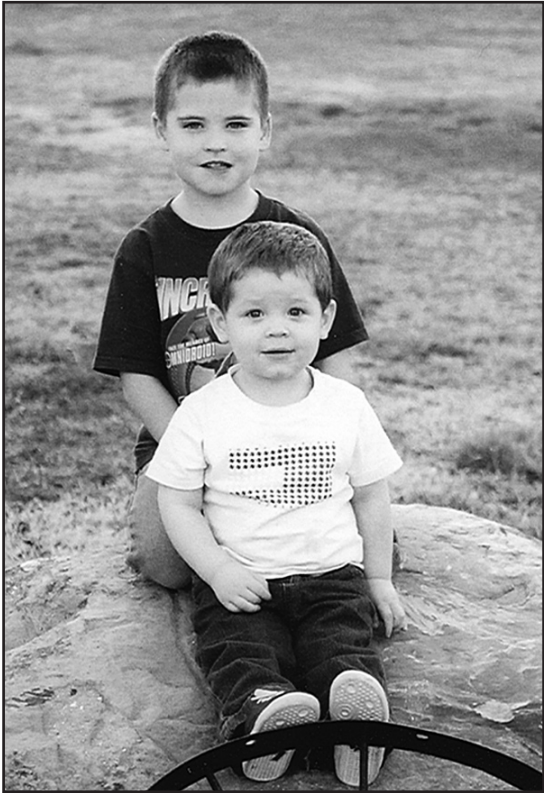
- Keep tribal assets in Chickasaw hands
- Keep control of the tribe in his own hands
- Believed Indians were superior to non-Indians
- Wanted federal control of the tribe abolished

5. When the Secretary of Interior ruled the tribes permit law was unconstitutional, how did Gov. Overton respond?

- Resigned in protest.
  - Shot and killed an intruder to teach others a lesson
  - Sent a letter over the secretary's head to the president protesting the ruling
  - Ignored the ruling and launched a campaign against intruders to pay up or leave
- See Answers, page 42



## Benjamin Lee Gold and Christopher Garrett Morgan



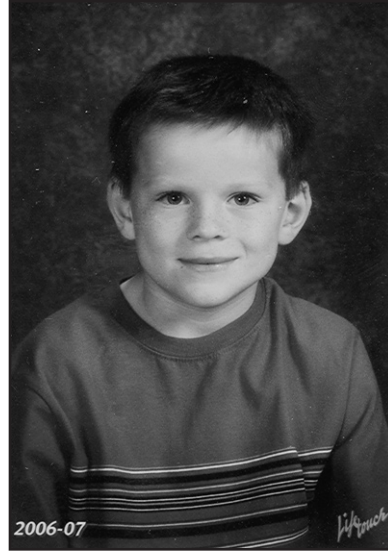
Benjamin Lee Gold, 5, is the son of Billy Jack Gold and Starla Gold. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Harold and Gwenda Depasse and Donna Linton.

Ben is our pride and joy because he brings laughter, happiness and love to our lives. He is full of questions and answers. He loves to watch his papa drag race and ride in papa's '69 Camaro. We were blessed the day Ben was born and we love him very much.

Christopher Garrett Morgan, 2, is the son of Scott and Melissa Morgan. He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Shelby and Gayle Morgan and Buddy Tartsah. He is the nephew of Rachael Tartsah, Marcus Tartsah and Stacy Morgan.

Garrett is our pride and joy because he makes us laugh and reminds us to be thankful everyday for what we have been blessed with. He likes hotrods, Thomas the Train, riding the tractor with papa and riding the four-wheeler with grandma. We love Garrett very much and we were blessed the day he was born.

## Dustin Vititow



Dustin Vititow is the grandson of Rosa Seeley – Vititow.

Dustin Vititow is my pride and joy. He is 7 years old and attends Fillmore Elementary School in Oklahoma City. He is very proud of his Indian heritage. He loves baseball and soccer.

## Braylon Noah Guerrero

Braylon Noah Guerrero is the son of Stevie and Noah Guerrero. He is the great-grandson of Jack Clapp.

He can make anyone smile!



## Ciriana Xotchil Chiffer



Ciriana Xotchil Chiffer is the daughter of Jessica Luna and Carlos Chiffer. She is the granddaughter of Gaylynn Marris, Darlene Peterson, Carlos Chiffer and Sue and B.G. Caldwell.

This little princess is 10 months old. She's our pride and joy because she brings joy to our life and happiness to our day. CeCe is her nickname and she has a smile of gold. CeCe is always happy and loves to play outside.

Thank you for letting us share this moment with our family and friends and everyone!

## Jessie Sandefur, Bea Brownen and Mary Joe Byrd



The three sisters, Jessie Sandefur, Bea Brownen and Mary Joe Byrd. Just like sisters to me. I love them.  
Ruby Akins

## Hunner Payne

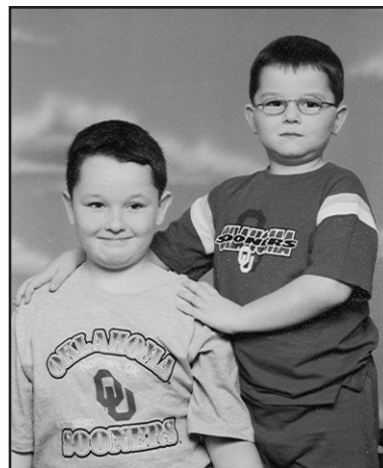


Hunner Payne, 5, is the son of Sally and Jason Payne. He is the grandson of Gaylynn Marris and Patsy Payne, and the late Gilbert Payne.

He loves playing with his brother Fisher and going to school. We are so proud of him because he'll graduate from Big Five this year and he'll get to go to kindergarten.

We love you!

## Dakota Ace and Phil Joseph Mays

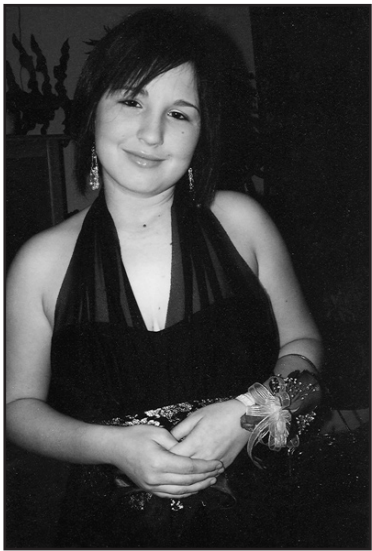


Dakota Ace Mays and Phil Joseph Mays are the sons of Steven and Lori Mays. They are the grandsons of Phil and Gwen Mays and David Stuckey and Linda Workman, and the great-grandson of Estalena Stuckey.

Ace and Phil are our heart and soul, couldn't ask for better.

Love ya always and forever,  
Dad and Mom





## Alana Michele Criswell

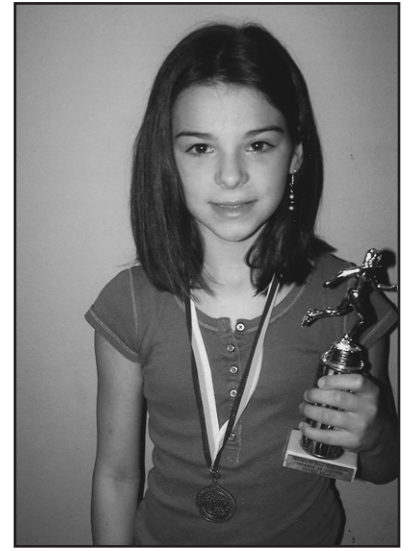
Alana Michele Criswell, 14, is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham. She is the granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer.

Alana completed her first half-marathon, the MidSouth Marathon on November 4, 2006. She finished fourth place in her age division. She also plays softball on a traveling team.

## Sydney Elizabeth Grisham

Sydney Elizabeth Grisham, 11, is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham. She is the granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer.

Sydney won third place in her age group in the Mid-South Half – Marathon in Wynne, Ark., on November 4, 2006 with a time of 3:36:02. She plays basketball with the Cabot Jr. Lady Pantehers. A traveling team that her Dad coaches, that plays year round.



## Lindsay Marie Grisham

Lindsay Marie Grisham, 16, is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham. She is the granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer.

Lindsay completed the Little Rock Marathon, 26.2 miles, in Little Rock, Ark., Sunday, March 4, 2007. Lindsay has also completed 8 marathons and 7 triathlons and is on the Cabot High School swim team.



## Denzi Royce Pike Heath

Denzi Royce Pike Heath is the son of Aviaa Pike and Denton Heath. He is the grandson of Ben and Diana Pike.

Denzi is my pride and joy because he embodies innocence and perfection. He's only 5, but already shows signs of an old soul through his thoughtful reflections and compassionate demeanor.

In February of 2006, I became incarcerated for the first time in both our lives. Throughout this ordeal, Denzi has been a testament to our family's strength and love by continuing to excel in school. His reading skills have grown by leaps and bounds and he participates in karate, t-ball, as well as shown a natural talent for swimming.

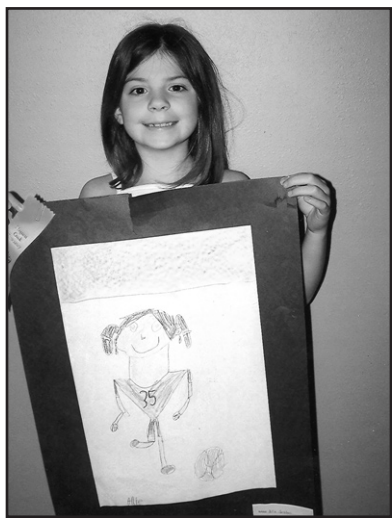
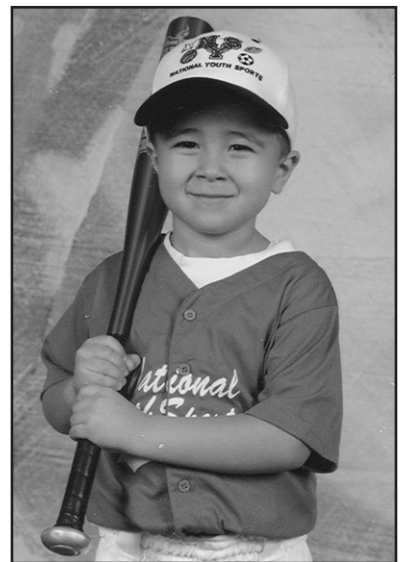
Denzi is my pride and joy because of the love I receive from him. When he comes to visit me, he is always happy, never questions our emotionally difficult situation – never cries or thrown tantrums when our visits are over.

He knows mommy is on a "time-out" and one day I'll be home. It's both heart breaking and touching to hear him read to me, describe his day, talk about what we'll do when I come home, and watch how strong he tries to be when visitation is over, and it's time to say goodbye.

Denzi is my pride and joy because he tries to help his grandparents whenever possible, without being asked – by helping Dad take his blood pressure or assisting my Mother around the house. Although only 5, he's found balance between responsibility and playtime.

My time is made easier by the reassuring feeling that he is always surrounded by love, continues to make the best of the current circumstances, and I know he's comforted by his grandparents in my absence, as they are also comforted by him.

I have been so blessed by his love and presence in my life. Witnessing all that's taken place has helped me to firmly grasp what's important and has been the best therapy for me, and confident past mistakes will not be made again.



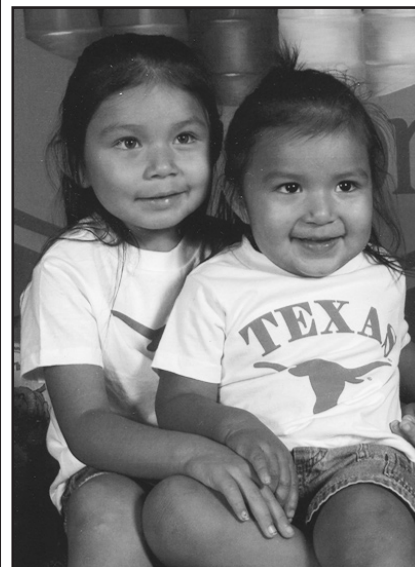
## Allie Hope Grisham

Allie Hope Grisham, 7, is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham. She is the granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer.

Allie won an art award at her school, Magness Creek Elementary where she is in first grade. Allie plays on the Ladybacks basketball team and just started playing softball.

## Piper Norvell

Piper Norvell is our pride and joy because of all she has accomplished and because of the beautiful, mature woman she has become. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA while playing sports and excelling in all she does. She has also been accepted to OU for next fall. We will miss her so much when she goes to college, but know she will succeed and give us more reasons to be proud of her!!

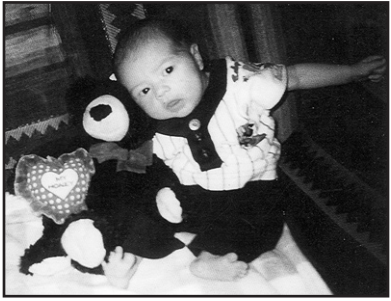


## MaKynlee and Cydnee Miller

MaKynlee and Cydnee Miller are the daughters of Rick and Sherri Miller. They are the granddaughters of Robert and May Hamilton and Francis Miller.

Makynlee and Cydnee are our pride and joy because of the laughter and smiles they provide us with everyday. MaKynlee and Cydnee each have very unique personalities and each day with these little girls is both challenging and rewarding. We thank the Lord each and everyday for bringing these two precious little girls into our lives.





## Jerimiah Isiah Christian Carlson

Jerimiah Isiah Christian Carlson is the son of Les and Rebecca Carlson.

This precious gift God has sent to us has made us realize how important life really is to hold our son and to give him

the love he deserves and to also comfort him in his little nightmares. Just to have him look at us and smile makes our hearts melt. To watch him sleep peacefully and smile in his dreams these are the precious reasons he is our pride and joy. He was a pretty big gift weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces and 21 inches long. We thank God for our bundle of joy.

Les and Rebecca Carlson

## Kayla Jo and Neely Wood



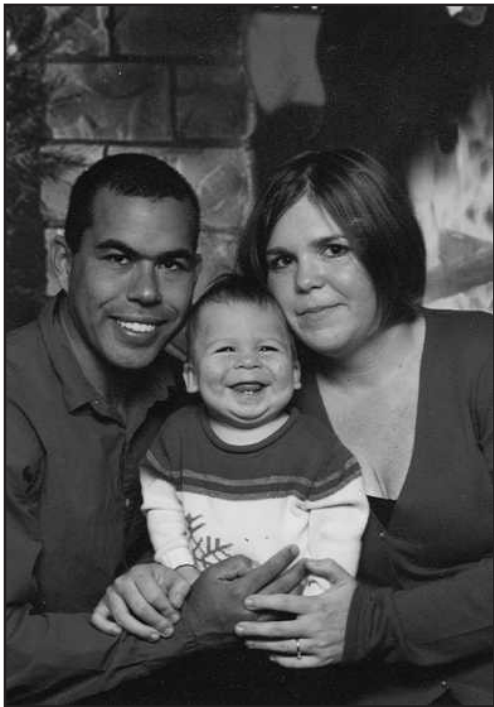
Kayla Jo and Neely Wood are the daughters of Patricia Wood and Scott Wood of Tishomingo, Okla. Their grandparents are Larry and Eugenia Wood of Tishomingo, Phyllis Seymore of Bethany, Okla., and the late Joe Plumley. Great-grandparents are Floyd and Joyce Hackworth of Bromide, Okla.

Kayla Jo is 14 and a freshman at Tish High School who is active in softball, basketball, golf and cheerleading. Neely, 8, attends second grade at Tishomingo Elementary, and is active in soccer and little league softball. Both girls are on the Governor's Chickasaw Honor Roll and Tishomingo Honor Roll.

Kayla Jo and Neely are our pride and joy because they are both athletic and academic girls who take a lot of pride in trying to be the best that they can be. The girls are not perfect - they fight a lot and give us many grey hairs but I guess that is why we love them so much.

Love you both very much,  
Your Family

## Alisha Scruggs, Tyrone and Zachary Livermore



I am proud of my daughter Alisha Scruggs, son-in-law Tyrone Livermore and grandson Zachary Livermore.

Alisha and Tyrone were married March 2 in Denton, Texas. My daughter has been serving in the Coast Guard for over two years. She recently transferred from North Carolina to Topeka, Kansas, where she will work at the Federal Building. Tyrone is a stay at home dad for one-year-old Zachary. We are just so proud of all of them and wish them the best of luck.

Lots of love!  
From Mom

## Stevy and Justice Reeves



Stevy and Justice Reeves are the children of Tanae Reeves. They are the grandchildren of Tracie and Brian Carter and the late Steven D. Reeves.

These children are my pride and joy because they light up our world and we love them very much. They keep us in smiles and make us laugh. They attend Harmony Free Will Baptist Church and Stevy is a PreK student at Latta Elementary School.

Cheyenne Arkansas is the daughter of Margie and Mike Arkansas and the granddaughter of Caroline Krebbs. She is the granddaughter of the late Lizzy and Atchamn Arkansas and the great-granddaughter of the late Clamy Brown an original enrollee.

## Cheyenne Arkansas

Cheyenne Meagan Arkansas celebrated her sixth birthday on February 27. She celebrated her birthday with friends, Joshua Ratliff and parents, Colten Wood and parents, also her cousins Macala and Steavi Purcell of Mustang, Okla., Patience Green of Tishomingo, Okla., and her parents, Tonya and E.J. Green. Among others were aunts and uncles, Mildred and Johnny Taylor, Karen and Dewayne Carroll and her grandmother Caroline Krebbs.

The theme for the party was Bratz. The kids enjoyed playing on the moon bounce and busting the piñata. Cheyenne attends Ravia kindergarten school. Her parents are proud of her because she is always on the A's Honor Roll. She enjoys reading books.

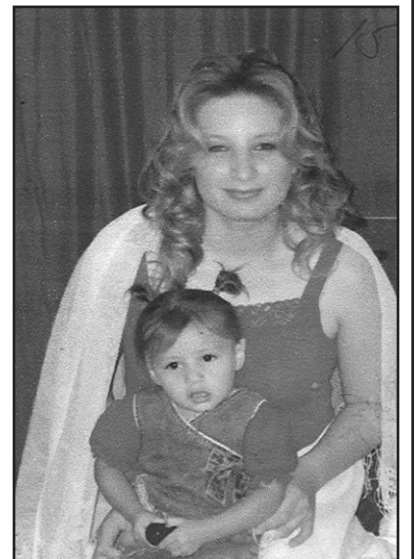


## Vivianna Titsworth

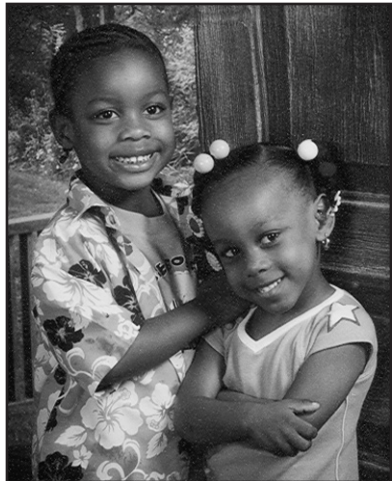
Vivianna Titsworth is the daughter of Laura Titsworth and the cousin of Alexa Millican.

She is so beautiful and tiny. I'm glad I got to meet her, she has changed my life in a good way. God has brought this little girl into my life so I could spend time with a new friend. Vivianna, I know you can't read yet but I love you so much and I enjoy bonding with you because your special.

Love your cousin,  
Alexa Millican







## Sebastian and Kashiria Price

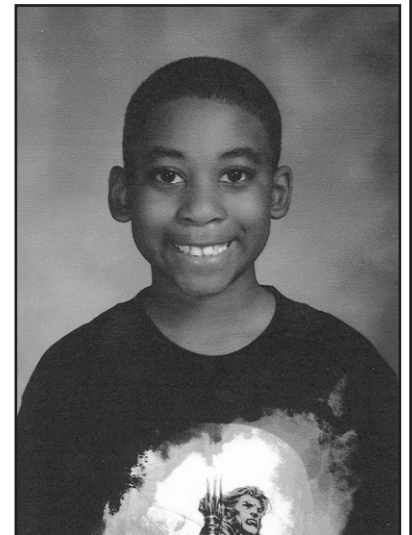
Twins Sebastian and Kashiria Price are the children of Kawima and Sebastian Price, Sr.

These twins Sebastian and Kashiria Price are my pride and joy, they try to help out in anyway they can. Sebastian plays in all around sports and is very good. Kashiria is lil Ms. Bossy. She likes running the family. They don't get to visit often (they live in Texas,) but when they do they're a bundle of joy. I wouldn't give anything in the world for either of them.

Love Mammaw

## Jadan Miles

Jadan Miles is the pride and joy of my life because if its me or anybody who needs help fixing, packing or doing anything Jadan is always willing to help out, even if he knows how to do it or not. He sure doesn't mind trying. I'm very sickly, he stays beside me, making sure I take my medicine or have something to drink and eat. We're like two peas in a pod. He's my other half. He's what I live for. Jadan stays concerned about other people and their problems. He's not only my pride and joy he's my Rock, my salvation, my soul mate.



## Clay Bridges

Clay Bridges is the son of Sandra and Lonnie Bridges and Delton and Shirley Crutchfield. He is our pride and joy because his love is natural and pure. When you feel unloved just love him and he loves you back and it's real.

Sandra Bridges



## Lucas Matthew Sherrer

Lucas Matthew Sherrer is the son of Matt and Ashlee Sherrer and the grandson of Brent and Janet Tevebaugh and the great-grandson of Jim and Jean Amerson.

He is our first grandchild and he brings such joy to our lives. He's the cutest kid in the world and he's very funny. He makes us laugh everyday!

Brent and Janet

## Landyn Allen Walker



Landyn Allen Walker is the son of Kenny and Amber Walker.

He is our pride and joy because he is currently our only child and he is 6 months old, as of the March 7. He is everything we have dreamed of and so much more. He always brightens our day with his laughter and smile. He is our reason for living and the greatest gift God has given us.

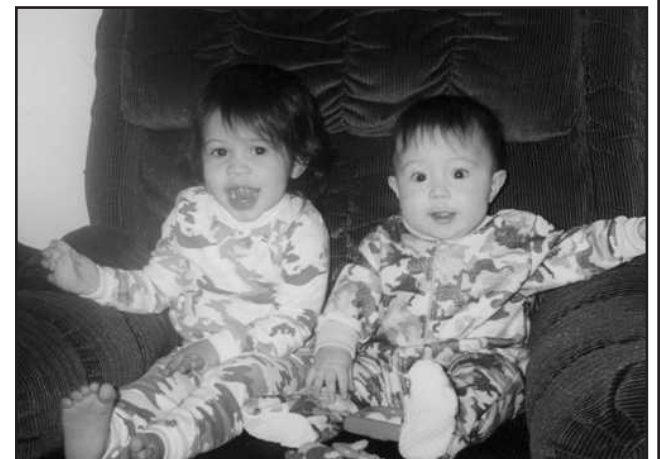
Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Jacie and Ethan Crawford

Jacie and Ethan Crawford are the children of Sarah and Eddie Crawford and the grandchildren of John and Nadine Underwood.

These children are our pride and joy because my life was not complete until God blessed me with my kids and I treasure them everyday!

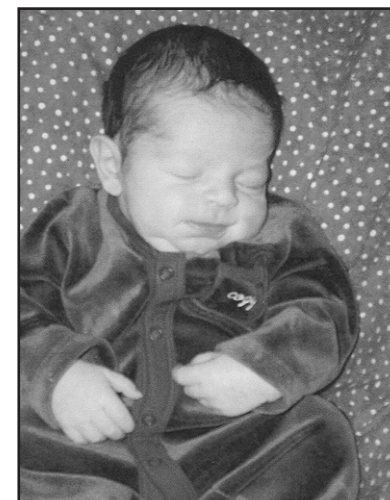
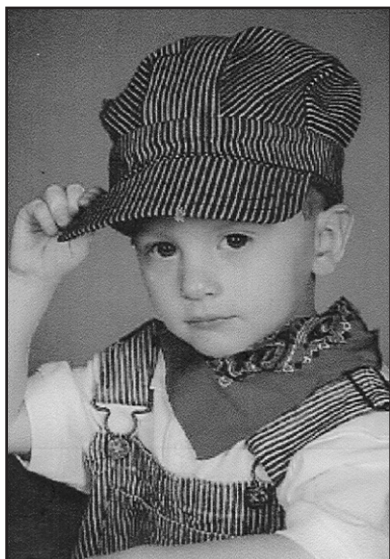
Love,  
Their mother, Sarah



## Caden Bristow

Caden Bristow is the grandson of Bobbie Adams and Jim Ollis.

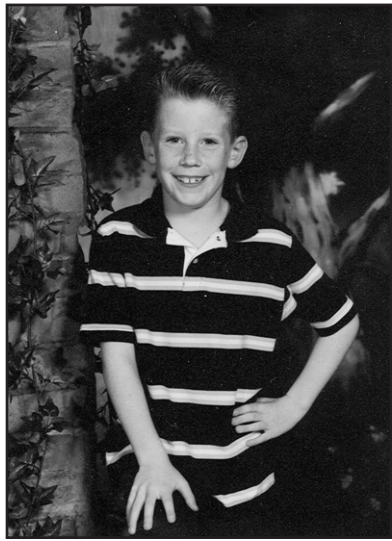
He is four years old and loves to work with his Grumps in his garage and ride his 4-wheeler. Caden is too smart to be real. He actually can use an electric drill and screwdriver, paint and use a test light. He is his Grumps helper in the workshop. Caden is our "pride and joy!"



## Kobey Alexander Wall

Kobey Alexander Wall is the son of Sommer and Stephen Wall. He has showed us God's love and purpose.





## Blake Cole James

Blake Cole James is the son of Anna and Blake James.

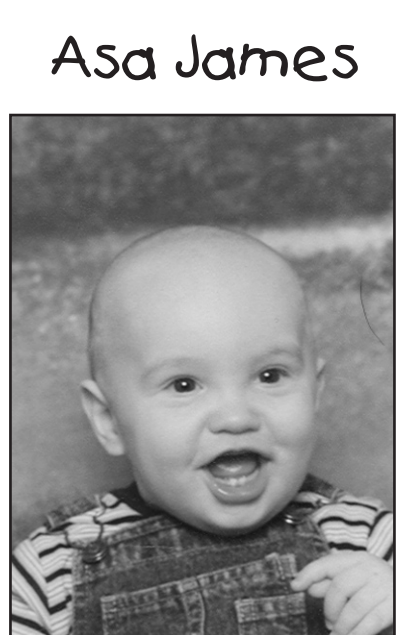
Cole you are developing into a great grandson and I rejoice with you.



## Chelsea James

Chelsea James is the daughter of Anna and Blake James.

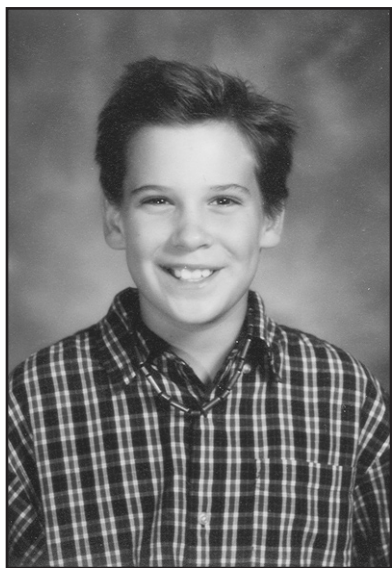
Chelsea continue to think big and you will go places.



## Asa James

Asa James is the son of Anna and Blake James.

Asa brings pride and joy through his uniqueness.



## Dylan Thompson

Dylan Thompson is the son of Mary and Rodney Thompson. He is the grandson of Deanna Kendall, Katrina Roberts and Buel Roberts.

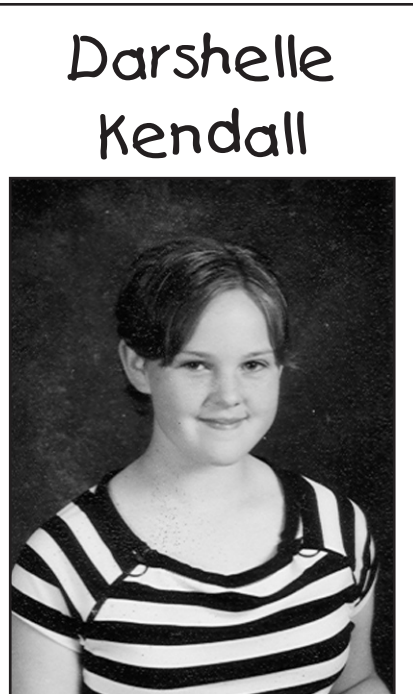
Dylan is a great comedian and keeps everyone energized.



## Autumn Thompson

Autumn Thompson is the daughter of Mary and Rodney Thompson. She is the granddaughter of Deanna Kendall, Katrina Roberts and Buel Roberts.

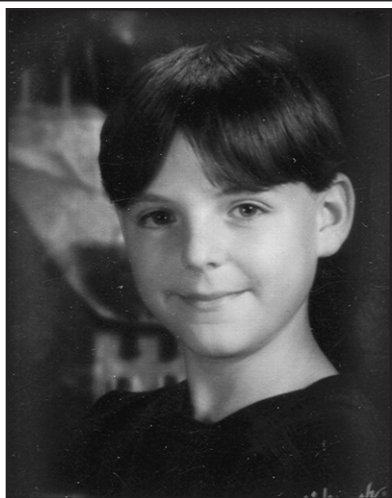
Autumn is a very lively softball player dear to the heart.



## Darshelle Kendall

Darshelle Kendall is the daughter of Mark and Tressa Kendall.

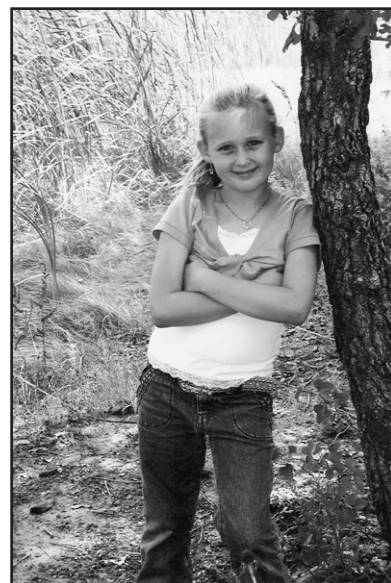
Darshelle you are a wonderful asset to the family and I praise you.



## Dewayne Kendall

Dewayne Kendall is the son of Mark and Tressa Kendall.

Dewayne you are a joy to have in my life.



## Alyssa Kyle

Alyssa Kyle is the daughter of Marlena and Justin Kyle and the granddaughter of Judy Kyle and Deanna Kendall.

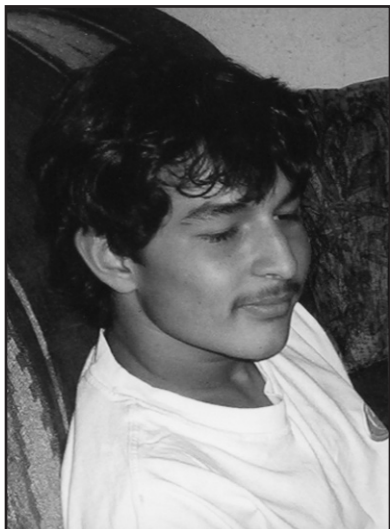
Alyssa is a sweet granddaughter to be around.

## William G. Horn

William G. Horn is the grandson of Beth E. Wilkerson.

He is my pride and joy because life has given him many lemons and he just keeps making lemonade. Therefore, he remains my greatest hero and my "pride and joy."

William is 15 years old, 1/4 Comanche, 1/8 Apache and 1/16 Chickasaw. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Charlie Harlie Moore, full blood Chickasaw.

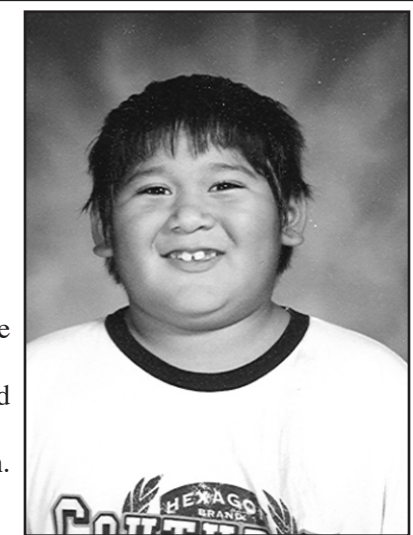


## Leila and Silas Taylor

Leila and Silas Taylor are the children of Adrienne Taylor.

My kids are my pride and joy.

I love you both very much. Mom





### Patience Green



Patience Green is the daughter of E.J. and Tonya Green. She is the granddaughter of Dewayne and Karen Carroll, of Ravia, Okla., Mike Loper, of Oklahoma City, and Pam Green, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Patience was born July 25, 2006 at Mercy Memorial Hospital, Ardmore, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs and 3 oz. and measured 20 inches.

Patience is our pride and joy because she is a beautiful baby girl and future princess. She loves to give lots of hugs and kisses. She is a very happy and healthy baby that we thank God for everyday. She will always be our pride and joy. She loves to play with her cousin Cheyanne Arkansas every chance she gets. Patience also loves to spend time with her grandparents, Karen and Dewayne Carroll and Pam Green. Baby Patience makes everyday worth waking up to.

Mom and Dad

### Caden Jack Carey

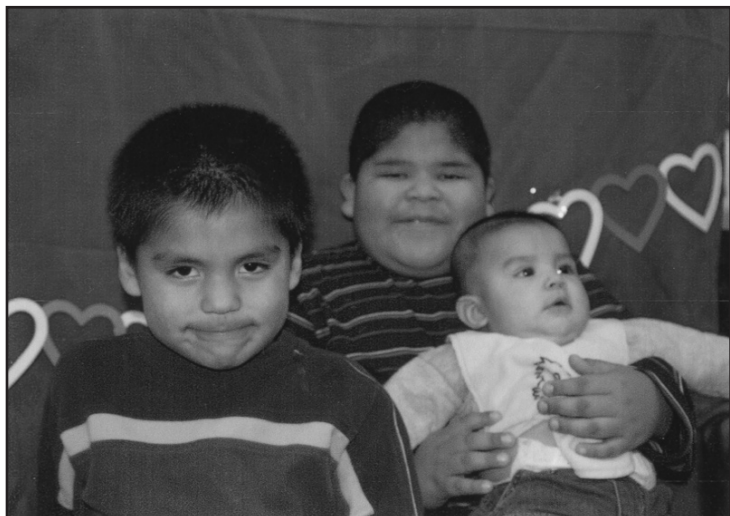


Caden Jack Carey, 3, is the son of Nick Carey and Amber Bunyard. He is the grandson of Jack and Carol Bunyard and Susie and Howard Carey. He is the great-grandson of Ms. Judy Fisher, the late George Fisher and Johnny and Carol Manos.

This child is our pride and joy because he brings a smile to our face every day. He is always happy and full of life. He enjoys playing baseball, riding his hummer outside on sunny days, singing, reading books, drawing and going on weekend trips with mommy and daddy.

We love you Caden!

### Jason Folsom, Amon and Colin Walker



Jason Folsom, 7, Amon Walker, 5, and Colin Walker, 7 months are the sons of Wylarma Folsom and Jason Walker. They are the grandsons of Wayne and Deborah Walker and Charles and Norma Folsom.

Each one of them has something special inside of them. And when they grow older they will use the talent they have and make their parents and grandparents proud and happy.

### Lauren Burden



### Dylan Kelso



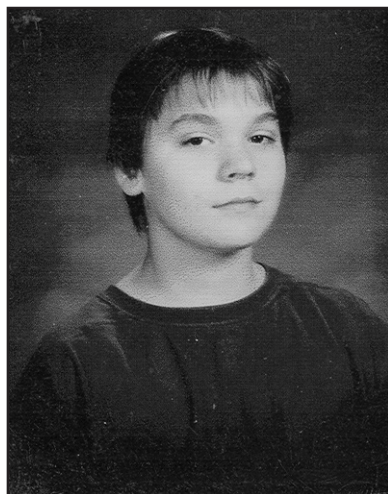
### Shelby Lynn Thomas



Shelby Lynn Thomas is the daughter of Jaquie and John Phillips and Carl and Laura Thomas. She is the granddaughter of Jack Shearer, Phylis and Everett Delaney and Pearl Deal. She is the great-granddaughter of Bessie and Walter Capes.

Shelby is my pride and joy because she is always there to help her mom cook, clean, watch all the CSI shows and to gang up on all the guys at our house.

### Zachary Sylvan Thomas



Zachary Sylvan Thomas is the son of Jaquie and John Phillips and Carl and Laura Thomas. He is the grandson of Jack Shearer, Phylis and Everett Delaney and Pearl Deal. He is the great-grandson of Bessie and Walter Capes.

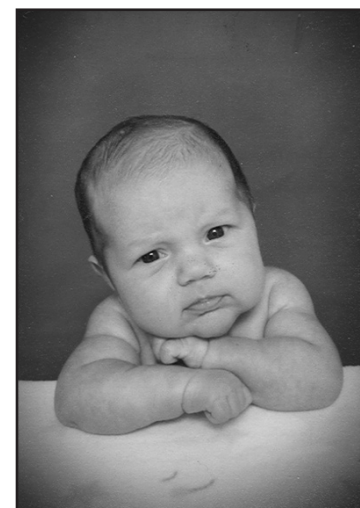
Zac is my pride and joy because he has a sense of humor and is always trying to make people laugh. He also gives great neck and foot massages to his mom.

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### Wyatt Hartley



### Audrey Hartley



Lauren Burden, Dylan Kelso, Wyatt and Audrey Hartley, are the pride and joy of Linda Hartley, because they are the sweetest most beautiful grandchildren I have.

Lauren is learning the Chickasaw language and sings in the Chickasaw Choir, Wyatt is 3 years old and Dylan and Audrey are 19 months old.

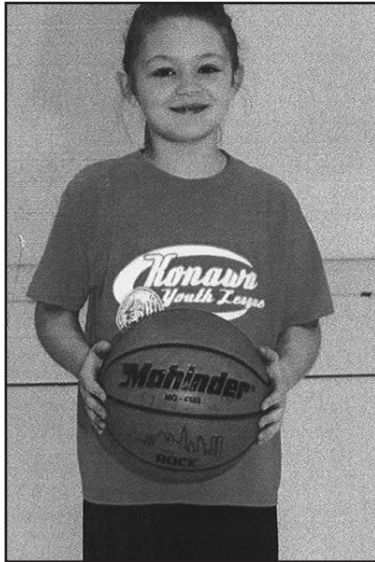


## Trysten Cook, Ethan Weaver, Aidan Weaven



Trysten Cook is the son of Kelli and Mike Cook.  
Ethan Weaver is the son of Bryan and Reiko Weaver.  
Aidan Weaver is the son of Brent and Donna Weaver.  
My grandsons are my pride and joy of my family. They are the children of my 3 children who are also very proud of them.  
Grandmother Janie Brady

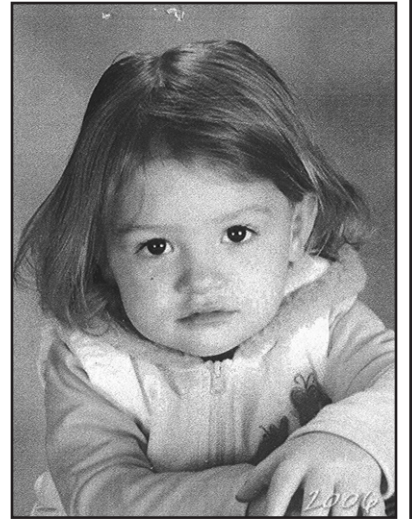
## Logan Hisaw



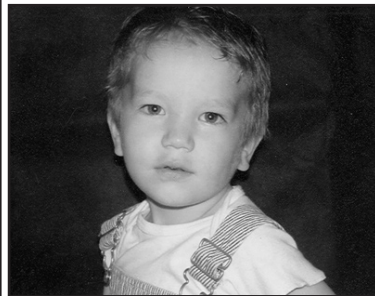
Logan Hisaw, 8, and Rylee Hisaw, 2, are the daughters of Angie and Cory Christensen. They are the granddaughters of Billy Hisaw.

They are sweet, lovable, and kind hearted. Both girls are very smart. Logan and Rylee are a lot alike but unique in their own way. I love them both with all my heart.

## Rylee Hisaw



## Jaydon Walters

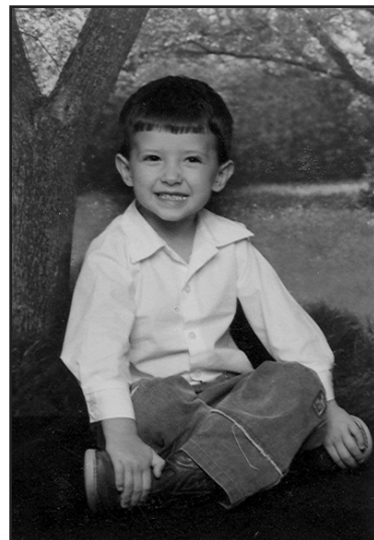


Jaydon Walters is the son of Jonathan and Raina Walters, and the grandson of Rita Loder.

Jaydon is my "go with the flow" little man. He is very charming and loveable.

Love MeMaw Rita

## LEvi Ellis



Levi "Scooter" Ellis is the son of Bo and Amie Ellis, and the grandson of Rita Loder.

Scooter is the character of characters, just like his dad.

He is loveable, thoughtful and a brave young man.

Love Granny Rita

## Melissa Ellis

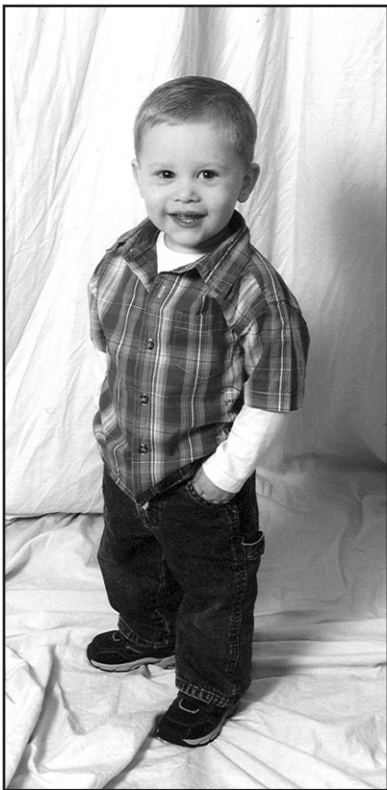


Melissa "Peanut" Ellis is the daughter of Bo and Amie Ellis, and the granddaughter of Rita Loder.

Peanut is my favorite granddaughter and shopping buddy. She is ten going on sixteen. She is very sweet and considerate.

Love Granny Rita

## Joseph Colbert



Joseph Colbert is the son of Jesse and Michele Colbert. He is the grandson of Edith Sparks and the great grandson of Luther and Mildred Kash and Lois Larson.

He is a great kid. He brings joy to our entire family.

## Presley Kalyn Williams

Presley Kalyn Williams is the daughter of Criss and Angie Williams. She is the granddaughter of Dede and Garey Williams and the great-granddaughter of Chenena Roach.

Presley Kalyn Williams came into our world and lives September 17, 2002. She is in the "make believe" stage so she is full of laughs and surprises. She is loving and a pleasure. Presley is a fourth generation Chickasaw. Her heritage comes from Vinnie M. James Humes.

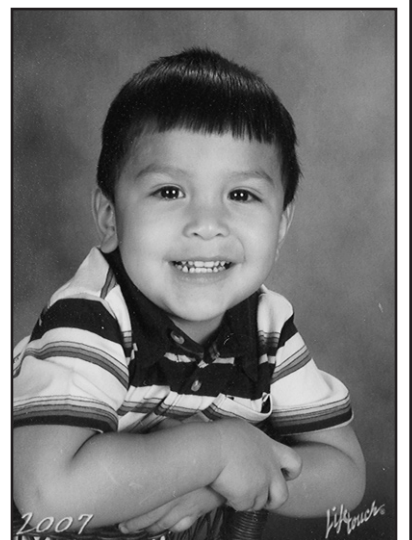


## Anthony Lee Amador

Anthony Lee Amador, 2 is the grandson of Ramona and Saul Perez.

Anthony is our pride and joy because he brings so much love and happiness in our lives. Watching him grow each day is a treasure. We love you very much.

Love,  
Mama and Papa Perez







### Lane, Tommie and Brock Grant

Lane, Tommie and Brock Grant are the children of Julie Grant.

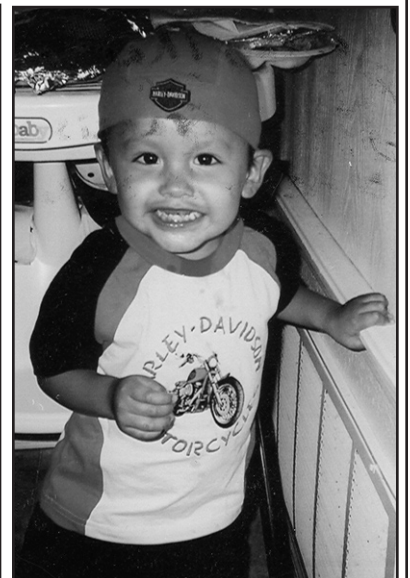
Lane, 11, is one of the sweetest kids you will ever meet. When you meet Lane you know that he is a well-behaved little boy with a heart of gold. Lane definitely steps up to the plate of big brother. He does great in school and loves to play football, basketball and baseball. I'm so thankful that my other boys have Lane to look up to.

Tommie, 6, is as ornery as can be. He has a smile that people never forget. If Tommie is in the room, you will know it; he loves to make people laugh. He is an animal lover for sure. He has a horse that he's rode since he was four. Tommie does not like school but knows that even cowboys have to go to school. He's definitely a natural cowboy.

Brock, 3, is the sweetest little boy. He loves to take care of people and make sure all babies and kids are O.K. Brock loves to lay his hands on his papa to make him feel better. Mema and Papa think he is going to be a little preacher. Singing and watching himself is one of his favorite things to do. Talking on the phone is another, and the operator is one of his best friends. He is truly a mixture of both of his brothers and such a neat little man.

One of the luckiest mothers in the world...  
Julie Grant

### Kelsey and Matthew Martin



Kelsey and Matthew Martin are the children of Matt and Millie Martin. They are the grandchildren of Granny Jewell and Papa Steve and Grandpa Mike and the great-grandchildren of the late Tommy and Lizzie Frazier and Kathy Henslee.

Kelsey and Matthew are very precious and dear to me. They always make me laugh at the cutest things they say and do. They always put a smile on my face,  
We love you "Sweetz and Boss"  
Grandma Boo (Betty Martin)

### Matthew Caleb Wayne Short

Matthew Caleb Wayne Short, 5, is the son of Matt and Shirley Short. He is the grandson of Annie Short, the late David Wayne Short, Kelsie Morris and the late Coleson Miller. He is the great grandson of Fern Short and the late Amel Short.

Matthew is our pride and joy because he is loving, caring, giving, attentive and smart.

He is full of life and always has a smile on his face.

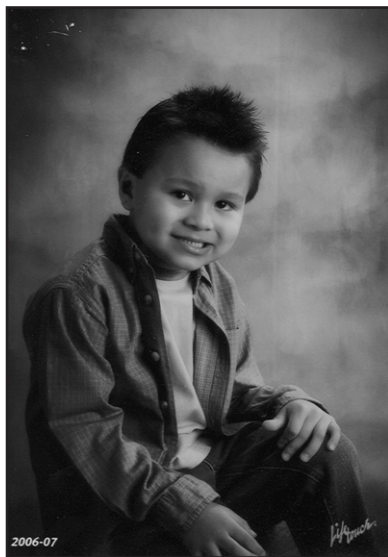
Through out the day Caleb always tell us he loves us and thanks us for all the things we do for him.

He has a creative imagination, I over heard him tell his sister before he had parents he lived in the woods.

Everyday Caleb brings joy and laughter into our lives, there is never a dull moment. God blessed us with this amazing little boy we call our son.

Caleb is in Pre-K at Plaza Towers, his favorite things to do: go to school, build houses or robots with his lincoln logs or legos; color and draws, loves any kind of hot rod or motor cycle; loves to ride his Yamaha y-zinger with his dad and sister.

He told us when he gets big he's going to do back flips on his motorcycle and have a band in the garage.



### Gabrielle Svda Wilson

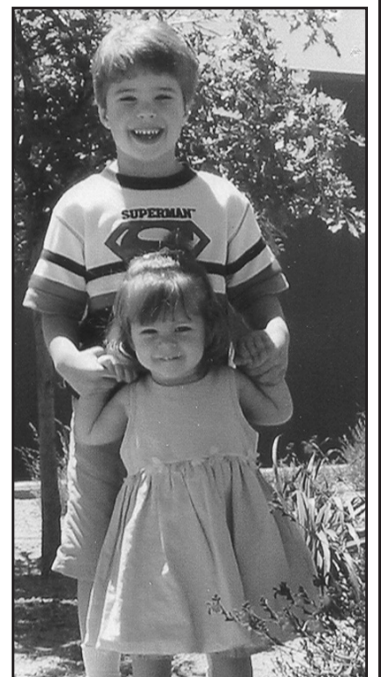
Gabrielle Svda "Apple" Wilson is the daughter of Daivd and Couita Wilson and the sister of Nicole, Skylar and Blake. She is the granddaughter of the late Henry and Bernice Ripley Johnson and Carla Wilson and George Rucker.

"You are the apple of our eye."

### Quinn and Emma Smith

Quinn, 6, and Emma, 2, are the children of Quinn and Meredith Smith and the grandchildren of Glenn and Martha Smith. They are the great-grandchildren of the late Beulah Mae MacGalliard, and the great-great-nephew and niece of Pontotoc County Chickasaw Tribal Legislator Mary Jo Green.

Quinn loves playing super heroes and going to Awana church class. Emma loves going to church and drawing. They are our pride and joy because Psalm 139:13-14 says they are fearfully and wonderfully made, as are all Chickasaws.



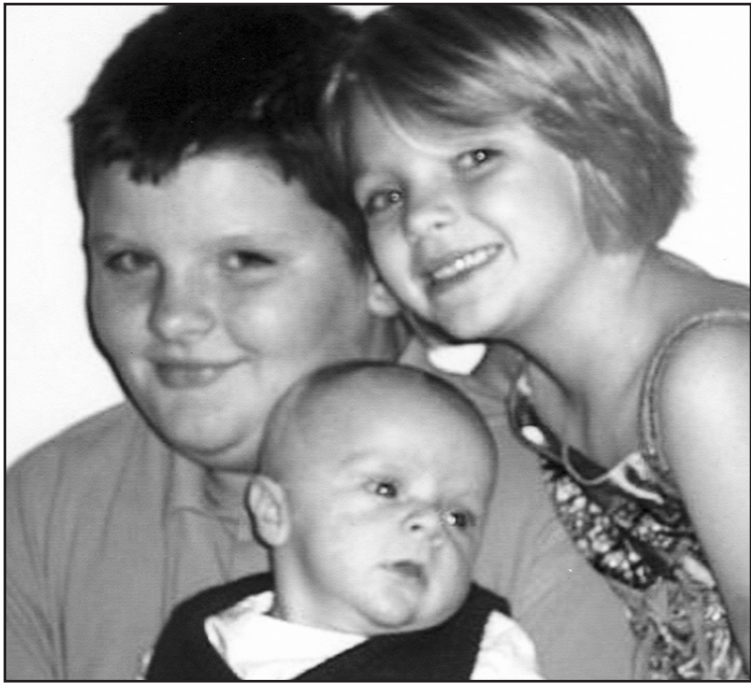
### Zoey Lane and Zane Galloway Montgomery

Zoey Lane Montgomery, 5, and Zane Galloway Montgomery, 17-months, are the children of Larry Todd Montgomery and Beth Conquest Montgomery. They are the grandchildren of Cheryl Conquest and Dr. Conquest and Larry and Sammie Bond. They are the great-grandchildren of Raymond Bond son of original enrollee Galloway Bond.

They are a delight to be around. They love their Sunday school and singing. Zoey loves to help grandma Sammie and aunt Carmen to bake and make dinner, when we are together. Zoey is a big help with her little brother.



## Chase and Carly Horton and Lucas Korn



Chase Horton, 11, and Carly Horton, 5, are the children of Shawn and Dawn Horton. Lucas Korn, 7 months, is the son of Michael and Kimberlee Korn. They are the grandchildren of Farrell and Deb Rhoads, Murrel and Robanette Horton and Joan Korn.

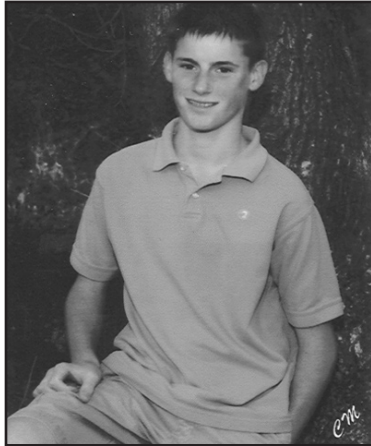
Chase Aron Horton is in the fifth grade at Latta (OK) Elementary, Carly Shaye Horton is a Pre-K student at Latta Elementary and Lucas James Korn lives in Vancouver, Wash.

My two kids and my nephew are my pride and joys! Chase is a thoughtful, kind, caring, and compassionate young man. He has a tender heart and has a genuine love for all people. He has the sweetest smile. Chase loves school and is a huge sports fan.

Anyone who knows Carly knows that she always has a smile on her face. Her laugh is infectious and her enthusiasm for life is amazing! She is so eager to learn and she loves school! She loves to play t-ball with her friends in the summer.

Little Lucas is the sweetest, most handsome little guy ever. I waited my entire life to be "his Aunt." And when I met him, it was love at first sight. Lucas has his mommy and daddy wrapped around his tiny little finger. All three of them are amazing, perfect gifts from God!

## Tyler Blake Hill



Tyler Blake Hill, 15, is the son of Billy and Carol McCurdy. He is the grandson of Bill and Sue Smith and Johnny and Maxine Neely.

Tyler is our pride and joy because he is a smart, caring and handsome young man. Tyler attends Vanoss High School and is active in basketball. Tyler is a leader in his church youth group. He is a great help with his younger sister and brother and has a wonderful sense of humor.

We love you and are proud of you!

Mom and Dad

## Bailee Lauren McCurdy



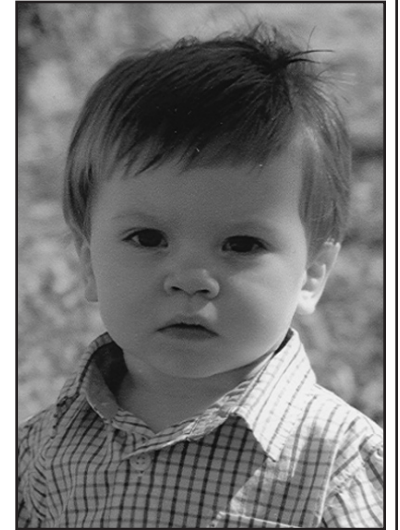
Bailee Lauren McCurdy, 8, is the daughter of Billy and Carol McCurdy. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Sue Smith and Johnny and Maxine Neely.

Bailee is our pride and joy because she is a smart and talented beautiful girl. She has a sweet spirit and is always so helpful with her little brother. She continues to amaze us with her wit and intelligence. Bailee is in the second grade at Latta (OK) Elementary and achieved all A's last semester. She is also a member of the Chickasaw Children's Choir and loves performing.

We love you and are proud of you!

Mom and Dad.

## Jacob Neely McCurdy



Jacob Neely McCurdy, 1 1/2, is the son of Billy and Carol McCurdy. He is the grandson of Bill and Sue Smith and Johnny and Maxine Neely.

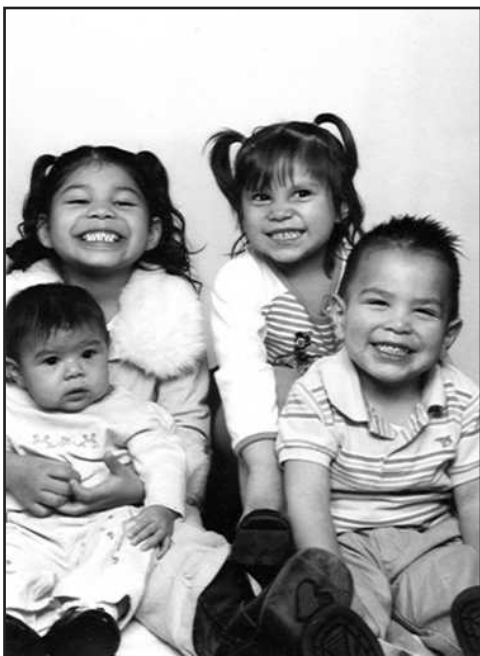
Jacob is our pride and joy because he is so smart and handsome. He always has a smile and a hello for everyone he meets. He loves to go outside with Daddy to see the moo cows.

We love you and are proud of you!

Mom and Dad.



## Sunzie and Taylor Harrison and Quinton and Stoney Cully



Sunzie, 5, Taylor, 4, Quinton, 2 and Stoney, 7-months, are the children of Melissa and Jeremiah Cully and the grandchildren of Virgil and Ramona Walker.

These children are my pride and joy because they're all unique in their own little way.

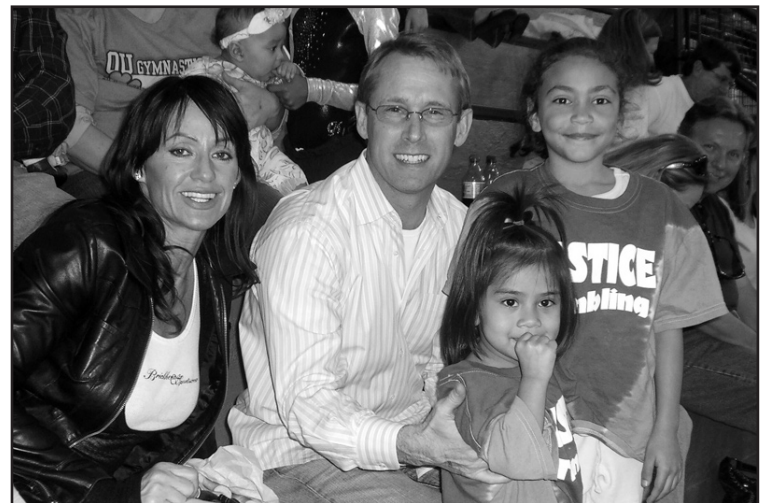
Sunzie is outgoing and likes to try new things and loves to smile and laugh!

Taylor is very quiet but sneaky in her own little way. She keeps us on our toes!

Quinton is the only boy in the family so of course he is the spoiled one!

Stoney is the bashful one but very curious!

## Sierra Brown and Allie Harrison



Sierra Brown and Allie Harrison are the daughters of Wendy Harrison, Wewoka, Okla.

Sierra and Allie pose with Bart Conner and Nadia Comaneci at the OU-IOWA Gymnastics Meet. Sierra and Allie are members of the Justice Tumbling and Trampoline Team, Wewoka.



## Nacobi Chantau Walker

Nacobi Chantau Walker is the daughter of Darrell and Johnna Walker. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn Ellis, Clif and Linda Ellis, and Bob and Sally Graham. She is the great-granddaughter of Pauline Walker and Patsy Horton.



Nacobi is our pride and joy because she is such a compassionate, pretty and talented young woman. She is fifteen years old, and in the ninth grade at Ada Junior High School where she is vice-president of the Technology Student Association and a member of the Native Spirit Club. She is the 2006-2007 Junior Miss Chickasaw. She enjoys dancing, swimming, golf and working on the computer. She is very thoughtful and puts the feelings of others before herself.

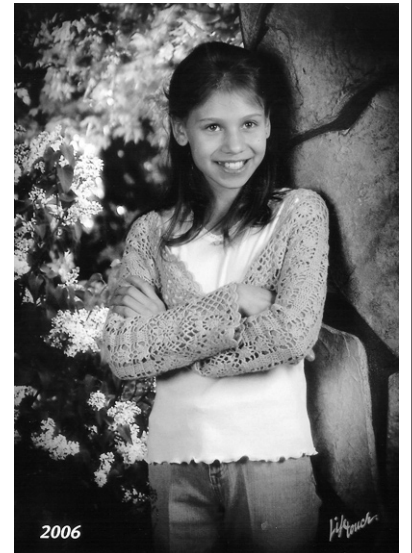
Nacobi is quite an accomplished dancer in ballet, jazz and hip hop. She began dancing at Central Oklahoma Dance Center when she was three, and continues to amaze us with her ability. She aspires to be a professional dancer someday.

Nacobi also loves the Lord very much, and dedicated her life to Him five years ago. She recently attended the Belize mission trip with The Chickasaw Nation Youth Services department. She has such a sincere heart that we know the Lord has wonderful plans in store for her!

We love you, Nacobi! You are such a blessing, and very special to all of us!

## Alexis Olivia Walker

Alexis Olivia Walker is the daughter of Darrell and Johnna Walker. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn Ellis, Clif and Linda Ellis, and Bob and Sally Graham. She is the great-granddaughter of Pauline Walker and Patsy Horton.



Alexis is our pride and joy because she is a smart, pretty and lovable young lady. She is ten years old and in the fifth grade at Willard Elementary School in Ada. She is a member of the Willard Honor Choir, Willard track team, Governor's Honor Club, and is one of the top students in her class. She received 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up in the Little Miss Chickasaw pageant, and runner-up for the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest.

Alexis enjoys reading, swimming, basketball, softball and collecting rocks. She is extremely thoughtful, has an excellent memory and is gifted athletically. She has the knowledge, strength and determination to do anything she sets her sights on.

Alexis loves Jesus very much, and tells us about the many times she has prayed for her family and friends. We are so excited about what the Lord has in store for her life!

We love you, Alexis! You are such a blessing, and very special to all of us!

## Dylan Matthew Walker

Dylan Matthew Walker is the son of Darrell and Johnna Walker. He is the grandson of JoAnn Ellis, Clif and Linda Ellis and Bob and Sally Graham. He is the great-grandson of Pauline Walker and Patsy Horton.



Dylan is our pride and joy because he is a sweet, gentle and kind little boy. He is eight years old and in the second grade at Hayes Elementary School in Ada. He has been selected as Student of the Week twice this school year.

Dylan loves swimming, basketball, tennis and playing with his GameCube. He is so quick to learn, and can read quite well. He is also a very speedy runner.

Dylan helps take up the collection each Sunday morning at Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church, and you'll hear him singing his favorite Choctaw hymn, #48. Dylan loves Jesus very much!

We love you, Dylan! You are such a blessing, and very special to all of us!

## Chase Andru Lutton

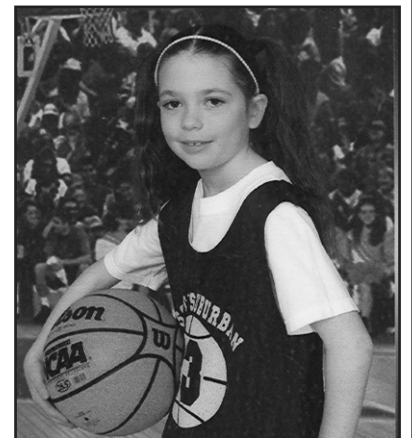


Chase Andru Lutton is the son of Scott and Shana Lutton. He is the brother of Scott and Caleb and the grandson of John and Marlane Dodgion.

He is our last grandson to be born. We have four grandsons and proud of all of them.

## Kaya Ann Marie Duncan

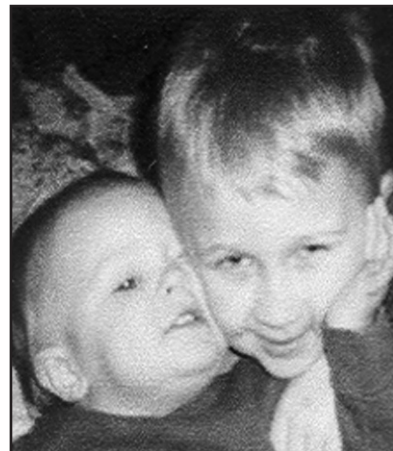
Kaya Ann Marie Duncan is the daughter of Shannon and Tracy Duncan. She is the granddaughter of Geneva Gamble and Phil Stapler.



Kaya is our only grandchild. She is in the first grade and does great. She plays the piano and plays on a winning basketball team. They have won every game for 2 years. We love you so much.

## Dustin Scott and Ethan Alexander Tidmore

Dustin Scott Tidmore, 6, and Ethan Alexander Tidmore, 1, are the sons of Jeremiah and Vanessa Tidmore. They are the grandsons of Andrew and Zena Tidmore and Alan and Julie Timmins.



They are God's gifts sent here to remind us that we can make a difference. They remind us to slow down and cherish each day, as if it were our last. When life really brings us down, holding a grandchild provides the needed strength to keep going. Grandchildren are our reward and our legacy.

Quote from an unknown author: "Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home. Somebody isn't a grandmother."

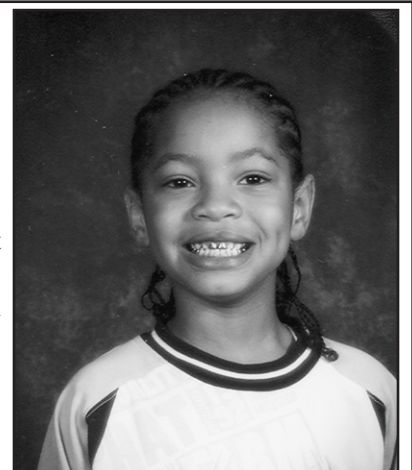
Zena Tidmore

## Telanio Evans

Telanio Evans is the son of Meoshia McGee.

Telanio is my pride and joy because with out him my life would be filled with emptiness. I thank God everyday for such a wonderful child.

Love your mother,  
Meoshia McGee





# Technology feature of new Clinton IHS health center

CLINTON Okla. - The Indian Health Services (IHS), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, conducted a formal dedication of the new Clinton Health Center in Clinton, Okla., on March 9. The clinic officially opened for services on March 23. This new facility will bring much needed services to American Indians living in the Clinton Service Area, most of whom are members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

"This new 58,000 - square - foot health center will support a

full range of ambulatory care and community health services for residents of the Clinton Service Area," said Dr. Charles W. Grim, IHS Director. "We at the Indian Health Service are very proud to be partners in this venture and look forward to providing health care services in this impressive new facility."

The replacement facility will support a full range of technologically advanced medical, dental, and community health services on an ambulatory basis, primarily residence of the

immediate Clinton area. It will provide primary care, pharmacy, laboratory, diagnostic imagine, optometry, audiology, physical therapy, podiatry, behavioral health, dental care, public health nursing, nutrition, health education, and environmental health services.

The new facility consolidated all clinical and administrative services into one building. Incorporated into this facility are system upgrades and new equipment for all departments. New information technology

equipment needed to implement the HIS electronic health record system and telemedicine technology capabilities are also integrated in this new facility. The Clinton Health Center replaces 15 structures, including an antiquated hospital.

The design of the building has a special traditional meaning, based on numerous cultural and historical influences. The building's shape was influenced by the appearance of the traditional winter camp where the Tribe lived seasonally in a sheltered

location at Red Rock Canyon, 40 minutes southeast of Clinton.

The structure's façade features several colors of brick laid in patterns to represent the layers of striation and cliffs in Red Rock Canyon and the surrounding area. The landscaping for the project consists of plants and vegetation natural to the area, including autumn sage used by tribal fire keepers, and the orientation of the building was integrally designed for natural light, energy efficiency, and historical significance.

## Spring Hayaka Unta - March 16 - 18 Camp Classen - Davis, Okla.



Children and adults joined in the fun playing a competitive game of stick ball. At Hayaka Unta, campers were able to take part in traditional and contemporary activities.



Camper Della Stuckey saddles up and leads the group on a horseback ride through the hills and trails of Camp Classen.



Hayaka Unta camper Brian McMillan scales the climbing wall during weekend activities.



Hayaka Unta participants had the opportunity to learn gun safety and handling and try their new skills at skeet shooting.



Sequoyah Lindsey, with friend James Hicks, takes his mother, Debra Lindsey, on a canoe ride around the lake.



## Growing up in a traditional Chickasaw fashion

# Oral History: Carlin Thompson

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

Recorded and edited by Richard Green

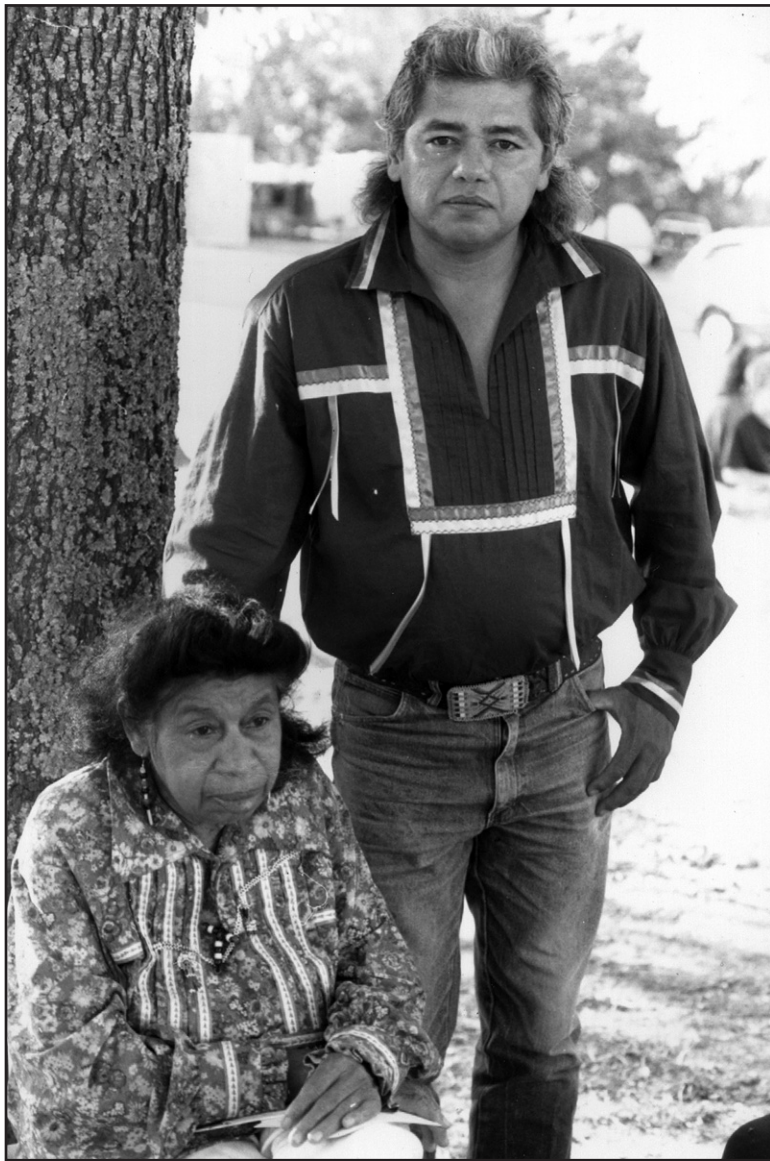
### Introduction

Carlin Thompson grew up in a traditional Chickasaw way, which his ancestors a century before would have recognized. Many of them had been known for their ability to heal life-threatening illnesses. Because the Chickasaw language has no “r,” family members pronounced his name “Cah-lin.” He lived as part of an extended family which lived in and around the Kullihoma area, east of Ada. Some of them were medicine people, some were preachers and a few were both. Wasn’t there conflict between Christian and traditional Chickasaw spiritual beliefs? Maybe in white people’s minds, he said, but he sees things in the “Indian way.” Carlin said he doesn’t compromise his core spiritual beliefs. Still, he is friendly, polite, solicitous, and displays a wry sense of humor, as Indian people often do, in an understated way. For example, he said he grew up in a traditional Chickasaw culture, speaking Chickasaw. So he didn’t think about being an Indian until he went to school among white people...who told him what Indians are. “I found out pretty quick,” he said.

### Interview

When I was born in 1953, my mother [Emily Johnson Dickerson] had no money and no way to support children. She couldn’t read or write, couldn’t hardly speak English and lived out in the country. She was going to put me up for adoption. She had to do that with my half brother, who was adopted by a family near Davis. And she sent my sister away to boarding school. But this time my grandmother [Julia Alexander Johnson] said no, she wanted to keep me. She saw I had the signs to become a medicine man.

My father was a white man. He was a fairly well off rancher, lived near Ada. But my mother never married him and he was never part of our family. Before he died in 1981, he found out that he was a direct descendent of Andrew Jackson. I wasn’t too



**Carlin Thompson remembers when he was young his mother chopped wood for money.**

thrilled about that.

In the fifties and sixties, we lived in a two-room wood frame house with a chimney, built by my grandpa near Steedman. No electricity or running water. At any one time, there was usually seven or eight of us in that little house, my mom, grandma, sister, let’s see, an aunt, some uncles and usually a cousin or two. One cousin, Roger Neely, was like a brother to me. He was born with a hair roach, you know, like a porcupine; Indian people believe it’s the sign of a warrior. We all spoke Chickasaw, that’s all we knew. Later, my mom taught herself a little English.

We lived off the land. Ate a lot of wild herbs, polk salad, pecans, wild onions and berries. My uncle would shoot squirrels, deer and occasionally butcher a hog. There just wasn’t a whole lot of food to go around. My uncles would make what little money we had by hiring out as laborers for farmers and ranch-

ers in that area.

At harvest times, we were like a bunch of gypsies, traveling to Anadarko, southern Oklahoma and Texas, picking cotton and working the peanut crop. Even my grandma worked like that. I remember my mother chopping wood for money--a woman doing man’s work. Didn’t need no education for those jobs. I started working when I was 5, picking cotton with the family and I remember dragging around this little tow sack.

About that time, my mom married Joseph Dickerson and moved into Ada. I stayed in our little house at Steedman with my grandma and my uncles and cousins. Grandma raised me up. She was soft-spoken and nice to everyone. Anytime we had a visitor, she would feed ‘em and let ‘em stay over if they had no place to stay. She was a traditional Chickasaw and an herb doctor. And she was a Christian woman. She worked hard all her life and never complained.

Grandma was my world. This time with her and the family was the happiest time of my life. Before I went to school, I learned a lot from grandma about our family’s Chickasaw ancestors and their ways, which were now our ways.

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There were doctors, or what you call healers, in our family. My great grandfather was Jonah Alexander, but everybody—or at least our family--referred to him as Johnno. He didn’t know when he was born and couldn’t read or write. His Indian name was Ahbit-unta, which means “still killing.” But he was a well-known and respected *pashofa* doctor, which was at the top of the Indian doctor ladder. Johnno performed *tansh pashofa* ceremonies for people whose illness was caused by an evil spirit. They said he put up ribbons and feathers around the house and before the front door he drew a line that no one could cross but him. Inside the house he was alone with the sick person. But on the last night of the four-day ceremony, Johnno led family members as they danced, sang, prayed and ate *pashofa* [cracked corn and pork].

When that person recovered, Johnno always said he didn’t heal the person. It was the Creator acting through him. He would treat anyone who asked him, including white people. He was in great demand and traveled nearly all the time. I was told he had long white hair and rode a white horse.

Grandma told me that Johnno, her father, was born to be a doctor. He had a gift, which was made more powerful by the Little People. He knew there were many kinds of sickness often named after animals. Bear sick was a stomach problem and called for certain herbs. But if the problem was caused by an evil spirit, the remedy would require something more spiritual, a chant, a dance, a song; he would know.

He wouldn’t talk much about this power he had. Even when I was growing up among our people, when a doctor was making medicine, you never went into the room. The doctor might tell you later how he did it, but you wouldn’t see it. The same

was true of Grandma’s husband, Gipson Johnson, who was a powerful doctor and a preacher. He was killed before I was born; a horse he was trying to break killed him. My grandma learned what medicine she knew from him and her father, Johnno. She passed some of this knowledge along to me, but I never wanted to be a doctor.

Grandpa’s sister was Vicy (pronounced Bi-see) Walker, the most powerful Chickasaw doctor of her time. She was known as an herb doctor, and she used them, but she had power beyond herbs. Vicy and all good doctors had the power of discernment. That’s the ability to recognize evil people. This isn’t common sense, it’s a spiritual ability. In Chickasaw it’s called *opayi*. Vicy would know someone was coming before they showed up. And she knew that someone [evil] was using medicine on you and she could counteract it. She passed along her experience to apprentices, who could help people but she couldn’t pass along her spiritual power.

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When I was 7 I had to go to school. I had a hard time there. I had never been around white people and no one spoke English in our family. So at school, I couldn’t understand them and they couldn’t understand me. At first, I couldn’t even tell the teacher my name. They probably thought I was retarded. The school was down the road at a place called Happyland.

[In contrast to school] I learned new things every day from Grandma. We’d go walking in the woods and she would point out plants that were helpful with certain illnesses. And she taught me Indian songs and Indian ways. There are certain things that we do when we get up in the morning and other things that we do before we sleep. Grandma taught me that we were created out of Mother Earth and there are things we are supposed to know about communicating with Her and our Creator.

Grandma and my other older relatives told me stories that had been passed down to them.

*See Carlin Thompson,  
page 41*



## Chickasaw Foundation scholarship application now available online

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the availability of 36 scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year.

The scholarships have a wide range of majors including education, engineering, health-care, nutrition science, liberal arts, Native American studies,

nursing, accounting, business, finance, social work, art, history, law, aeronautics, music, aviation, and general purpose education.

The application is available on-line at [www.chickasawfoundation.org](http://www.chickasawfoundation.org) or you can be placed on our mailing list by calling (580) 421-9030.

## Book donation



From left, Vanessa Sawyers, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Johnna Walker, Chickasaw Foundation, and Cathy Wood, Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees donated 100 copies of *The Hunter Who Was Not So Great* books to the Pontotoc County Children's Fair.

The fair is sponsored by Oklahoma Department of Human

Services and The Chickasaw Nation, and is part of the celebration for "The Week of the Young Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention" month.

The free fair will be April 28 from 10-2 at the Pontotoc County Agriplex.

## Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month



Angela Moore

The Chickasaw Foundation recently established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, demonstrates

responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and demonstrates a positive academic work ethic.

Ms. Angela Moore was selected as the February 2007 student of the month. She is a senior at Plainview High School and has been a participant in the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program since her freshman year.

Angela is active in band and sports. She participates with her church on community service projects and has received awards for perfect attendance and competitions held at the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound summer program. Her future goal is to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in music.



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### 2007-2008 Scholarship Application

To promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Please Complete All Items By Printing In Ink - Each Item Must Be Fully Completed

The Chickasaw Foundation is very proud to offer funding assistance for college. Please read each description carefully and place a check in the box next to the scholarship for which you wish to be considered. Each scholarship has requirements that are listed within the description. You are encouraged to select all areas in which you qualify. After completing this page, and the attached application, and providing us with the required documentation, your application shall be reviewed for consideration of funding. All applicants must complete the application and provide the appropriate documentation. Incomplete applications and/or applications lacking appropriate support documentation shall not be considered. The following is a list of scholarships that you may be considered eligible to receive.

All scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the students' designated college or university. The award requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year. All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date - June 1<sup>st</sup> - to be considered for funding.

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Computer engineers, graphic designers, biologists, conference managers and international trade specialists recruited, however, the scholarship is not limited to these areas of study.<br/>* One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ann Eubank Health Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate or graduate students.<br/>* Student pursuing a pre-approved health care related major.<br/>* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate student pursuing a degree in nutrition science, science or liberal arts.<br/>* One - \$8,000 scholarship (\$4,000 per semester).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate or graduate students.<br/>* Major in Native American studies, history or education.<br/>* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate or graduate students.<br/>* Student pursuing a degree in nursing: AND, BSN or MSN.<br/>* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Native American students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.<br/>* Junior or senior year at any four-year college or university.<br/>* Major in Fine Arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance).<br/>* One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Judicial Scholarship - Law Student Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.2 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate or law student in an accredited four-year college or university.<br/>* Student pursuing a degree in law, pre-law, legal studies, paralegal or any major associated with law or bachelors degree obtained with the intention of pursuing a law degree.<br/>* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>John Bennett Herrington Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.<br/>* Junior or senior year at any four-year college or university.<br/>* Student pursuing a degree in engineering, physics, mathematics, chemistry, geophysics, natural science or a related field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees and have a demonstrated interest in space aeronautics.<br/>* One scholarship for a maximum of \$10,000 annually, for up to two years.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ataloo Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only.<br/>* Undergraduate students pursuing a degree in music (such as vocal, Native American, composition, music education, or any related field as approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees).<br/>* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only.<br/>* Undergraduate students in any four-year college.<br/>* Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.<br/>* One - \$4,000 scholarship (\$2,000 per semester).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Part-time or full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate student in an accredited two or four-year college or university.<br/>* Major in finance or accounting.<br/>* One - \$250 scholarship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate students.<br/>* Major in finance, business or accounting.<br/>* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mary K. Moreland &amp; Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate students in a four-year college.<br/>* Major in education.<br/>* One - \$2,000 scholarship (\$1,000 per semester).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate or graduate students.<br/>* Social work or a pre-approved healthcare related major.<br/>* One - \$700 scholarship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only.<br/>* Undergraduate students.<br/>* Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.<br/>* Four - \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bill Fryrear Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only.<br/>* Undergraduate students.<br/>* Major in art or history.<br/>* One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only.<br/>* Undergraduate or graduate students.<br/>* Student pursuing a degree in aviation (such as aviation law, aviation maintenance technology, flight training, air traffic control, aeronautical engineering, aerospace mechanical engineering, manufacturing engineering with an aviation emphasis, airline and airport operations, airport management, meteorology, aviation technology management or any related field as approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees) at a college, university or recognized private aviation school.<br/>* One - \$1,250 scholarship.<br/>* Awarded in January.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aisha Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.<br/>* Graduate students enrolled in pharmacy school.<br/>* One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mooniene Ogee Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate, graduate or doctorate students.<br/>* Major in education.<br/>* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> |
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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate students.<br/>* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Hill Group Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate students.<br/>* Two - \$2,000 scholarships (\$1,000 per semester).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only.<br/>* Student in freshman year at any two or four-year college.<br/>* Proof of income (most recent filed tax form for financial need).<br/>* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search Leadership Scholarship</b><br/>* Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound or Educational Talent Search students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.<br/>* Full-time, beginning freshman at any two- or four-year college or first-year vo-tech student.<br/>* Two - \$2,500 scholarships (\$1,250 per semester).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate or graduate students.<br/>* Two - \$500 scholarships.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.<br/>* Undergraduate, graduate or vo-tech students.<br/>* Two - \$500 scholarships.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship</b><br/>* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher<br/>* Undergraduate students.<br/>* One - \$500 scholarship.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



## Parker awarded initial Ataloo Memorial Scholarship



Wyas Parker

Congratulations to Mr. Wyas Parker, Ada, Oklahoma. He has been selected as the 2007 spring recipient of the new *Ataloo Memorial Scholarship*.

Wyas is a graduate of Ada High School and a sophomore at East Central University majoring in music. He has many major accomplishments including state winner for piano in the 2006 Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs, and a participant for the senior auditions, a competition held by the Oklahoma Music Teacher's Association.

Wyas has participated in The Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy for the past two years. It has allowed him to express himself through the arts and given him an idea as to what direction he would like to take in his life.

His goal is to have a career in composing music.

He has been asked back as an alumnus this summer for the arts academy and will compose a piece for the string quartet to play on the final night of the camp.

## Chickasaw Foundation seeks art donations for annual auction

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction to be held during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 16, 2007. This reception is hosted annually to recognize our donors and volunteers.

Last year we had over 25 pieces of artwork and would like to see the number double this year.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last

year we were able to establish the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

## Calling all t-ball teams! Tourney set for April 20 at Kiwanis Park

The Chickasaw Foundation is hosting a six and under t-ball tournament April 20-22, 2007 at Kiwanis Ball Park in Ada, Okla. The entry fee is \$75 per team with 10 teams participating. It is a double-elimination tournament, and eligible players must have been six years old or younger on or before December 31, 2006. There will be contests including an accuracy test, home run derby and base running. Prizes will be awarded to

contest and tournament winners. Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at 580-421-9030 or by email at [chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net](mailto:chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net) for registration information.



## Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science and Educational Talent Search students at TRIO day at the Capitol in Oklahoma City.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science and Educational Talent Search students and staff attended Oklahoma Trio Day 2007 – “Keeping the Fire Alive” at the Capitol in Oklahoma City on February 21, 2007.

Our programs joined with other Trio programs across the state in the House and Senate to hear statements from leaders who make Trio programs possible. Mrs. Deborah Evers, President of the Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance (ODSA) programs, welcomed everyone to the state capitol followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Millwood High School ROTC Color Guard. The National Anthem was presented in sign language by two Native American girls in full regalia from the Changing Winds Cultural Society.


Governor Bill Anoatubby was the first guest speaker and brought greetings from the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation. He also highlighted the Chickasaw Foundation Trio programs and the successes of our Trio alumni. Other guest speakers included Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and U.S. Representative, District 4, Tom Cole. Rep. Cole brought news that there are currently no proposals to eliminate Trio programs in the federal budget and that there is a good chance to increase funding.


A proclamation signed by Gov. Brad Henry was read by

Oklahoma Secretary of State, M. Susan Savage, which proclaimed Trio Day in Oklahoma. Participant testimonials were given by students Mike Davis, Southeastern Oklahoma State University Upward Bound Math/Science program, Darshon Anderson, University of Central Oklahoma McNair Scholar's program, and Jason Boston, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City Student Support Services program. Remarks were made by Oklahoma Senator, District 6, Jay Paul Gumm; Oklahoma Senator, District 13, Susan Padack; State Representative, District 62, T.W. Shannon, and State Representative, District 97 and Trio Achiever, Mike Shelton. Oklahoma Trio Day 2007 was hosted by the Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance Programs (ODSA), and the host institution was Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Chickasaw Foundation Trio students attending and receiving Trio Day t-shirts included Sirena Adams, Cody Austin, Elizabeth Berger, Andrea Brumley, Britni Carrigo, Sharla DeWitt, Eliza-


beth Elliott, Precious Hamilton, Jacob Hubbard, Frank Johnson, Tara Lofton, Jacob Standridge, Bethany Taylor, Meranda Trett, Melinda Tuley, Ashley Wilkerson, Deena Wilson, Stephanie Benner, Sonya Brannon, Niki Condit, Amber Gaede, Nini Lawrence, Rebecca Moore, Emalee Munn, Jenifer Pedigo, Kara Price, Jacob Rankin, Amanda Sanner, Heather Stinnett, Jessica Suttles, Ashley Talbott, Kaylea Taylor, Stephanie Taylor, Kayla Wylie, Lindsey Clark, Cody Cross, Tosha Deal, Justin Dillard, Tiffany Foster, Cierra Gray, Isaac Gregg, Stephanie Gutendorf, Megan Hackney, Jalesa Harrison, Whitney Madden, Alicia McFeeters, Alex Moore, Angela Moore, Sarah Moore, Cheyenne Richards, Kathryn Robertson, Jerry Rojas, Shantel Taylor, Ryan Thomas, Heather Turner, Chelcee Valdez, Aaron Vondrak, Jessica Willis, Josh Lemmonds, Ashkia Hummel, Kim Dixon, Richard Hines and Ashley Madden. Staff members included Susan Webb, Becky Easterling, Steve Kile, Kacie Burk and Elaine Benson.





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## Gov. Anoatubby, Rep. Cole lead rally for TRIO education programs

OKLAHOMA CITY - Several prominent Chickasaw leaders were selected to speak during annual TRIO Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby and U.S. Rep. Tom Cole delivered motivational messages to students across the state encouraging them to pursue higher education.

TRIO day honors students participating in Trio programs. TRIO is a group of federal programs which target low-income, potential first-generation college students while in high school, according to Michelle Claxton, TRIO Day committee chairman.

"Education is the cornerstone of your future," said Gov.

Anoatubby. "As you pursue your degree, remember this is only one more step on a lifelong journey of learning."

Rep. Cole, a Chickasaw who represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District, also addressed Oklahoma students.

"We have come here to produce a great Oklahoma," Rep. Cole said.

He also made a call to action, saying that regardless of race or ethnicity, anyone can aspire to be a U.S. congressman.

Oklahoma State Rep. T.W. Shannon, a Chickasaw representing Lawton in the state legislature, stressed the importance of TRIO programs in Oklahoma, where the percentage of college graduates is below the national

average.

The Chickasaw Nation is committed to shaping a better and brighter future for Oklahoma.

The Chickasaw Foundation has been operating TRIO programs since 1995 at Murray State College in Tishomingo. The programs include Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math and Science and Educational Talent Search.

The five-week residential summer program simulates the college experience and prepares students for higher education. Teachers provide instruction in mathematics, laboratory science, foreign language, English composition and literature as well as life skills. Students are

also exposed to various cultural events.

Upward Bound graduate and Chickasaw citizen Jeremy Webb attributes much of his success to the Upward Bound program.

"It was a good experience and it prepared me for college," Webb, an education major at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, said.

He found himself even more challenged in his Upward Bound summer classes, he said, than in his regular classes during the school year.

Webb was selected a Gates Millennium Scholar and has received scholarships from the Chickasaw Foundation. He also entered college with 24 credit hours.

Webb said he used Upward Bound, along with taking concurrent classes at school, to get more of his easy, tedious classes out of the way.

Although he was able to excel academically through Upward Bound, Webb said what he enjoyed most was the lasting friendships.

Jeremy Webb is the son of Anthony and Susan Webb.

Upward Bound and other Trio programs are federally-mandated programs authorized by the Higher Education Act of 1965 to help Americans overcome class and social barriers to higher education.

*Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.*

## Funds from businesses invested in program, service expansion

### FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 28, 2007

#### Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$36.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$4.0 million and \$17.7 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of \$82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

#### Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for February totaled \$52 million and \$259 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$20 million for the month and \$83 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the

net income was \$32 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, 2007, the tribal government funds had \$66 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$10.6 million is

#### Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Five Months Ended February 28, 2007

|                                                | Tribal Government | Chickasaw Businesses | Total       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                                |                   |                      |             |
| Transfers from businesses to tribal government | \$ 2,656,157      | 259,956,736          | 262,612,893 |
| Total funds available                          | 33,867,386        | (33,867,386)         | (0)         |
|                                                | 36,523,543        | 226,089,350          | 262,612,893 |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                            |                   |                      |             |
| General government                             | 2,744,890         |                      | 2,744,890   |
| Legislature                                    | 532,956           |                      | 532,956     |
| Judiciary                                      | 225,372           |                      | 225,372     |
| Education                                      | 3,635,230         |                      | 3,635,230   |
| Heritage Preservation                          | 1,014,723         |                      | 1,014,723   |
| Health                                         | 3,359,391         |                      | 3,359,391   |
| Youth and Family Services                      | 2,225,366         |                      | 2,225,366   |
| Nutrition Programs                             | 858,757           |                      | 858,757     |
| Regulatory                                     | 1,219,720         |                      | 1,219,720   |
| Assistance Programs                            | 1,887,654         |                      | 1,887,654   |
| Transfer to Loan Program                       | -                 |                      | -           |
| Gaming expense                                 |                   | 143,850,498          | 143,850,498 |
| Other businesses' expense                      |                   | 49,258,996           | 49,258,996  |
| Total expenditures                             | 17,704,059        | 193,109,494          | 210,813,553 |
| Increase in net assets                         | 18,819,484        | 32,979,855           | 51,799,339  |
| Beginning net assets                           | 213,042,836       | 270,064,201          | 483,107,037 |
| Ending net assets                              | \$ 231,862,320    | 303,044,057          | 534,906,377 |

#### Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets February 28, 2007

|                      | Tribal Government | Chickasaw Businesses | Total         |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Cash and Investments | \$ 66,954,370     | 112,736,126          | 179,690,496   |
| Receivables          | 688,346           | 24,069,712           | 24,758,058    |
| Inventory            |                   | 4,840,543            | 4,840,543     |
| Prepaid expenses     |                   | 9,142,423            | 9,142,423     |
| Other Assets         |                   | 15,404,621           | 15,404,621    |
| Fixed assets         | 165,015,254       | 267,213,139          | 432,228,393   |
| Less payables        | (795,650)         | (130,362,506)        | (131,158,156) |
| Net Assets           | \$ 231,862,320    | 303,044,057          | 534,906,377   |



**Carlin Thompson**, continued from page 37



**Julia Alexander Johnson came from a family of tribal doctors. She treated the sick with herbs and first told her grandson, Carlin Thompson, that he had been born with the signs to be a medicine man.**

Some were general and can be shared but most of the stories belong only to our family. Those family stories helped me to be a better person in the spirit world and the everyday world. They all have spiritual meanings. Without that, she said, it's like a man without a soul, lost. I didn't question my grandma or uncles about the stories and I don't believe that they ever just made them up.

According to one Chickasaw story, every time a Chickasaw dies, he turns into a star. And like the Bible story, Chickasaws believe that when the earth gets evil and ugly, it will be destroyed. In our story, someone will come from the East on the last day and the heavens will melt and set the earth on fire.

When Grandma got sick, she stayed with Elsie Frazier, a Chickasaw doctor. But Elsie couldn't do much for her and her leg continued to swell. Many Indians recognize that their death is near. Grandma did. She told one of her grandkids that she was going on a long journey and wouldn't be back. A few days later, she died. This was in 1969 when I was 16. She was about 71. She is buried at the Steedman cemetery where some of the graves go back to the 1840s. Also, some families built little houses over the graves [symbolically illustrating that Chickasaws traditionally were buried under their houses].

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When Johno Alexander and

other medicine men passed away during the 1930s, the stomp dances at Kullihoma ended. They stopped because the sacred nature of the dances depended on the participation of the medicine men. After they passed, everyone who wanted to dance went across the river to Seminole Country and Creek Country. My uncles, like Lewis Johnson, danced with them. Many traditional Chickasaws, like Lewis, didn't want to give up this part of their ancient culture though they had to leave Chickasaw country to do it.

Lewis also put up a ballstick pole at Grandma's, and Adam Walker and others would come to play with him in her yard from time to time. Later, Adam put up a pole himself. These were friendly games, not ceremonial, but stickball was never totally dead, as some people have said.

The dances, though, was something else. My grandma and mother used to dance. They told me we used to have more than 60 dances. Mom danced the wolf dance where they carried a torch. Women had to wear shawls. These were sacred dances that should be danced on sacred ground and nowhere else at a certain time of the month.

Even the so-called social dances were borrowed from an animal long ago, back when people and animals communicated. The chants that go with these dances were given to us by our Creator. We don't always know what they mean, but it doesn't matter because Creator told our ancestors to use them. Medicine and fire, the moon and the dance grounds all go together with the dances. You can't separate them. That's why the true stomp dances no longer exist.

The last Chickasaw doctors, Vicy Walker and Elsie Frazier, continued helping sick people. My stepdad cut his leg on a wire and [the leg] got infected and gangrene set in. They took him to Ada to a specialist who told us the infection had gone too far and the leg would have to be amputated. Then, they took him to an Oklahoma City doctor who said the same thing.

My mom said let's take him to Vicy. This was like an insult to him; that old Indian woman don't know nothing but hocus-

pocus. But he didn't want to lose his leg, so he agreed to go. Vicy blended natural ingredients found in the woods and blessed this preparation with some chants that had been passed down to her. She applied her treatment to the wound three times a day and within three months he could walk again. A few months after that, it had healed up. He was a believer then.

Chickasaw was my first language. I am in the last generation of Chickasaws who can say that. Can the language be saved? You have to grow up speaking it the way I did. How many fluent speakers are left? Maybe twenty.

I'm talking about people you run into and have a conversation with in Chickasaw, not those


who say *chin-chukma* and then start speaking English. Now, how many of them made it a priority to teach their children Chickasaw before they went to school? My wife belonged to another tribe and didn't want me to teach our kids Chickasaw, so I didn't. When my generation of

speakers dies out, that's it. It's scary that there are so few left.

*Author's Note: Carlin Thompson works as a Ranger for the Chickasaw Nation.*

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### *Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs*

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who

would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to [vicky.gold@chickasaw.net](mailto:vicky.gold@chickasaw.net) or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

#### **CHICKASAW NATION BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

Date of submission: \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Chickasaw Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Company name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of product/services (be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

**Ownership Information:**

List all shareholders, officers directors or outside firms that hold an interest in the company. List the percentage of the business they own and list if they possess a CDIB and Tribal affiliation.:

| Name/Title | Percent Ownership | CDIB | Tribal Affiliation |
|------------|-------------------|------|--------------------|
|            |                   |      |                    |
|            |                   |      |                    |
|            |                   |      |                    |



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**Members voting no:** Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman  
**2 no votes**

**The motion to approve GR24-019 carried.**

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott  
No report.

(F) **HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green reported that Dr. Kent Denson will begin his practice at Carl Albert on March 4th.

(G) **HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs  
No report.

(H) **ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Steve Woods

**A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve PR24 004.**

Mrs. Alexander stated she could not support this resolution because there were issues that she did not agree with.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to amend PR24-004 Section 8-303 B. to read, "Voter registration shall close on the first Wednesday of June at 4:30 p.m. and shall remain closed until election day or the run off election day."**

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**11 yes votes**  
**Members voting no:** Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**2 no votes**

**The motion carried.**  
**A motion was made by Dr.**

**Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to table PR24-004, as amended.**

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**11 yes votes**  
**Member voting no:** Tim Colbert

**1 no vote**  
**Member abstaining:** Linda Briggs

**1 abstention**  
**The motion to table carried.**

Chairperson announced PR24-004 would be sent back to committee.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)**

Mr. James A Humes announced a reception would be

## Culture, continued from page 8

or other traditional tool. One Chickasaw man was recently buried in his softball uniform, honoring his love of the sport and his team. He also took with him a softball signed by his teammates, plus change in his pockets reflecting his love of giving coins to little children at the games.

"I recall studying one piece of pottery buried with an ancient Chickasaw, and it was obvious it was produced by a child," Ms. Brown said. "The child was reproducing something he saw in other tribal artwork. It was a sign of love and respect."

Ms. Brown followed up her Wickliffe experience with graduate studies at the University of Mississippi. She earned a master's degree in Anthropology with an emphasis in Southeastern Archaeology in 2004. While attending Mississippi, she served

held at the Lake Point Towers in Oklahoma City. This is the new meeting place for the Oklahoma City Community Council. Mr. Humes made comments regarding the amendment made to PR24-004 and on the representation the citizens receive.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding the election process.

Ms. Sue Simmons commented on the lack of help at the Ardmore Senior Site.


**AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to adjourn.**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



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being in the NE/4 NE/4 NE/4 of Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, Love County, Oklahoma. Compensation is hereby waived.

Requested by: B i l l Anoaubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**Permanent Resolution Number 24-004**

**Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Election Rules and Pro-**

**cedures)**  
Explanation: This resolution amends the rules and procedures for the election of tribal officials in the Chickasaw Nation.

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

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

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

## History Quiz Answers, continued from page 25

1. A. In the years following the Civil war, the pre-war society of agriculture, businesses and education had broken down. That left small settlements of Chickasaws subsisting on game and the products of small gardens. Intruders didn't start flooding into the Nation until the middle 1870s.
2. C. While the Nation was relatively lawless after the war because the tribal government and society were not functioning well, the reputation for lawlessness didn't come into focus until years later when the Nation had been overrun by non-Indians.
3. D. The other three choices would all contribute in time to tribal disharmony. But following the Civil War, there were fundamental disagreements in general between full-bloods who favored the traditional isolationist lifestyle versus the mixed bloods who believed that assimilation with whites was inevitable.
4. C. Despite the fact that Gov. Overton had much more white blood than Indian, he often said he believed that Indians were superior to non-Indians. In one of his political campaigns, he said that "devils bearing the image of man" were trying to unseat the rightful owners (American Indians) of the land.
5. D. Organizing the Indian militia, Overton personally directed its movements through the country, giving intruders the chance to pay the tax or be evicted. The majority paid but some persons and their possessions, including livestock, were driven from their homes by the governor and his helpers.

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# Information sought on five early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Chickasaws

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

**Readers: I need your help!**

This is the same semi-desperate way I began my request for help two years ago. The response was not overwhelming, but new eyes may make all the difference this time and hope springs eternal.

As tribal historian, I'm in the business of not only looking for sources of historical information, but evaluating them as well. Two of the main sources on how Chickasaws lived in the 1700s, John R. Swanton and Frank G. Speck, were anthropologists who interviewed tribal

members living in the 1910s and 1920s.

I want to learn more, not about Speck and Swanton, but about the Chickasaw people who served as their informants. This is important because the information they provided has been reported by scholars as facts about how the tribe lived in the 1700s.

Josiah Mikey was named by Speck and Swanton as a Chickasaw informant. But no Chickasaw I've spoken with knows anything about him. In Speck's article, Mikey's Chickasaw name is Ca'bitci, which Speck said meant clearing. (When I asked Chickasaw

speaker JoAnn Ellis to confirm this, she said *shahbichi* means to clear the area.)

In addition to Mikey, Swanton named four others in his correspondence and articles. They include Atchison Anowatabi (Anoatubby), George Wilson, Amos Hayes and Swanton's interpreter, Zeno McCurtain. Swanton usually didn't identify them as sources of specific information in the text of his articles; sometimes, he cited certain information via "a Chickasaw Indian."

Some of those unnamed sources may have been other Chickasaws, possibly even females who would have had a

different view on some aspects of Chickasaw life.

Frank Speck wrote a very important article that was loaded with information on Chickasaw clans and ceremonies. It was published in 1907 in *Journal of American Folk-Lore*. The only informant Speck named was Mikey.

The most famous and quoted article among Swanton's Chickasaw research is "Social and Religious Beliefs of the Chickasaw Indians." It was a 1928 publication of the Smithsonian Institution's Bureau of American Ethnology.

We know very little about the Chickasaw informants. Anoatubby was a judge and grandfather of Gov. Bill Anoatubby. Hayes and Wilson were identified by Swanton as the informants on fourteen Chickasaw stories dealing with clans and house groups.

The information was used by Speck and Swanton to describe

elements of early Chickasaw society. Arrell Gibson, in his 1971 book, *The Chickasaws*, described some of the earliest Chickasaw customs by citing Swanton, who cited his 20<sup>th</sup> century "native informants." So the information Gibson was purporting to be valid for the ancient Chickasaws had been recounted by people at least 200 years later!

That doesn't make it untrue. But it is important to learn as much as possible about these Chickasaw people, their kinship, backgrounds and, if possible, their own sources of information on Chickasaw culture.

Persons with information on any of these Chickasaws or tribal members who spoke with John Swanton or Frank Speck are asked to contact me at [rgreen26@cox.net](mailto:rgreen26@cox.net) or (405) 947-5020. Thanks for your consideration.

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*Ruby F. Colbert*

Ruby F. Colbert, 79, of Sulphur, Okla., died March 7, 2007.

Mrs. Colbert was born January 24, 1928 at Wewoka, Okla., to Robert E. and Dora E. Burchett. Mrs. Colbert attended schools in Oklahoma City and high school at Central High.

She married G. Dixie Colbert in 1947 and moved with her family to Sulphur in 1954 where she raised her six children, hosted her many friends and worked for the National Park Services.

Ruby Colbert is survived by her six children, Stephen Dixie Colbert, Tim K. Colbert, Dr. Shelley Colbert Bohn, Scott Colbert, Mark Holmes Colbert and John R. Colbert.

Also surviving are her 16 grandchildren, Nichole Bebermeyer, Brooke Colbert, Joe Colbert, Zac Colbert, Michael Bohn, David Bohn, Kevin Bohn, Aaron Duck, Alex Billings, Ben Colbert, Clifton Colbert, Katie Colbert, Caroline Colbert, Ashlyn Colbert, Madeline Colbert and Conner Colbert; and her five great-grandchildren, Rilee Duck, Kinlee Duck, Emma Bebermeyer, Abby Bebermeyer and Ella Billings; and two brothers, Bob Burchett and Andy Burchett.

Mrs. Colbert was predeceased by her husband, G. Dixie Colbert.

Please make contributions to Arbuckle Hospital Trust, P.O. Box 773, Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086.

*Helen Christine Green*

Services for Helen Christine Green, 92, Sulphur, Okla., were Aug. 28 at First Methodist

Church in Sulphur with Rev. Jeremy Parham and Winston Walls officiating. Interment was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Green died Aug. 25, 2006 at Durant, Okla. She was born August 11, 1914 at Mead, Okla., to original enrollee Samuel Love and Ruby Ellen Williamson Love.

She lived most of her life in the Sulphur area, retiring as a school teacher at Sulphur's Washington School and Oklahoma School for the Deaf. She married Buel Green on February 11, 1933 in Tishomingo. He preceded her in death on February 15, 1990. She was a member of the Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church. The couple owned and operated Green's Department Store in Sulphur for over 60 years.

She is survived by four daughters, Patricia Ruth Chambers, Ardmore, Okla., Marilyn Love and her husband, Dale Walls, Richardson, Texas, Judith Carol and Alvin Trammell, Mead, and Karen Elleen Martin, Checotah, Okla.; a son, Victor Joe Green, Sulphur; 14 grandchildren, Mitchell Tribbey, Lynn Karon Seivers, Noel Tribbey, Kellye Hickman, Melanie Hale, Renden Green, Buel Walls, Winston Walls, Vicki Stetcher, Joel Alvin Trammell, Kari Dawn Johnson, Travis Trammell, Shannon Brady and Kyla Love Millard; 29 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Jane Cottingham, Carlsbad, N. M.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a stepfather, Frank Roland; and her husband of 57 years, Buel.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Buel Renden Green, Winston Walls, Mitchell Tribbey, Travis Trammell, Buel Walls, Joel Trammell, Noel Tribbey and honorary bearer, Ralph Dodson.

*Joe Green*

Services for Joe Green, 70, Sulphur, Okla., were Feb. 15, 2007 at the Sulphur United Methodist Church with pastor Wayne Edgar officiating. Phil McDrummond a life-long friend of Joe's, will deliver the eulogy. Interment was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mr. Green died Feb. 12, at Oklahoma City. He was born August 9, 1936 at Sulphur to

Buel Earl and Helen Christine (Love) Green,

He was a lifelong resident of Sulphur, graduating from Sulphur High School in 1954.

He joined the Rodeo Cowboys Association in 1953 and began a career as a professional rodeo cowboy, fulfilling a dream. He competed in the bull riding event in his early days. Some highlights of his career included winning both go-rounds and the average at Ft. Madison, Iowa in 1959. One of the bulls he rode for eight seconds had never been ridden. This earned him a picture on the cover of *Time* magazine. That same year, he won second in the average at Madison Square Garden in New York City with a purse of \$3,200. He also won the bull riding event at the Calgary Stampede in 1964 and qualified for the first National Finals Rodeo in 1959.

He would make six consecutive National Finals as a bull rider. He finished ninth in the world in 1957. He returned to Sulphur to help his father with ranching duties when not on the circuit. In 1965, he qualified for the steer roping finals and would become the first person to qualify for that and bull riding finals in the same year. Only two other cowboys have done so since 1965.

He won the Super Senior Steer Roping finals at the Lazy E. Arena in Guthrie in 1997 and won several roping saddles over the years.

He is survived by a son, Renden Green, Sulphur; two daughters, Kellye Hickman and husband, Phil, Clint, Texas and Melanie Hale and husband, Tim, Sherman, Texas; four sisters, Patricia Chambers, Ardmore, Okla., Marilyn Walls and husband, Dale, Richardson, Texas, Judith Trammell and husband, Alvin, Mead, Okla., and Karen Martin, Checotah, Okla.; seven grandchildren Garren Green, Royce, Bryce, and Kyla Hickman, Nathaniel, Candace and Zachary Hale; 11 nieces, nephews; and a companion, Shely Goodrich, Sulphur.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers were grandsons Royce Hickman, Bryce Hickman, Nathaniel Hale, Zachary Hale, nephews, Mitch Tribbey, Noel Tribbey, Buel M. Walls, Winston Walls, Joe Alvin Trammell and Travis Trammell.

In lieu of flowers, donations

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Cowboy Crisis Fund, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80919.

*Note of Thanks*

The family of Juanita Blackwell wish to express their appreciation to Dr. Mike Mason and his nurses, Linda and Sabrina for their loving care during her illness. Thank you to all the other employees at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital and to the employees at Health Care Innovations.

We also wish to thank the members of the Campground Freewill Baptist Church, the Oil Center Pentecostal Holiness Church and to all who sent flowers and brought food.

A special thank you to Rev. Quinton Ray and Rev. Lorene Bratcher, the pallbearers and Gayla Bratcher and Billy Briggs for their music.

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