

Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer Aug. 20

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer will be at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 20 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, in Sulphur.

Please join us as we give thanks for the many blessing bestowed upon the Chickasaw Nation. A reception will immediately follow the event.

We hope you are able to take part in this day of singing, prayer and fellowship.

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Southeastern Art Show deadline Sept. 7

The application deadline for the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) in Tishomingo, Okla., is Friday, Sept. 7.

Adults and youth from any Southeastern and Woodland tribe are encouraged to enter the competition in the two-dimensional or three-dimensional categories.

Artists may enter up to two works per category, up to a total of four entries.

The youth artist competition is open to students enrolled in a public, private or home schooled high school and will be 14 to 17 years old on September 1, 2014.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation during the tribe's 54th Annual Meeting and 26th Chickasaw Festival, the juried art competition and market will be October 3-4 on the tribe's historic capitol grounds in Tishomingo.

Participating artists will display their work in the SEASAM tent from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, October 3 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 4.

Application forms, entry rules and additional information can be found at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or by email artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

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ARTesian Gallery to host 'Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health, Illness,' Exhibit in August

SULPHUR, Okla. - "Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness," is a traveling exhibition examining health and medicine among contemporary American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. The exhibit explores the connections among wellness, illness and cultural life with a combination of interviews, artwork and interactive media.

"Native Voices" also demonstrates how native people throughout the U.S. enhance their wellness through traditional and western healing.

The Chickasaw Nation is one of four U.S. locations through-selected to host this traveling exhibition. Venues in North Dakota, Hawaii and Alaska will also host the exhibition.

A permanent version of the exhibit is on display at the National Library of Medicine at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

The "Native Voices" exhibit will be on display at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios in Sulphur beginning Aug. 26 and running through Oct. 24. The gallery is open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call the ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8040 or visit the Native Voices website at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>.

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Five Civilized Tribes Inter-Tribal Council meets



The leaders of the Five Civilized Tribes were hosted by the Chickasaw Nation during the July meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. They are, from left, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker, Seminole Nation Chief Leonard Harjo, Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton and Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief George Tiger.

Marcy Gray

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - Tribal sovereignty, Native health concerns and a day of national prayer were issues on which action was approved unanimously July 11 by the Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of the Five Civilized Tribes.

On health, the ITC backed federal legislation sponsored by Rep. Betty McCollum, Minnesota's 4th District representative and co-sponsored by Oklahoma 4th District Rep. Tom Cole, a Chickasaw. Known as the Native Contract and Rate Expenditure (CARE) act, it would "improve access to health care for Native Americans," the ITC resolution states.

The CARE act requires non-hospital providers accept Medicare rates from the Purchased/Referred Care program (PRC). Hospitals must accept PRC rates when treating Natives. According to the resolution, Indian Health Service (IHS) routinely pays the entire billed rate to non-hospital providers.

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Ardmore Community Center dedicated at Carter site



Ardmore Community Center located at 907 Locust Street.

Jacquelyn Sparks

ARDMORE, Okla. - A July 23 ribbon cutting ceremony marked the addition of another feature to the Chickasaw Nation Carter service campus in Ardmore.

Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by local and tribal officials, and dozens of area residents to mark the opening of the new Ardmore Community Center at 907 Locust St. in Ardmore.

"The Chickasaw Nation knows - the people know - the importance of family and fellowship and how each of these can enrich the lives of our citizens," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Now, this community center is one more way to underscore that focus on family and community.

"This community center helps us fulfill our mission of enhancing the quality of life of the Chickasaw people. And we believe by improving the quality of life of Chickasaw people we help improve the quality of life of the entire community.

The 15,000 square-foot center is equipped with a catering kitchen for large events and a family style kitchen for smaller gatherings.

A large banquet room with an elevated stage, dressing room and sound booth is designed to serve as a venue for a variety of events. It is equipped with a state-of-the-art audio visual system that

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Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting, Festival scheduled for Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 in Tishomingo



TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaw heritage, customs and unconquerable spirit will come to life as people from across the globe gather in Chickasaw Country for the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, Sept. 26 - Oct. 4.

"Honor, Tradition, Courage - Our People" is the theme for this year's 54th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and 26th Chickasaw Festival.

"Honor, tradition and courage are all important aspects of our Chickasaw culture and heritage," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "As Chickasaws, we share a sense of pride in our heritage and look forward to the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival as a special time to celebrate the culture that binds us together as a people."

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With IHS funding at 59 percent of total need, the five tribes declared the Act would improve Native American access to health care. It pointed to a 2013 Government Accountability Office report showing IHS and tribal health facilities could provide millions of dollars in additional care if the act was approved by Congress. The ITC voted for positive political action on the Cole-McCollum measure “in the interest of long, healthy lives for our children and grandchildren.”

Underfunded Indian health in Oklahoma also was addressed by the council. ITC leaders are concerned the Oklahoma Health Care Authority may reduce or even eliminate certain Medicaid services in Oklahoma “in order to operate within a declining budget due in part to the reduction in the federal match of approximately \$50 million per year.” Cuts would “directly affect available resources for critical health care systems operated by tribes and IHS,” the ITC observed.

The proposed limits would harshly affect Native health care in traditionally rural and isolated areas. The ITC resolution calls for current levels of Medicaid services be maintained and requests the state exempt Medicaid reductions to rural Native patients. In other matters, the ITC: · Moved toward creation of an Indian Child Welfare Committee which would be managed by the tribes’ five top leaders in collaboration with each tribe’s public re-

lations department. A year ago, the adoption of a Cherokee child by non-Natives – coupled with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that struck a blow at the heart of the Indian Child Welfare Act – stirred strong emotions in Indian Country. · Urged the U.S. Department of Interior to add an additional location for tribal consultation concerning proposed revisions to the process of federal acknowledgment of American Indian tribes. Since many groups seeking feder-

al recognition claim to be descendants of tribes relocated to Oklahoma, the ITC requested a tribal consultation and public hearing be scheduled in Oklahoma. · Established a judicial committee to “address common concerns of the Five Civilized Tribes’ Tribal Courts.” · Issued a Proclamation declaring the first Saturday of November as National Day of Prayer.

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Governor Bill Anoatubby, center with large scissors, is joined by tribal officials and distinguished guests during a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the new Ardmore Community Center July 23. Joining Gov. Anoatubby are; front row, from left, Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordan; tribal legislator Dean McManus; tribal Community Services Secretary Wayne Scribner; tribal legislators Linda Briggs and Nancy Elliott; Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; Gov. Anoatubby; Ardmore Mayor Martin Dyer; tribal legislators Connie Barker, Shana Tate Hammond, David Woerz, Toby Perkins, Mary Jo Green and Scott Wood; Ardmore City Commissioner Cheryl Ellis; and Chickasaw Nation Ambassador Neal McCaleb.

Jacquelyn Sparks

includes an overhead projector, large on-stage screen, and four additional 70-inch monitors. The system is also connected to monitors in the lobby and two meeting rooms. While those meeting rooms may serve as overflow seating for the banquet room, they also include stand-alone audio-visual

capabilities. Meeting rooms are separated by a folding partition so they can be used separately or joined into one larger meeting room. Each meeting room has a built in hospitality counter. The exterior of the facility was completely revamped to complement other buildings on campus.

A large parking area was added and the new site received updated landscaping. The Community Center will be available for use by Chickasaw citizens and their families for events such as family reunions, weddings, birthdays, baby showers, conferences, trainings, meetings, etc.

Formerly home to Carter Seminary, the Carter Service campus is named for Charles David Carter, a Chickasaw who was the first person elected to represent the Fourth District of Oklahoma in the U.S. House of Representatives. Rep. Carter served in Congress from November 16, 1907 to 1927, representing Oklahoma’s third

Congressional District after redistricting in 1915. For more information call the Ardmore Community Center at (580) 222-2929.

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Activities and events celebrating Chickasaw heritage, history and customs will be featured at different venues throughout the Chickasaw Nation, including the cities of Tishomingo and Ada and the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. Activities begin Friday, Sept. 26, and culminate Saturday, Oct. 4. **Annual Meeting** The 54th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation is highlighted by Gov. Anoatubby’s State of the Nation Address. Annual Meeting begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo. A live video and audio stream of the Annual Meeting and State of the Nation address by Gov. Anoatubby will be available on the Chickasaw Nation website and KCNP Radio. Live broadcast on KCNP Radio and the Chickasaw Nation website will begin at 8:30 a.m. A live webcast can be accessed by logging on to www.chickasaw.net/annualmeeting on any mobile device and clicking on the State of the Nation web stream

link. An audio broadcast can be accessed at www.kcnpradio.org, or on KCNP 89.5 FM in the Ada, Okla. area. **Other Events** Numerous traditional events, including the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Cultural Evening, the Festival parade, traditional meal, fellowship and children’s activities and more are planned for the weeklong homecoming that celebrates Chickasaw heritage, culture, spirit and traditions. New activities have been added this year, including a fry bread making class, a Chickasaw history challenge bowl, stickball and fishing tournaments, living history vignettes, a movie night and much more. A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available online at www.chickasaw.net/annualmeeting. For more information, call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356 or visit the Chickasaw Nation Facebook page at [facebook.com/TheChickasawNation](https://www.facebook.com/TheChickasawNation) or twitter.com/ChickasawNation. **See schedule of events on page 18.** **CONTRIBUTED BY** Dana Lance, Media Relations.

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Upcoming Events

- GOURDget Workshop Adult Class**
2nd Monday of Each Month, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building, Ada, Okla.
Contact: (580) 272-5520
- Mixed Media Art Folders- Adult Art Class**
Aug. 1, 2014, 2-4 p.m.
Chickasaw Tribal Library
Contact: (580) 310-6477
- Summer Education Series 2**
Aug. 2, 2014, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Contact: (580) 622-7130
- Fun with Clay**
Aug. 2, 2014, 1-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studio, Sulphur, Okla.
Aug. 4, 2014, 6-9 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building Ada, Okla.
Contact: (580) 272-5520
- Mosaic 101**
Aug. 9, 2014, 1-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studio, Sulphur, Okla.
Aug. 11, 2014, 6-9 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building Ada, Okla.
Contact: (580) 272-5520

- Anyone Can Draw**
Aug. 16, 2014, 1-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studio, Sulphur, Okla.
Aug. 18, 2014, 6-9 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building Ada, Okla.
Contact: (580) 272-5520
- Watercolor**
Aug. 23, 2014, 1-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studio, Sulphur, Okla.
Aug. 25, 2014, 6-9 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building Ada, Okla.
Contact: (580) 272-5520
- Moccasins Class**
August 16, 2014, 1-3 p.m.
Council House Museum, Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-3351
- Labor Day Celebration**
Aug. 30-31, 2014, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center

This month on CNTV

- CNTV traveled to Ardmore to get a look at the new Ardmore Community Center ribbon cutting. Get a look at this great new facility this month on CNTV!

· We wrap up our coverage of Chickasaw Nation camps including a new camp hosted by
- the Chickasaw Press where participants created and published their own book.
- The Chickasaw Nation produced “First Encounter” film documentary premieres at the Chickasaw Cultural Center this month. Find out more about this groundbreaking produc-

tion on CNTV.

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

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

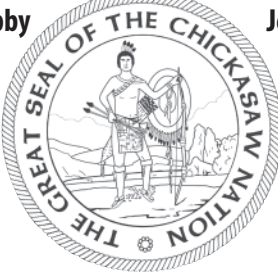
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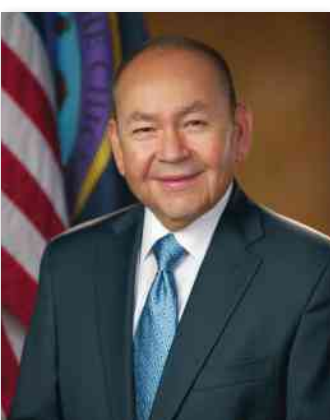
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Serving Chickasaws always top priority of tribal government

For the Chickasaw Nation, the past several years have marked a number of notable accomplishments. We dedicated several new and important facilities, including the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada; the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Artesian Hotel, and Chickasaw Nation Visitors Center, all in Sulphur; the Bedre Chocolates factory and store, and the Chickasaw Welcome Center, both at Davis; the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, in Murray County; the new Chickasaw Community Center, in Ardmore; our new tribal legislative and judicial buildings on the headquarters campus...and so much more!

It is important to note that our “bricks and mortar” projects are much more than buildings. Our mission is always to serve the Chickasaw people. We are builders because the facilities we develop always lead back to improved lives for Chickasaw people and their families. Buildings are just buildings, unless they help us serve Chickasaws better.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is a prime example. Most of us remember the facility we utilized for health care that came before the Medical Center. When we compacted in 1994 to provide Indian health care in the Ada area, it became very clear we would have to find a way to invest in a modern facility. Additionally, Chickasaws told me consistently that health care was their primary concern. When we compare our new Medical Center to the facility that preceded it, it is obvious we have taken a giant leap in the delivery of quality health care to Chickasaws, and to all Indian patients



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

seeking health care. Our tribe is, and has always been, fully dedicated to the education of Chickasaws. We believe a quality education is fundamentally important to the success and happiness of Chickasaw people and Chickasaw families. Every year, the Chickasaw Nation invests more resources in education programs for the full range of Chickasaw students. From our Head Start students to our vocational students to our post-doctoral academicians, our tribe offers tremendous levels of support.

The Chickasaw Nation invests in Chickasaws seeking educational achievement. The tribe provides a growing list of scholarships, grants, stipends, and support for equipment, books, housing and other essential items. Young or not so young, the Chickasaw Nation invests in your education.

We have also dedicated millions to additional health care programs, housing initiatives, employment opportunities, career development, cultural outreach, transporta-

tion and much more. The Chickasaw Nation understands that buildings and facilities are important, but those structures must serve a distinct purpose. Our most important investments are in Chickasaw people.

When the U.S. financial crisis hit in late 2008 and early 2009, the country was in economic turmoil. Americans had lost confidence in their financial institutions and markets. Companies failed, the stock market and the housing market crashed.

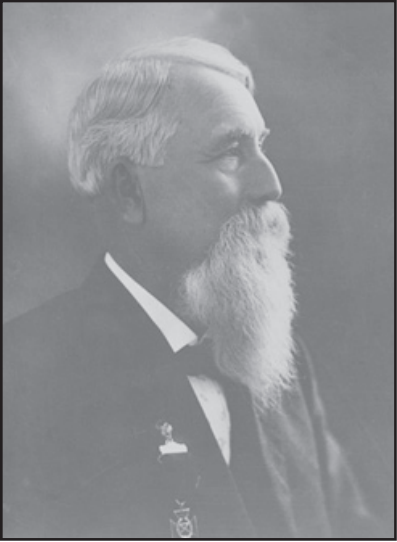
Our Chickasaw Nation businesses stayed on course, and we did more than just survive. By reinvesting in our businesses while competitors were cutting back, we built on our solid foundations. We expanded our menu of commercial ventures by acquiring, restructuring and moving ahead with renewed commitment and vigor. Our valued employees rededicated themselves to great service. While companies across the country cut work forces, we reinvested in our people and recognized great results. Our commercial foundation today is rock solid, and it is built always to serve Chickasaw people.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we remind ourselves daily that we work for you – the Chickasaw people. Our goal every day is to serve you well, to make your life better, and to bring you the quality programs and services you need.

Together, as the most progressive tribe in the country, we are building on the strong foundation that will serve our people well for many generations!

Final resting place in Ada’s Rosedale Cemetery

Gov. Byrd worked to preserve tribal sovereignty, territory



William Leander Byrd

Note: *This is the seventh in a series of articles highlighting the burial place of Chickasaw Governors since removal to Indian Territory.*

ADA, Okla. - In the heart of a municipal cemetery, and just a few miles from Chickasaw Nation headquarters, lies the grave of the eighth governor of the Chickasaw Nation, William Leander Byrd and his wife, Susan.

In addition to serving two terms as Chickasaw governor, from 1888-90 and 1890-92, Byrd was a solider, businessman and an uncompromising leader, according to “Chronicles of Oklahoma,” Vol. 12, No. 4, written by John Merserve in 1934.

Born in Marshall County, Mississippi, Aug. 1, 1844, to John and Mary Byrd, William Leander Byrd moved with his family to Indian Territory when he was about three months old. His mother, the former Mary Moore, was Chickasaw and his father, John, was a descendent of a prosperous Vir-



ginia family.

His family settled near Doaksville. He attended the Chickasaw Academy near Tishomingo until 1864, when, at age 19, he enlisted to serve in the Civil War, writes Dr. Phillip Morgan in “Riding Out the Storm.”

After his service, Byrd returned home to Doaksville and opened a mercantile business.

He married Susan Folsom, daughter of Colonel David Folsom, a former Choctaw chief, at Doaksville, New Year's Day 1863.

Byrd and his wife moved to old Stonewall in 1875 and operated a successful general store and owned livestock.

“He was soon recognized as one of the wealthiest men in the Chickasaw Nation,” Merserve wrote, noting Byrd built the “finest mansions” in the Stonewall area.

A few years later, in 1881, his service to the Chickasaw Nation began when he was appointed Chickasaw Nation superintendent

of schools. He made his first trip as a Chickasaw delegate to Washington in 1882.

A gubernatorial candidate for the Pullback Party in 1886, Byrd “was a man of unusual ability and commanding influence among the members of the tribe,” Merserve wrote.

Progressive candidate William Malcolm Guy was the victor of the 1886 election that was “too close to call.” The final decision was ultimately sent to the Chickasaw legislature where Guy was declared the winner by one vote.

Despite the loss, Byrd was selected in 1887 a member of a committee of three to make revisions and codification of the laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

In the fall of 1888, Byrd again became a Pullback Party candidate for the governorship and once again ran against Governor Guy, who was seeking a second term.

In this second election, Byrd was the victor.

Two years later, in 1890, Byrd sought re-election and again faced former Governor Guy.

The contest was spirited, Guy claimed the election and it appeared he had won, according to Merserve's article.

Gov. Byrd contested the returns before the tribal legislature, which resulted in the Pickens District vote being thrown out. Byrd was eventually declared the winner by Robert L. Owens, U.S. Indian Agent at Muskogee.

“If the policy of an independent status was to be preserved for the Indians, Governor Byrd acted wisely and for the best concerns of the Indian members of the Nation,” Merserve wrote of Byrd's tenure.

Several laws designed to protect the Chickasaw Nation from intruders were passed during Byrd's final term. The legislature enacted laws prohibiting non-Indians from working in the cattle business in the Chickasaw Nation unless they were married to Chickasaws. Cattlemen were also not permitted to employ non-citizens and were required to employ tribal members.

After his retirement from office in 1892, Gov. Byrd resumed his business activities at Stonewall until he moved to Ada in 1902.

Gov. Byrd reentered the arena of Chickasaw politics in the fall of 1902, when he again became a candidate for the governorship against Palmer S. Moseley. Moseley was declared the winner in a highly-contested vote.

“The race was made at a personal sacrifice and no words of criticism may be offered against Governor Byrd because of his posture toward these engrossing questions which he honestly felt so vitally affected the Chickasaw Indians. He possessed the courage of his convictions and the marked ability to marshal his influence,” Merserve wrote of the 1902 election.

Gov. Byrd once again retired from public life, and spent his remaining years in Ada serving as president of Farmer's State Bank. He was a Mason, and was one of eight members of the organization who organized the Grand Lodge of Masons of the Indian Territory at Caddo in 1873.

He was also a distinguished member of the Odd Fellows fraternity.

Gov. Byrd died in 1915 at age 70 and was buried in Rosedale Cemetery in Ada. Mrs. Byrd died Aug. 6, 1916 is buried beside him.

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Chonda Pierce takes to Ada’s McSwain Theater stage Sept. 13



Chonda Pierce

ADA, Okla. - A darling of the South, Chonda Pierce is known for her fast-paced wit and clean-cut humor. She draws comedic inspiration from growing up a preacher's kid. Growing up in the Southern church provided her an arsenal of material that both churchgoers, and those who have never graced a pew, find hilarious.

Ms. Pierce got her first break at Opryland USA, a theme park in Nashville, where she portrayed Grand Ole Opry star Minnie Pearl.

She has performed from coast to coast, with Women of Faith. She also performed for troops

when they were deployed to Afghanistan.

Ms. Pierce has been dubbed “country comic” by *Billboard Magazine*. She's a frequent guest at the Grand Ole Opry, has served as host of the Inspirational Country Music Awards and Christian Music Hall of Fame Awards. She also co-hosted the GMA Dove awards in 2012.

Ms. Pierce will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the McSwain Theater in Ada.

“It is very exciting that she is coming back,” Jae L., manager of the McSwain Theater, said. “It was a sellout last time! She is a very funny lady and super to work with.”

Tickets are on sale now for her show Sept. 13. Platinum tickets are \$45, Gold tickets are \$25 and Silver are \$25.

The last time Pierce performed at the McSwain Theater was in September 2010.

For more information, please call the McSwain Theater at (580) 332-8108.

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Wide range of works, styles sought

Chickasaw Press, White Dog offer literary awards

The Chickasaw Press is accepting nominations for the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Awards for authors documenting Chickasaw history and culture. Authors of previously unpublished doctoral dissertations, master's theses, articles, and book manuscripts dealing with some aspect of Chickasaw heritage are eligible for the awards.

Nominations are accepted for the following awards: best unpublished article, best master's thesis, best Ph.D. dissertation and best unpublished manuscript.

The best unpublished article will receive publication in the Chickasaw Historical Society Journal, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 research stipend, the best master's thesis will receive a visiting scholar fellowship, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 research stipend, best Ph.D. dissertation will be awarded a visiting scholar fellowship, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 research stipend and best unpublished manuscript will receive The Holisso Award, publication by the Chickasaw Press, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 research stipend.

The awards are scheduled to be presented to winners during

the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival's Art and Culture Awards, set for Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

To be eligible for consideration, works in each category must deal specifically with some aspect of Chickasaw history and culture. Moreover, the works must be documented, either through the use of footnotes, endnotes or a listing of sources. Nominations must include two copies of the book manuscript, dissertation, thesis, or unpublished article being nominated. Entries should be submitted to Wiley Barnes, Chickasaw Press Director, 1500 Hoppe Blvd, Suite 1, Ada, OK 74820

Deadline for receipt of nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, August 22, 2014.

For information, call (580) 436-7282.

White Dog Press

The Chickasaw Press announces two awards for authors in the genres of fiction and poetry. The White Dog Press is an imprint of the Chickasaw Press, which allows the Press to expand its offerings to include fiction, poetry, and children's books, as well as other genres not currently represented.

Nominations are being accept-

ed for the new Ofi' Tohbi' (White Dog Press) Awards. Authors of previously unpublished creative works dealing with some aspect of Chickasaw heritage are eligible for the awards.

The following awards are being offered:

Ikbi (“to create”) Award for excellence in the area of fictional creative writing including short stories, novels and historical fiction.

Prize: Publication by the White Dog Press and \$1,000 Stipend.

Iholba (“vision”) Award for excellence in writing children's books, young adult literature and poetry.

Prize: Publication by the White Dog Press and \$1,000 Stipend.

To be eligible for consideration, works in each category must deal specifically with some aspect of Chickasaw language, history and culture.

Nominations for the Ofi' Tohbi' Awards are due by 5 p.m. Friday, August 22, 2014.

Entries should be submitted to Wiley Barnes, Chickasaw Press Director, 1500 Hoppe Blvd., Suite 1, Ada, Okla. 74820.

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CONTRIBUTED BY Nicole Schultz, Public Affairs.

Good strategies, good leadership have helped lead the Chickasaw Nation to unparalleled success!

There's an old saying that goes, "Nothing succeeds like success."

I think what that saying means is that as a person, a group or an organization succeeds at its mission, it's very likely more success is straight ahead. It means somebody is doing something right, and those actions are turning into successes.

We can put the Chickasaw Nation in this category.

Years ago, when I was a little girl, my family had its struggles with providing the basics. And it wasn't just my family. Most of my friends and their families were in the same boat. That's just how it was in those days.

I knew I was Chickasaw and at home we were taught to be proud of our Chickasaw heritage. We just didn't see much of anything in the way of our tribe being active in our lives.

That was then, this is now! We can be justifiably proud of the Chickasaw Nation. Our tribe is among the very top tier of federal-ly-recognized Indian tribes. I can tell you wherever I travel on tribal business, citizens from the other tribes have a healthy respect for our tribe.

Working together as Chickasaws, we have built an impressive infrastructure of programs, services and businesses. Chickasaw people today have many, many choices regarding work, housing, health care, education, cultural activities, elder services and much more.

This has all been developed because Chickasaw Nation leadership has been dynamic, proactive and smart.

It wasn't that long ago that our tribe was struggling. We were receiving a small amount of federal dollars and we were expected to take care of all Chickasaws with those funds. In those days, you could find yourself pretty much on your own.

But to Gov. Anoatubby's credit, the Chickasaw Nation blazed a new path. It's apparent he could see we were not going to make much forward progress relying simply on federal money. We were going to have to try some things on our own if we were to fulfill our mission of truly helping Chickasaw people.

And we met with success! The strategies this administration put into action worked, and worked very well. We now have a robust commercial sector, a huge menu of programs and services, and Chickasaw families that expect to succeed. All great things!

It's a great time to be Chickasaw. I am very proud to serve you as your legislator. Together, we are going to build a great future for Chickasaw generations to come!

Connie Barker

Approval of 2015 Consolidated Governmental Budget puts focus on growing programs and services

Chokma, I hope all is well with you and your family. A lot is happening in the Chickasaw Nation. I mentioned in my last article about the ground breaking on the child development center in Ardmore. This month we will be cutting the ribbon and opening the new Community Center on the Ardmore campus. It will provide a beautiful place for Chickasaws to gather for family functions and community events.

I attended the July meeting of Northern Pontotoc Community Council and enjoyed spending time with everyone. Guest speaker Kresta Lofton, Education Specialist with the Chickasaw Nation, provided excellent information about the scholarship opportunities and programs available to our students of all ages. For more information, please contact the Education Department at (580) 421-7711 or kresta.lofton@chickasaw.net. This investment in our students, with their hard work, will help them achieve the dreams they have for their lives and careers.

A highlight in Legislative session this month was the unanimous approval of the 2015 Consolidated Governmental Budget. As Finance Committee Chair, it was an honor working with the Administration and fellow Legislators to ensure our mission "To enhance the overall quality of life for Chickasaw people" was advanced. With a more than seven percent increase in funding to programs and services that serve our Chickasaw citizens, we are consistently striving to bring you the very best while resolutely ensuring the strength of the Chickasaw Nation for generations to come.

It is not too soon to start making plans to attend the Annual Meeting and Festival, September 27 - October 4, 2014. I look forward to this special event every year! Go to www.chickasaw.net or contact the Special Events Festival Office at (580) 371-2040 for more information. I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help. May God bless you and your family. Toby Perkins, Legislator Pontotoc District, Seat 1 580-399-2606 toby.perkins@chickasaw.net



CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

'Busy' describes interactions with citizens and attendance at Osage Nation inauguration

Busy. A word that describes what has been happening in my world. I'm pretty sure the same word could be used to describe your summer as well. Recently I had the honor and privilege to attend the Osage Nation Inauguration of Mr. Geoffrey Standing Bear as Principal Chief and Mr. Raymond Red Corn as the Assistant

Principal Chief. Having never been to one of their ceremonies, it was nice to experience the diversity of their Nation. Chickasaw Nation members are a diverse group as well. Let me share a few examples: Recently, I met a tribal member who hails from Egypt. I thought they meant Egypt community that is located southeast of Tishomingo! No they actually meant the Egypt with sand, camels and pyramids! Or then there is the Chickasaw that lives way back in the less traveled areas of Lake Texoma who enjoys creating metal art work such as life size horses...or the ladies who had a passion for not just shopping but attending various spas and being totally immersed in the art of relaxation. (I could do with some of that!) I met other citizens who were covered in grease and under the hood of their latest car project. Then there were citizens preparing to embark on a short motorcycle jaunt for the weekend. I'm talking black leather from head to toe and yes the wife was preparing to throw a leg over the bike and hop on too! Oh and I can't forget to mention all the citizens who have dogs. Man's best friend they say! It was fun to visit with families preparing to watch their daughter play a game of basketball, or others having a good old fashion birthday/swim party in the backyard. I met a father who shared that one of his children has just finished a prestigious school in New York and was already starting a career in acting. I also enjoyed a chat with the green thumbed gardener who was watering his new shade resistant sod. Another citizen shared about childhood memories growing up near Pennington Creek. It had been years since they had been back to the Tishomingo area. Diversity is good. Fellowship is good. Together it makes a strong community. So Chickasaw Citizens, stay in touch. Don't hesitate to let us know about you and your loved ones. Who knows, next month I could meet one of our citizens who have been to the moon and back! Wait, I have already done that...

Thank you to those of you who shared your experiences with dealing with Tribal services. Relating your opinions and viewpoints, enables us to continue to improve on programs and services for OUR Nation. "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:3-5

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BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

'Racing to the finish' this time of year provides new energy, opportunity to meet new people

Hello Everybody, I hope this letter finds you and your family well First things first, I need to apologize for this short letter, but it is campaign time and like Willie Nelson sings, "I'm on the road again..."

It is currently campaign and election season. This letter will make it to you after the election, but as I write it, we are racing to the finish.

First, I want to extend my most heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to everybody who answered the phone or came to the door for me or my friends and family members.

It is my summer to run a campaign for re-election, and I have so much fun and get so energized by meeting and making new Chickasaw friends and touching base with old friends.

While making a special effort to reach out to Chickasaw people, all over the world, we heard questions, concerns, accolades and stories.

One woman expressed incredible gratitude for the treatment she received at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. She was specifically grateful to have a hospital to go to for the surgery and for the exceptional care and kindness shown to her by everyone.

An elder expressed his gratitude for the energy assistance program by saying, "It doesn't get me ahead, but it gives me some breathing room. Whew! And, I am grateful."

I can't wait to share this information with you, especially the stories and the quotes!

Hearing about what fellow Chickasaws from different parts of the United States and the world are thinking and doing will be one more tie that binds us all together.

Respectfully,
Katie

Mound community offers cultural vista; definitely worth the visit!

Greetings from the Pickens District! The progress in Ardmore has been exciting the last few years. Our old Carter Seminary campus has progressed nicely into the Ardmore Carter Campus with the new Senior Site, Chickasaw Clinic, independent living apartments and much more. We recently broke ground on a new Child Development Center near the campus and when this article is published, we will have cut the ribbon for the new Ardmore Community Center.

The Chickasaw Nation continues to thrive, allowing us to improve upon and expand our facilities and services for our Chickasaw people throughout the entire Chickasaw Nation.

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to visit Moundville Archaeological Park, located in Alabama. It is a Mississippian culture site on the Black Warrior River near Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It was the political and ceremonial center of American Indians between the 11th and 16th centuries.

American Indians lived in the Alabama area for more than 10,000 years. For most of that time, they were skilled hunters and gatherers. With the rise of large scale corn agriculture around A.D. 800, Southeastern Indians began settling in large villages, becoming a rich and complex culture. These people are known as Mississippians because they originated in the Mississippi Valley.

Moundville people developed at least 28 earthen mounds in this area with a large central community plaza. Ruling families probably used the mounds in pairs with a larger mound serving as a platform for a noble's residence. You can still see several of the mounds today.

What a view it is from the top of a mound! Mounds were very important to our people and continue to be a strong part of our heritage today.

I encourage you to visit Moundville and tour the Jones Archaeological Museum located on-site. For more information about Moundville, visit moundville.ua.edu.

Preserve me, O God; for in thee do I put my trust. ~Psalms 16:1 Shana Tate Hammond Pickens District Seat 4 shana.hammond@chickasaw.net (580) 235-1438



SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



Emphasis on education opportunities a huge help to our many Chickasaw students across the country

Chukma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District!
It's August and almost time for our students to head back to class.
Education is a top priority for the Chickasaw Nation because education is critical to preserve our culture and ensure the continued success of the Chickasaw Nation. We have made tremendous progress in the past few decades, which gives us the ability to invest in our greatest resource, our youth - the future of our tribe.



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Chickasaw Nation offers all Chickasaws a variety of programs, services and scholarships to help obtain a quality education.
Across the United States, many of our students' lives are enhanced by clothing scholarships, textbook grants and numerous academic scholarships.
The Chickasaw Nation is truly an "Education Nation" by providing many avenues for our citizens to pursue educational opportunities.
Last year, the Chickasaw Nation awarded millions in grants, scholarships, awards and other educational assistance to Chickasaw students in all areas of the country.

Many Chickasaw students living outside the boundaries benefit from these programs including clothing scholarships for students from preschool to college, college preparatory testing, career technology scholarships, adult learning program, license and certification program, the internship program, tutoring reimbursement and laptop scholarships for higher education students, among others.

Younger Chickasaws (ages 6-18) can utilize tutoring assistance to improve academic performance and children younger than 5 can learn to read though the Chickasaw Reading Program and learn Chickasaw language with Chickasaw Language flashcards.

On college campuses across the United States, Chickasaw students are pursuing their higher education dreams of becoming physicians, engineers, scientists, artists, teachers, attorneys and more with assistance of the Chickasaw Nation.

After graduation, some of these citizens may work for our tribe so they too can contribute to the Chickasaw Nation's success. Committed to excellence, they toil with a single goal in mind: to enhance the lives of Chickasaw citizens.

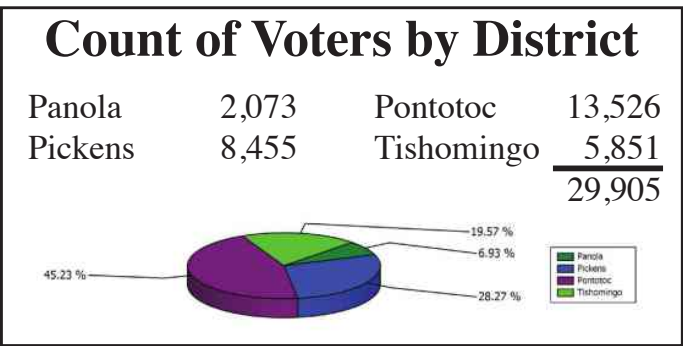
By offering these education programs, we are laying the foundation of opportunity for our youth and strengthening the Chickasaw Nation's future and enhancing the overall quality of life of all Chickasaw people.

For more information about education programs, call the Chickasaw Nation Education Department at (580) 421-7711.

Additional information about programs and services can be found on www.Chickasaw.net, or by calling (866) 466-1481.

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

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.
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Be sure your students take advantage of Chickasaw Honor Club, Robotics and Lego League, summer camps

Chukma, Chinchukma,
As you all know, education is one of the top priorities in the Chickasaw Nation. Therefore, we have many educational programs and services designed to assist our students in obtaining their individual goals. Among these programs are the Chickasaw Honor Club and Outstanding Achievement Recognition.



NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Chickasaw Honor Club provides an added incentive for students between 2nd through 12th grades to strive for academic excellence. Students can earn gift cards for making good grades. New applications must be filed each school year, and non-participating school report cards must be submitted by a parent. Required forms are available at our website, www.Chickasaw.net.

Another great program for students, ages six through 18, is the Robotics and Lego League, and this is the time of year to enroll. These are wonderful programs geared to encourage enthusiasm for science and technology. Our robotics teams compete with other teams at the state and national level and always do very well. I hope your children had the opportunity to attend one of our many summer camps. The Chickasaw Nation offers camps for about every interest you can think of. If your children did not get that opportunity this summer, then look into it for next summer. The deadlines for most camps are in April or May. Our children have so many opportunities to help them learn new skills and improve their talents. There are also many opportunities provided for adults to learn cultural crafts or hone their artistic talents. For anyone wishing to apply for a Higher Education Grant for the fall semester, the deadline is September 1. Be sure to check the website calendar each month to see what's happening. Hope you are having a great summer! Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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Chickasaw Foundation seeks silent auction donations for 'Friends of the Foundation'

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The foundation is accepting donations for its silent auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 7, 2014. This reception is hosted annually to recognize donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the foundation and its scholarship program.

In 2007, the foundation established the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, drama, 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.

Memorial Donations

The Chickasaw Foundation was established in 1971 as a 501 (c) 3 organization. Every year the foundation receives many charitable donations, including memorial donations.

A memorial donation is a special way of remembering a loved one while helping others. Acknowledgement cards can be sent to family members, per your request, upon a donation being received by the Chickasaw Foundation.

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

Health care managers available to At-Large citizens, elders for program information

Chickasaw citizens living outside the tribal boundaries or Chickasaw elders over age 60 can access Tribal Health Resource Management Case Managers at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. These managers are available to answer questions regarding Chickasaw Nation health programs.

At-Large Chickasaw Citizens (all age groups)

If you are a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries and would like more information on Chickasaw Nation Department of Health programs and services, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager at (800) 851-9136, ext. 61097.

Chickasaw Elders Age 60 and Older

If you are a Chickasaw elder over the age of 60, and live within tribal boundaries, contact Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at (800) 851-9136, ext. 80110.

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Boiling Springs United Methodist Church now features new website

Visit Boiling Springs United Methodist Church new website at www.Boilingspringschurch.com

Options include Meet the Staff of Boiling Springs; Get to Know the History of Boiling Springs; Keep up-to-date with events going on at Boiling Springs.

Headquarters gymnasium redone; Chickasaw tourism store, gallery opened in OKC's Bricktown area

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. The weather is hot as are most summers in Oklahoma. However, we have had some rain which is unusual for late June and July.

We held a ribbon cutting for our newly renovated Headquarters Gymnasium. Members of the community, students and even some Head Start and Day Care youth were invited. The building is state of the art with a new floor and balcony seating. New padded seats are on three sides of the floor. The Gym will be used for basketball games and tournaments and other events. The scoreboard is visible from all four sides and is elevated above the gym floor. The new Gym will hold close to 500 people. Governor Anoatubby held a reception after the ribbon cutting and tour.



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I attended the grand opening of the Chickasaw Tourism offices and Gift Shop in Bricktown, Oklahoma City. This facility will help visitors learn about the many points of interest within the Chickasaw

Nation, help them arrange for overnight stays and take tours of our many destinations such as the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Chickasaw National Recreational Area and our many hotels, casinos and other places of interest.

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting was hosted by the Chickasaw Nation at Winstar Casino/Resort. A banquet was held Thursday night and entertainment was provided by Neal McCoy, a country and western singer. The meeting was well attended by officials and council members/Legislators from the Five Tribes. The business of the Council is always interesting to me and included seven resolutions ranging from the establishment of a Judicial Committee to declaring the first Saturday of November as the "National Day of Prayer." I'm a firm believer in prayer and by working together, we can benefit all Native American tribes. Reports were also given by representatives of HUD, BIA and IHS.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the *Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Applications available for Chickasaw Princesses

Time is running out to apply for the Chickasaw Princess Pageant. The deadline is set for Aug., 29.

The applications are now available for the 2014-2015 Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw pageant.

Eligible candidates must be age 17-25 to apply for Chickasaw Princess, age 12-16 for Chickasaw Jr. Princess or age 7-11 for Little Miss Chickasaw.

Candidates must reside with the 13 counties of the Chickasaw Nation, be at least a quarter Chickasaw, as well as a registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw candidates must attend school to be eligible for pageant entry. These candidates must submit their most recent grade report along with the application; a minimum 2.0 GPA is required and the candidate must be in good standing with the school.

Chickasaw Princess candidates must either attend school, be a high school graduate, pursue higher education or specialized training; or be employed to be eligible for pageant entry. If the Princess candidate is employed, her schedule must be somewhat flexible to accommodate her participation in tribal-related and other events.

In addition to the application candidates must also include a copy of their CDIB and citizenship cards, a 5x7 photo (black and white or color) and three references from non-relatives.

Candidates are also responsible for providing their own traditional dress which includes a cotton dress and apron.

The Chickasaw Princess Pageant will take place 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at the Ada Cougar Activity Center.

Categories for the pageant include traditional dress segment, talent and random questions. The talent portion will be capped at a three minute performance. Past talents performed included singing, stomp dancing and storytelling.

Princess Pageant expense reimbursement is available to the participants who participate in all pageant prep; including orientation and every rehearsal.

The application deadline is Friday, Aug. 29.

The application is available at <http://www.chickasaw.net/youth>. It is also available for pick up at Division of Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Rd, Ada, Okla.

For more information, please contact Mary Hartley, Chickasaw Princess Pageant Coordinator, at (580) 310 9539 or (580) 272-7710.

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Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department news

Tribal court system has expanded its reach since 2003 inception; advocates on staff to assist citizens with court matters

Chukma, ChinChukma! What an exciting month July, 2014 has been for the Judicial Department. I hope everyone had a very safe Fourth of July while celebrating Independence Day. August will be here soon and the children will be back in school. As a reminder be aware of the school zones. Be sure to slow down and observe the school crossing zones.

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department, with the support of Governor Anoatubby and the Legislative Department, reestablished the court system within the Chickasaw Nation by assuming jurisdiction by Memorandum of Agreement in December, 2003.

In January, 2004 the Chickasaw Nation District Court began hearing cases with Judge Aaron Duck presiding. For the last 10 years our court has continued to grow and offer services to the Native citizens within the Chickasaw boundaries. From October, 2013, the beginning of the Chickasaw Nation fiscal year, until June, 2014 the District Court has filed 444 new cases; and heard 1398 cases in Court.

Since the District Court began hearing cases in 2004 the judges have heard over 13,905 cases. There have been over 3,676 new cases filed during that same time. In 2007, the Supreme Court Justices established an office in Purcell for citizens to more conveniently see the court advocate. In 2008, the Supreme Court established another office in Ardmore to more conveniently serve our citizens in the southern area of the Chickasaw boundaries. All the while the court advocates were still seeing citizens in Ada at the Judicial Building. From 2004, when the District Court was reestablished, until the present time, the combined total of all three locations, the court advocates have assisted 10,573 citizens.

The Supreme Court Justices, the Court Judges, the Court Advocates and the Court Staff are committed to assisting the citizens as professionally and efficiently as possible.

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

The Chickasaw Nation court advocates assisted a total of 88 citizens in the month of June. Kymberly Cravatt is available at the Ada office. Advocate Michael Smith is available for appointments in Ada, Purcell and Ardmore. The court advocate services are available at no cost to the citizens. The advocates will prepare the necessary paperwork for the citizen; however, the advocates do not represent you in court. They are available to facilitate the court process and explain to you what to expect if you appear in court.

Special Judge Todd and the Chickasaw Nation Division of Child Support are now scheduling a child support docket to be held once a month in Ardmore, Oklahoma. The first child support docket to service the Ardmore area is tentatively scheduled for August 27, 2014. We plan to hold the court hearings at The Federal Building located at 39 N. Washington, Ardmore, in the second floor court room. We are all working together to provide a location more conveniently located for citizens in the southern portions of the Chickasaw boundaries.

District News: June 2014 Court Statistics
37 New court cases filed
169 cases Heard in court
88 citizens were assisted by the court advocates

SUPREME COURT
Justice Barbara Smith attended the Chickasaw Nation ribbon cutting ceremony for the Sovereign Medical Clinic, Norman, Oklahoma on June 25, 2014.

Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Exhibit C Art Gallery Retail Store and Tourism Information Center, 1 East Sheridan, Suite 100, Oklahoma City Bricktown on July 7, 2014. Be sure to go by and say "Hello" to Paige Williams in the tourism department, check out the local events in Bricktown, the art exhibits and the Bedre store.

The Chickasaw Nation hosted the Inter-Tribal Committee at Winstar, Thackerville, Oklahoma. Chief Justice Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon hosted the second meeting of the Inter-Tribal Judicial Committee meeting on July 10, 2014. Representing the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Dept. Justice Mark Colbert, Supreme Court Clerk, Connie Tillery, Deputy Clerk, Edward Stilwell and Sgt. Dusk Monetathchi, Bailiff and Lighthorse Officer attended the meeting. Members from the courts of the Seminole Nation, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Choctaw Nation and the Cherokee Nation attended the meeting. A Chairman for the Inter-Tribal Judicial Committee, Seminole Chief Justice Bill Wantland, was nominated and elected. Seminole Nation Chief Court Clerk, Linda Stewart was elected Secretary of the Inter-Tribal Judicial Committee. An open forum was held to discuss issues currently undergoing in Indian country. The next meeting will be hosted by the Choctaw Nation in October, 2014.

On July 11, 2014, Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon and Justice Mark Colbert attended the general session of Inter Tribal.

Again, it is my pleasure to report on a busy and successful month in the Judicial Department. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chief Justice. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you. CHIPISALA' CHO ANOWA means "Until I see you again." Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon. Please contact me, I would love to hear from you (580) 235-0281 or cheri.bellefeuille-gordon@chickasaw.net.



CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON

Chief Justice
Supreme
Court

Peacemaking Conference draws people from across U.S. to Chickasaw Nation

The Peacemaking Conference was hosted in April in Sulphur.

I wish you all had been there! It was a great conference. People from all over the United States were there, as well as many Chickasaws. The weather was beautiful and the Chickasaw Nation was hospitable as usual.

We began the Conference by walking over to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area so that we could greet the morning in a traditional Friendship Dance led by the Chickasaw Dancers from the Cultural Center. Jason Burwell led us in prayer in the Chickasaw Language and then we all joined in the dance.



BARBARA ANNE SMITH

Justice
Supreme Court

The sky was blue, the trees were green, and the birds were singing as we danced. We went to the park as strangers and left as friendly acquaintances.

We spent the next two days talking about peacemaking and learning to be peacemakers. It was a wonderful time! Whenever people gather to learn together and to share stories, good things come to the group and the to the individuals. I wish you had been there!

The Judicial Department of the Chickasaw Nation will soon begin training for additional Peacemakers to add to the Peacemaking Court. If you are interested and would like to learn about peacemaking call the District Court and give your name, phone number and email or physical address to the Tamara Dresser, District Court Clerk and we will notify you about the training plans.

Until then.
May you find moments of Peace each day!
Justice Barbara Anne Smith
Supreme Court of the Chickasaw Nation

Medical Center offers Farmers Market



Gary Brown, a fruit and almond farmer from Ada, visits with Tana Clark, a registered nurse at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, concerning his crops of peaches and nectarines. Mr. Brown is a regular at the Medical Center's Farmers Market, open on Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon.

ADA, Okla. – Gary Brown is a farmer who understands the totality of the year's harvest is at the whim of Mother Nature.

Mr. Brown mans a booth stocked full of peaches and nectarines at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center's Farmers Market. If all goes according to plan, oranges, apples and almonds will be available soon to delight shoppers who wish to buy local, eat healthy and assist Ada area growers.

Jerry Yarberry's booth sits next to Mr. Brown's in the courtyard just off the Town Center at the Medical Center.

He has different items on display to entice the palate and culinary imagination of those who stop by. Okra, squash, tomatoes, an assortment of mild-to-hot peppers and much more are harvested from his 60' x 300' garden near Fitzhugh.

It's all for sale, too, and anyone buying is helping out a 42-year veteran employee of Ada's Holcim cement plant who retired a few years ago and "now has a fulltime job in the garden."

"It is a lot of work. I have a well on the property, so water isn't a problem for me," Mr. Yarberry said.

While Mr. Yarberry turns the soil, weeds the rows and tends the crops, Mr. Brown relies on trees for his bounty. The late March frost killed a specific variety of peach he hoped to be selling. "The trees were in full bloom when the frost hit. There just wasn't any way to save them," he says.

Mr. Brown tends to 650 trees on four acres of property five miles northwest of Ada. Late variety peaches did well in the cool, rainy spring Ada enjoyed. Apples and plums are coming along nicely. He even planted some grapes.

He's most excited, though, about his crop of almonds. He expects to harvest 1,200 pounds of almonds per acre and, as of July 7, he is expecting a bumper crop if the weather holds true and Mother Nature smiles on his efforts.

"All the crops we grow, except almonds, are self-pollinating," Mr. Brown said. "With almonds, you need bees to do the work."

So has "colony collapse" – an inexplicable mass death of entire bee hives – hurt this year's almond trees?

"No. We have a gentleman who brings hives to the farm so it has not affected us. And, from the look of the almonds, it will be another great year."

The Chickasaw Nation is celebrating the second year to host the market. Approximately six area farmers are involved currently, but Debbie Zachary hopes to have at least eight full time farmers selling healthy fresh-off-the-farm products at the medical center in the future.

Ms. Zachary oversees the market for the Chickasaw Nation. She serves as the tribe's Summer EBT for Children Program Manager.

The market begins in June and ends in autumn, usually when the last pumpkins and winter squash are harvested, Ms. Zachary said.

It is open Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon. Interested patrons may go through the main entrance, walk straight ahead a few yards and walk through doors to the courtyard. The Medical Center information desk is located at the very front entrance and employees can give you directions to the vegetable and fruit heaven.

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Cultural Center named top state destination

SULPHUR, Okla. - Since it opened four years ago, more than 250,000 guests from around the world have visited the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Many have been impressed with the campus, from the natural stone and copper clad buildings to the peaceful trickle of the water features.

These visitors have helped the Chickasaw Cultural Center amass a number of awards, honors and accolades. Three additional honors were recently awarded, all before the center celebrated its fourth anniversary last month.

Voters selected the Chickasaw Cultural Center the top pick in *The Oklahoman* Reader's Choice "State Tourism Destination" for 2014 poll and guests helped the facility earn accolades from two travel websites, all this summer.

TripAdvisor recently awarded the Chickasaw Cultural Center with a "2014 Certificate of Excellence." Likewise, Yelp also honored the Chickasaw Cultural Center with a limited-edition "People Love Us On Yelp" recognition.

Guest reviews of the center have consistently been outstanding on both websites. Almost 90 percent rated the Cultural Center very good or excellent, with more than two of three reviewers giving the center the top rating on Trip Advisor. The average guest review on Yelp: 4.5 out of 5 stars.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center earned high praise not only for the exquisite architecture and well-manicured grounds, but for exceptional customer service, high-quality food and methods used to tell the Chickasaw story.

With the latest technology, live demonstrations, ancient artifacts and natural outdoor spaces, the Chickasaw Cultural Center tells the story of the Chickasaw people - from the ancient past to the present day.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said it was a true source of pride that the Cultural Center is fulfilling the dream Chickasaw people have shared for decades.

"For more than two decades, Chickasaw people shared their vision of what a cultural center should be," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This is truly a center of our living culture, because it is built on the ideas, imagination and creativity of Chickasaw people from all walks of life."

Many of the reviews mentioned personal connections guests made with the Chickasaw people.

A TripAdvisor contributor from Elk City, Okla., noted the visit was a "true eye opener" for him and his wife.

"Looking back in history, as seen through the eyes of the Native American is what we found at this cultural center," he wrote.

"The greatest thing about the Center is it isn't just a Museum, but is a research facility and focus point for the Chickasaw Nation. Because their story is alive and ongoing, not just ancient history," a Dallas guest commented on Yelp.

A 2014 Trip Advisor review entitled "Heritage, History & So Much More" said, "It was evident that everyone we met was proud of their heritage and the center. We learned so much of the Chickasaw people and their history."

Another reviewer on Trip Advisor plans another visit.

"There was so much to absorb that my wife and I plan to return and spend some more time in the exhibits."

Those responses, Gov. Anoatubby said, were gratifying.

"We are pleased to know that people from around the world understand the pride we have in being Chickasaw and appreciate the opportunity to learn more about our culture and heritage," he said.

Visitors from the United States and countries including Nepal, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Russia and Bangladesh have journeyed to the campus since it opened in 2010.

During the past four years, The Chickasaw Cultural Center has also been awarded a top Oklahoma tourism honor, a RedBud Award for Outstanding Attraction of 2012 and was nominated for a NewsOK "Reader's Choice Award" last month.

Upcoming CCC Events

From genealogy and scrapbooking workshops to stomp dance and stickball presentations, the Chickasaw Cultural Center has something for everyone.

Upcoming 2014 events include:	
Labor Day Celebration	Aug. 30-31
Grandparents Day	Sept. 6-7
Dug Out Canoe Exhibit	Sept. 15-May 2015
Home School Day	Sept. 20
Fall Festival	Oct. 18

In addition, cultural instructors are always on hand to educate visitors on crafts such as beadwork, basketry and pottery, tanning hides, bow making and flute making. Guided group tours are also available upon request.

To read full reviews of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, visit http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g60771-d1936362-r205186209-Chickasaw_Cultural_Center-Sulphur_Oklahoma.html#REVIEWS or on Yelp at <http://www.yelp.com/biz/chickasaw-cultural-center-sulphur>.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur. The Chickasaw Cultural Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 1.

For more information, please visit the newly-redesigned www.chickasawculturalcenter.com or call (580) 622-7130.

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Newly-established entity works to protect historic sites in our Chickasaw homelands

Mississippi attorney tabbed to lead Chickasaw Inkana’ Foundation



Brad Prewitt

An experienced Mississippi attorney and businessman has been selected to lead a Chickasaw Nation-supported foundation in the homelands.

The board of the newly-formed Inkana’ Foundation selected Brad Prewitt, of Tupelo, Miss., to serve as its executive director. Based in Tupelo, the Inkana’ “Friend” Foundation is a nonprofit corporation with a mission to help protect, preserve and interpret Chickasaw homeland historic sites.

Mr. Prewitt is an eighth-generation Mississippian with 21 years

of experience as an attorney, business consultant, government relations specialist, corporate officer, entrepreneur and volunteer leader.

“Mr. Prewitt brings a wide range of experience, knowledge and skills to his position,” said Governor Bill Anoatubby. “Brad Prewitt is very enthusiastic about building mutually beneficial relationships with the people of our homeland. We believe this foundation will be a great asset as we continue on our journey to expand the scope of knowledge of Chickasaw history and culture.”

Together with the Inkana’ Foundation, the Chickasaw Nation strives to develop, enhance and maintain relationships and partnerships within communities and organizations in both the traditional homelands and Chickasaw country.

The historic Chickasaw homelands encompass the Tupelo area and include northern Mississippi, western Tennessee, northwest Alabama and southwestern Kentucky.

As executive director, Mr. Prewitt will guide communication, education and preservation ef-

forts and help build partnerships with surrounding communities and organizations to ensure mutually beneficial relationships.

Mr. Pruitt said he was enthusiastic about his new position and “the people with whom I get to work.”

“Gov. Anoatubby is a humble and capable leader and this is a great opportunity to get to work alongside him and help fulfill his vision, he said.

“There are many opportunities for the foundation to educate residents in the homelands. Students need a better understanding of Chickasaw and Native American history.”

Prior to the Chickasaw Nation appointment, Mr. Prewitt was a successful Mississippi attorney for many years, also serving as U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran’s general counsel in Washington, D.C.

He pursues a number of entrepreneurial activities in a wide-range of sectors, including a furniture enterprise, a biotech startup company, cattle ranching and real estate.

During his career, Mr. Prewitt has served as chairman of the City of Tupelo’s first public trans-

portation committee and served a six-year term on the Mississippi Heritage Trust board.

A dedicated preservationist, in 2010 he completed an award-winning restoration of one of Tupelo’s 10 Most Endangered structures – The R. C. Clark House. Built in 1910, it is now downtown office space and listed on the National Register.

It was his drive to seek more knowledge of Native American artifacts unearthed on his family property that connected him with the Chickasaw Nation.

“There were Indian artifacts on the ground and people would come out to the property for research,” he said.

When he began to research Native American artifact experts, he came across the name of Dr. Brad Lieb, Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resource specialist.

A Mississippi native, Mr. Prewitt is a graduate of Delta State University, West Cleveland, Miss, earning degrees in history and French, where he earned the highest academic average in his class.

Mr. Prewitt attended the University of Mississippi School of Law, where we was a James O. Eastland

Scholar and honor graduate.

He is a member of numerous community service organizations including the local Kiwanis Club. He is an executive board member and fundraising chairman of the Tupelo/North Mississippi Symphony Board and was formerly on the Board of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at Ole Miss. Mr. Prewitt was a member of the 2010 class of the Jim Ingram Community Leadership Institute of CDF.

He has also served on the Lee County GOP Executive Committee, the Lee County Cattlemen’s Association, and the Equal Justice Foundation – Mississippi’s Legal Services fundraising arm.

He is a member of the Woodland Baptist Church in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, where he teaches adult Sunday school and sings in the choir.

Mr. Prewitt is married to the former Malinda Mallory, M.D. The couple have twin six-year-old sons and reside on the family’s 178-year-old farm, where they have cattle, horses and chickens.

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Bailey named director of Chickasaw Nation Performing Arts Department



Debra Bailey

ADA, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby has appointed a lifelong theatre and writing scholar to a top leadership position in Chickasaw Nation Culture and Humanities Department.

Debra Bailey, Ada, was recently named director of Performing Arts Department for Chickasaw

Nation Arts and Humanities.

“Mrs. Bailey brings a wide range of experience, creativity and knowledge to her new position,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “She is enthusiastic about helping Chickasaw citizens and other Native Americans develop their writing and acting skills so they will be better prepared to share our story through stage, film and other venues.”

In her new position, Mrs. Bailey will oversee the Performing Arts Department, which develops performance art capabilities and opportunities in the Chickasaw Nation.

“It is an honor to have been appointed to this position by Governor Anoatubby,” Mrs. Bailey said.

One way the department plans to achieve its mission is by rejuvenating the Chickasaw Theatre

Company.

“We will also revise and write new vignettes and plays based on our Chickasaw history which will then be performed by the Living History Players, a component of CTC,” Mrs. Bailey said.

A youth theatre program, a variety of performance classes, plays and much more for adults and students are being developed.

Mrs. Bailey said she was excited to work with staff members to develop new programs.

“Most (proposed programs) are based on input from our citizens, as well as other Natives, and the general public as to what they would like for us to do,” she said.

“We are open to and welcome suggestions. I look forward to leading our department and building it into something even bigger and

better.”

Mrs. Bailey, who has more than 30 years of acting, directing, producing, teaching and writing experience, is an alumna of both East Central University and Oklahoma City University, where she earned master’s degrees in theatre and creative writing.

Previously, she worked in Oklahoma City where she formed and incorporated Theatre Oklahoma, Inc., serving as the executive officer. She also produced children’s dinner theatre through Theatre Oklahoma’s Young Stars (TOYS).

As a teacher she has taught both in private college classrooms and in specialized talent agencies in Tulsa and Oklahoma City where she coached students in stage acting, acting for the camera, voice and diction and creative writing.

She has also taught in ECU’s Community Education Program, as well as classes for the Chickasaw Nation’s MyUniversity.

Mrs. Bailey is also an accomplished writer and has served as artistic director for several theatre companies, as well as various theatre boards of directors. She is currently drawing inspiration from her heritage as she works on writing plays based on Chickasaw stories.

Mrs. Bailey and her husband, Tom, a writer for Chickasaw Nation public affairs, reside in Ada.

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Health Secretary takes grandma duty seriously

Breast-feeding drive gets extra kick from newborn twins



Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Secretary Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, right, holds her granddaughter Samara Ann Warlick. Her daughter, Mahate, holds son Samuel William Warlick. The twins, born May 19, are benefiting from their mother’s decision to breast-feed.

As the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Secretary, Dr. Judy Goforth Parker consistently advocates the benefits of breast-feeding.

As a new grandmother of twins, she has demonstrated unwavering support for her daughter, Mahate Parker Warlick, in her decision to breast-feed the babies.

“We really started to educate ourselves from the beginning,” Mrs. Warlick said. She made the decision to breast-feed while still pregnant.

Dr. Parker purchased a book on the subject and consulted with other health care professionals who had successfully breast-fed two infants at once.

The new grandmother also provided vital support and assistance in the first few weeks after

Samara Ann and Samuel William Warlick were born May 19.

“After I delivered she was home with me for a week,” Mrs. Warlick said. “She was really helpful trying to keep us on a schedule. She really helped out from the very beginning, a lot.”

Dr. Parker added, “It was ‘all hands on deck’ during the first week of the babies lives when they were accustom to breast-feeding.

“We read a lot of books, called a lactation consultant and worked with the babies’ dad (Paul Warlick). It was a lot of work but we were really happy we were able to succeed.”

One of the biggest challenges, Mrs. Warlick said, was making sure the babies were well nourished.

“We really had to work with the pediatrician and lactation consultant to make sure they were gaining weight appropriately,” she said. “That was difficult and it was very stressful because I had to make sure they were getting enough milk.”

The babies are now thriving and gaining weight, which makes Mrs. Warlick and her mother feel blessed.

“Every ounce or pound they gain is because of the milk I was able to give them,” Mrs. Warlick said. “It makes me feel really needed. I know it is a special time I will always look back on.”

Dr. Parker, who also breast-fed her children, understands the importance of breast-feeding.

“It gives them the best possible start,” she said. “We know from research (breast-fed babies) have decreased incidence of obesity and decreased infections. My children never had ear infections and I would hope the same for these babies.”

The practice also helps with bonding between the babies and mother immunity and provides the appropriate milk for babies.

“I think we need to give our mothers every opportunity to breast-feed,” she said.

Breast-feeding lounges, located at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, provide patients, guests and employees the opportunity, and people are appreciative.

“That is one thing we are working toward is to become a facility that really supports breast-feeding for our moms,” Dr. Parker said.

Lactation consultants are also available at the Medical Center,

and serve as experts for new mothers.

“They really calm a lot of fears and give (new moms) the confidence they need,” Dr. Parker said. “It takes a lot of confidence.

“You can’t hold a bottle up and say , ‘I just gave the baby an ounce of milk.’ There are a lot of things that help you walk through that, such as the amount of wet diapers to expect in a day.”

Lactation consultants give assurance that new moms are doing a good job.

Sometimes that is just what

keeps people going is to hear someone say “you are doing well.”

Mrs. Warlick urges other expectant mothers to consider breast-feeding.

“It may be a little bit more challenging than just giving a bottle, but in the end it’s really worth it.”

The Chickasaw Nation also offers a twice- monthly breast-feeding support group and breast-feeding education.

For breast-feeding assistance, call 888-439-8970.

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MOMcircle blog keeps you connected

MOMents app offers activities, games, recipes, for active moms



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35 youngsters study legal workings

‘Court Camp’ draws kids interested in tribal justice system



Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon and former legislator Melvin Burris present handmade beaded necklaces to camp participants on the last day of court camp.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department offered a two-day court camp educating students on the operation of the tribe's legal system June 24 and 25.

The camp promotes leadership and growth. A total of 35 participants participated in events explaining the roles of the Chickasaw Legislature, Governor's Office and Judicial Department.

Students learned the history of the Chickasaw legal system. They were taken on a tour of the Pontotoc County Justice Center where Lighthorse Police Chief Randy Wesley Dusk gave a presentation on the anti-drug D.A.R.E. program and police training.

"We are so fortunate to have wonderful volunteers and great host/hostesses who allow us to make the camp a success for



Judicial camp participants take a break from the activities at the Chickasaw Nation judicial building June 25.

Jacquelyn Sparks

the children," Connie Tillery, Supreme Court clerk for the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department, said.

To conclude the two-day camp, Melvin Burris, former Chickasaw legislator and current employee for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce, presented participants his own handmade necklaces, hosted a martial arts demonstration and shared the

story of his legendary grandfather, Mose Burris.

A Choctaw citizen and Lighthorse lawman for 88 years, Mose Burris was the most notable Native American U.S. Deputy Marshal under the jurisdiction of Isaac "Hanging Judge" Parker, who appointed him in 1884.

The two-day camp provided invaluable information to the participants on the court sys-

tem and various roles played by clerks, police, judges, justices and peacemakers.

For more information on the court camp, contact Connie Tillery at (580) 235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net.

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Kids learn marksmanship, firearm safety at annual

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa clinic

Chickasaw youth hit the mark during the Chickasaw Nation's Tanumpo Hosa Apisa Marksmanship Clinic Monday, July 7.

Hosted by the Southern Oklahoma Sportsman's Club, 44 students, ages 12-18, spent the day learning about firearm safety, responsibility and marksmanship.

The clinic also provides an introduction to Olympic-style target shooting.

Growing in popularity, the marksmanship clinic draws both beginner and experienced youth sport shooters. Highly qualified instructors provide hands-on training to participants of all skill levels.

During the clinic, students were divided into small groups. The groups rotated through skill sessions designed to engage and educate youth on various sport shooting styles including, rifles, compound bows and air pistols.

Rotations also included demonstrations by Richard Chadwick of Southern Oklahoma Sportsman's Club.

Chickasaw citizen and five-year clinic alumnus Lane Harkins looks forward to Tanumpo Hosa Apisa every year.

"I had experience when I first started attending the clinic," the 15-year-old Kingston student said. "But, I always learn something new, I get extra practice and I like to interact with the people."

Lane was also quick to compliment this year's crop of instructors, all members of Southern Oklahoma Sportsman's Club.

"They are really knowledgeable and experienced," he said. "I've learned even more about competition shooting too. That is something I'd like to try."

Each year, the clinic introduces students to a new recreation option and lifelong skills.

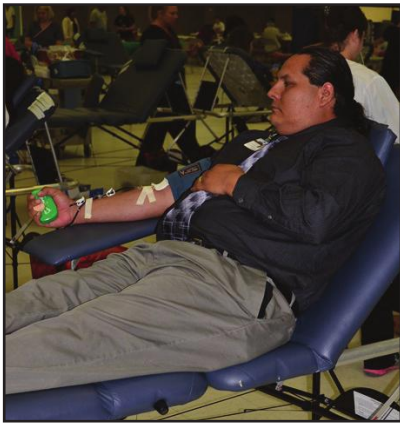
"Many kids do not know that marksmanship is a sporting option with professional competitions," Chickasaw Nation Youth Activities manager Kevin Tiger said. "We want to provide an opportunity to educate them on the variety of sports out there. They are not limited to pursuing just football or basketball."

To learn more about Tanumpo Hosa Apisa Marksmanship Clinic, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth Services at (580) 272-5716.

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From left, Lyndal Dedmon, food services director for Mercy Hospital Ada; Shana R. Wood, Oklahoma Blood Institute blood program consultant; Jennifer Boeck, vice president of communications for People's Electric Cooperative; and Debbie Jackson, customer relations director for the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center celebrate the fifth annual Ada All-American Blood Drive July 3 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex in Ada.



Chickasaw Nation employee David Kinback, OTAP counselor for the Safe and Stable Families, prepares to donate blood at the fifth annual Ada All-American Blood Drive July 3.

Fifth Annual All-American Blood Drive sees 275 donors

ADA, Okla. - More than 275 potential donors arrived at the fifth Annual Ada All-American Blood Drive July 3 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex.

The annual event, organized by several local organizations including the Chickasaw Nation, People's Electric Cooperative (PEC), Mercy Hospital Ada, succeeded in collecting donations to help save the lives of those in need. Close to 800 lives will be touched by the generosity of this year's donors.

Debbie Jackson, Chickasaw Nation Medical Center customer relations director, was on site to welcome both volunteers and donors.

"It is wonderful to see such a great response year after year from donors and volunteers

throughout the community," Mrs. Jackson said. "Everyone involved works so hard to make this yearly event a success and we look forward to touching the lives of others by collecting these much needed donations."

Oklahoma Blood Institute is the eighth-largest nonprofit blood

Every year, the Chickasaw Na-

center in America, and provides every drop of blood needed by patients in 144 medical facilities across Oklahoma.

For more information on donating blood, contact the Oklahoma Blood Institute at (580) 436-0384, or visit www.obl.org.

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'I Love My Child' family event Aug. 23

ADA, Okla. - Mark your calendar for the Chickasaw Nation's "I Love My Child" Family Fun Day Saturday, August 23 from 9 a.m. through noon at Wintersmith Park in Ada.

The event will feature family-friendly attractions, games, demonstrations and activities. Free snacks and refreshments will be served.

tion hosts "I Love My Child" Family Fun Day to celebrate children and families, and to shed light on the importance of non-custodial parents fulfilling child support obligations.

For more information regarding Child Support Awareness month or child support services, please call (866) 431-3419 or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Education investment tops expenditures

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

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

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

drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

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

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2014

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$13.59 million for the month and \$128.51 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$10.63 million for the month and \$87.25 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through June totaled \$936.53 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$226.89 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2014, the tribal government funds had \$262.60 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$20.87 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$175.92 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of June 30, 2014, tribal operations,

excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1.77 billion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2014

Revenues	
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	
Total funds available	
Expenditures	
General government	
Legislature	
Judiciary	
Education	
Heritage Preservation	
Health	
Youth Services	
Family Services	
Nutrition Programs	
Regulatory	
Assistance Programs	
Gaming expense	
Other businesses' expense	
Total expenditures	
Increase in net assets	
Beginning net assets	
Ending net assets	

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2014

<i>Cash and Investments</i>	
<i>Receivables</i>	
<i>Inventory</i>	
<i>Prepaid expenses</i>	
<i>Other Assets</i>	
<i>Fixed assets</i>	
<i>Less payables</i>	
<i>Net Assets</i>	

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	12,040,546	936,532,103	948,572,649
	116,469,949	(116,469,949)	-
	128,510,495	820,062,154	948,572,649
	4,317,090		4,317,090
	2,070,714		2,070,714
	871,338		871,338
	16,141,595		16,141,595
	12,819,183		12,819,183
	15,053,536		15,053,536
	2,569,426		2,569,426
	6,500,024		6,500,024
	4,745,275		4,745,275
	7,188,078		7,188,078
	14,971,070		14,971,070
		532,055,721	532,055,721
		177,581,972	177,581,972
	87,247,329	709,637,693	796,885,022
	41,263,166	110,424,461	151,687,627
	697,884,311	922,218,076	1,620,102,387
\$	739,147,477	1,032,642,537	1,771,790,014

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	262,599,748	175,922,856	438,522,604
	24,080,350	100,253,419	124,333,769
	105,787	7,804,142	7,909,929
	-	13,800,054	13,800,054
	-	1,202,500	1,202,500
	454,054,047	860,029,327	1,314,083,374
	(1,692,455)	(126,369,761)	(128,062,216)
\$	739,147,477	1,032,642,537	1,771,790,014

Located in Oklahoma City’s premiere tourism district, new store seen as window to Chickasaw Country

Exhibit C offers high-profile gallery for Chickasaw, Southeastern art

OKLAHOMA CITY – Visitors to Oklahoma City’s Bricktown district can now experience a Native art and cultural venue. Exhibit C includes an art gallery, retail shop and tourism information center.

Exhibit C continues the vision of raising awareness of the many cultural and entertainment experiences in Oklahoma set forth by Governor Bill Anoatubby.

“Native culture is a vital part of the attraction Oklahoma holds for visitors from across the U.S. and around the world,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We are investing in Exhibit C because it offers an extraordinary place for visitors to experience the rich Native American history and heritage of our state. We are pleased to celebrate a growing partnership between our tribe and Oklahoma City which offers benefits to everyone concerned.”

The gallery is at 1 E. Sheridan in the heart of Oklahoma City’s premiere entertainment district.

Exhibit C’s art gallery displays works of several artists from the Chickasaw and Southeastern tribes as well as works from special featured artists that will rotate every four months. The retail shop offers artisan works such as jewelry, pottery, paintings and clothing. Other retail items include the full line of Bedré Fine Chocolate, books from Chickasaw Press as well as Chickasaw Country-branded items.

Exhibit C also functions as a tourism information center for

Buffalo Project



OKLAHOMA CITY - Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood and five students from the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy began working on a fiberglass buffalo September 14, 2013. Mr. Greenwood and Chickasaws Kyla Aguirre, Ashton Rawlins, Faithlyn Seawright, Christian Steidly and Me-Way-Seh Greenwood gave of their time to experience learning and gain cultural enrichment.

The artistic vision for the buffalo involved two distinct themes:



Officials with the Chickasaw Nation and members of the Oklahoma City community join together at Exhibit C in Bricktown to dedicate the new Chickasaw art gallery. Exhibit C includes an art gallery featuring the works of Chickasaw and other Southeastern artists, a retail shop and a tourist information center. From left, Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen; Blake Wade, CEO of the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum; Oklahoma City Ward 7 councilman John Pettis; Chickasaw Nation Commerce official Dan Boren; Oklahoma City Ward 6 councilman Meg Salyer; Paige Williams, Chickasaw Nation director of travel and tourism; Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon; Lee Allan Smith, President, Oklahoma Events, Inc.; Chickasaw tribal legislator Dean McManus; Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce Secretary Bill Lance; Chickasaw tribal legislator Mary Jo Green; Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett; Chickasaw tribal legislators Connie Barker, Shana Tate Hammond and Steven Woods; Candy Factory building owner Chuck Ainsworth; and Oklahoma Tourism Director Deby Snodgrass.

Bricktown visitors interested in Chickasaw Country.

World-renowned Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen is the first featured artist at Exhibit C. Mr. Larsen has a passion for American history and art that has led

him to a 40-year career in painting and sculpting. By immersing himself in historic events, Mr. Larsen creates paintings and sculptures that reflect a specific event or period of time in history.

Pieces of Mr. Larsen’s art can be seen throughout Oklahoma, including the Oklahoma State Capitol and the Chickasaw Cultural Center. His artwork is on display at Exhibit C now through October.

Paige Williams, Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce director of tourism, said the mixed-use space incorporates a contemporary design concept that embraces historical and nat-

ural elements. The gallery and office space are separated by glass walls to encourage collaboration between visitors and staff.

“Exhibit C not only features a well-rounded representation of Chickasaw artists’ pieces as well as pieces from other Southeastern tribes in one location,” Ms. Williams said. “It also gives visitors the chance to learn more about a rich culture and history that awaits their exploration in south-central Oklahoma. This space, in essence, is meant to be a one-stop shop for visitors who may not have the time this trip to explore all of Chickasaw Country but still want to take home an

authentic memory of their visit to our state.”

Exhibit C is open daily from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. at 1 E. Sheridan, Bricktown. All items located in the Exhibit C art gallery and retail space will be for sale.

About Chickasaw Country

Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 south-central Oklahoma counties. A marketing association lead by The Chickasaw Nation to blend tourism efforts in the region, Chickasaw Country represents festivals, events and attractions. A very diverse and cultural destination, Chickasaw Country has new adventures around every corner. In 2013, the U.S. Travel Association honored Chickasaw Country with a Destiny award in both the Best Travel Website and Best Use of Social Media Platform categories. The awards were given during the annual Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations conference.

About the Chickasaw Nation

With more than 50,000 citizens, the Chickasaw Nation is the 12th largest federally-recognized Indian tribe in the United States. The Chickasaw Nation had an economic impact of more than \$2.4 billion in Oklahoma in 2011. The tribe is the seventh largest employer in Oklahoma, with more than 12,000 employees. A democratic republic with executive, legislative and judicial departments, the tribe’s jurisdictional territory includes all or part of 13 counties in south central Oklahoma.

Chikasha Bak Bak youth stickball team



Chikasha Bak Bak youth stickball team competed in its first exhibition game June 22 in Atoka, Okla. Chickasaw youth ages seven to 17 interested in learning and competing in stickball are encouraged to join! For more information, call (580) 272-3557.

Murray’s Bessie Poe Hall listed on National Register of Historic Places

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Nestled in a corner of the campus of Murray State College campus, in Tishomingo, is an often overlooked historical treasure. Built in the early 20th century to provide housing for a growing student body, Bessie Poe Hall is a prominent landmark of the area. Its historic and architectural value led to it becoming one of the many sites within Johnston County, Oklahoma listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bessie Poe Hall is one of two dormitories constructed to house the students of Murray State College (then known as Murray State School of Agriculture). The dormitories were built with cooperation among federal, tribal, state and local agencies.

Bessie Poe Hall serves as a reminder of these continued partnerships.

With curriculum based on agriculture, early enrollment of Murray State College consisted mainly of Chickasaw and Choctaw boys from southern Oklahoma. The demand for housing was enormous. For more than 10 years, students relied on boarding houses or rooms for rent in private homes for lodging.

To provide adequate living arrangements for the fledgling school took an act of Congress.

The bill authorized \$50,000 - nearly \$600,000 in today’s dollars - to be credited to the Chickasaw Nation for the purpose of building the dormitories to house Native Americans. A condition of building the dormitories included transferring ownership of the property they were built on to the Chickasaw Nation from the City of Tishomingo.

Intended for use by Native Americans, Bessie Poe Hall was designed to house 130 students. Once completed, non-natives were welcomed into the facility. The property was purchased from the Chickasaw Nation by the State of Oklahoma decades later.

According to documentation prepared by the Oklahoma Preservation Office, Bessie Poe Hall is also architecturally important. It is a simplified Queen Anne building with uniquely crafted elements. These include a half timber design embedded in the pebble stucco on the fourth floor exterior and outside banisters made of brick leading up to the second floor porch. Many of these features were used in housing in eastern states, but the design of the dormitory is unique to Oklahoma.

Located inside the building is a three-bedroom apartment intended for live in-house parents for



Bessie Poe Hall

students. Brick was used to build the first floor and window trim throughout the building. Distinctive eye brow windows and a skylight provide light to the interior stairwell.

As one of the earliest buildings at Murray State College, the hall has served many functions. It has been both a girls and boys dormitory. A few years prior to its closing in 1972, it was used as an athletic dormitory. It is currently a storage facility for Murray State College.

Bessie Poe Hall is one of six sites currently listing on the Na-

tional Register in Johnston County. Others include the Chickasaw Nation Capitol, Tishomingo Armory, Tishomingo City Hall,

About the National Register of Historic Places

As a part of the National Park Service, the National Register of Historic Places is a list of the nation’s historic treasures. According to the National Park Service, this national program coordinates to support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect America’s historic and archeological resources.

Properties listed on the Nation-

Wapanucka Academy and the Chickasaw White House.

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al Register have significant ties to the community. Nominations for listing properties come from state, federal or tribal historic preservation officers. Local organizations and private individuals may also initiate the process to add properties.

Once completed, a review board in each state considers whether a property merits being added to National Register.

Pieces on loan from tribe to facility at Chucalissa Site near Memphis

Treasured Chickasaw art featured at Nash Museum



Chickasaw citizen, artist and teacher Randy Shackleford stands next to a display of Chickasaw arts and culture at the C.H. Nash Museum at the Chucalissa Archaeological Site near Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Shackleford's beaded hand band is shown as well as a youth bow and arrow donated by Chickasaw craftsman Wayne Walker. Many other Chickasaws donated to the display, which is on loan from the Chickasaw Nation. At right, a more detailed photo of the intricate bead work is shown.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Wayne Walker and Randy Shackleford are well-known among Oklahoma artists and craftsman for their exquisite, detailed Native art work. Now, Americans are getting a chance to fall in love with their creations that embody the heritage and traditions handed down for centuries by Chickasaw people.

Mr. Walker, an environmental technician with the Chickasaw Nation, and Mr. Shackleford, a math and science instructor at Paoli (OK) schools, have works of art on display in the C.H. Nash Museum at the Chucalissa Archaeological Site, an ancient mound location in the ancestral homelands operated through the University of Memphis.

Mr. Shackleford's beaded hat band was manufactured on commission for display at Chucalissa.

Mr. Walker's contributions were made spontaneously with little encouragement they would ever be displayed for the general public to enjoy.

Mr. Walker contributed a youth bow and arrow. The set is painted in tribal colors. Mr. Shackleford's beaded hat band – replete with symbols sacred to Chickasaws since birth of the tribe – is on display along with other Chickasaw-made art. It is on loan to the museum by the Chickasaw Nation. A stomp dance belt, gorget, pucker-toed moccasins, and even a small game blow dart gun from Chickasaw artisans are displayed at Chucalissa.

The museum serves as a gateway into understanding the science of archaeology and the interpretation of Native American and traditional cultures of the area. Its exhibits interpret the prehistory of the Mid-South, contemporary Southeastern Native Americans, and the African-American cultural heritage of the Chucalissa site's landscape.

It was 2008. The Chickasaw Dance Troupe had just crossed over the Mississippi River bridge linking Arkansas and Tennessee. The troupe decided to take a little



detour to the Chucalissa facility before heading to Tusculumbia, Alabama, for Oka Kapassa Festival, a special Native American annual gathering that celebrates the culture and traditions of American Indians who once thrived in what is now northern Alabama.

Mr. Walker noticed a few Chickasaw displays but decided more were needed. He stepped up and said he would donate works. Mr. Walker always is equipped with his handmade, decorative weaponry. At the time, Mr. Walker worked at the Chickasaw Cultural Center demonstrating hide tanning, stomp dancing and other activities. His homemade weapons helped him fully demonstrate the importance of the ancient Chickasaw way of life during those teaching opportunities.

Neither Chickasaw knew if, or when, their work would be displayed.

Recently, Mr. Shackleford embarked upon a trip to Tennessee to visit a daughter. He stopped by the museum only to discover all the Chickasaw items on full display.

Mr. Walker is a well-known traditional Chickasaw bow and weapons craftsman. He has bows

and arrows in other museums and his work is prominently featured in shadowbox showcases at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Housing.

Mr. Shackleford is a prolific artist – paintings, flutes, crafts, beadwork – and much more, have been featured in many art venues, especially the annual Southeast Art Show and Market, a popular addition to the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

“It is always a good feeling to

see items you've made displayed in a museum,” Mr. Shackleford said. “Being able to contribute and give people information about Chickasaws, our heritage and culture, is appealing and I enjoy doing it.”

Mr. Walker's link to his Chickasaw heritage is first in his mind when talking about the honor of having his bows displayed for everyone to enjoy.

“In 1995, when I knew I was bringing my family back to Ada, I was so excited,” he said. “All I could think about was going out to Kullihoma and walking and hunting in the woods. I did, too, every weekend for several months. One most important thing I desired was to see, feel and touch a bow. So I went to the old gym where I was told a bow was displayed. There wasn't a bow and I felt so empty. I came home to touch and feel something I remember as a child and could not. Now, there are many bow makers and tomorrow's children will never know the empty feeling I felt.”

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Cheerleading Camp



Students work core strength-training exercises at Champions Cheerleading Clinic in Ada, Okla., June 27-28. More than 80 participants were instructed on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness at this summer's clinic

Marcy Gray

Unique Chickasaw artwork displayed at McKissick Museum on campus of University of South Carolina



Tyra Shackleford with her award-winning bison hair and glass bead stomp dance belt.

ADA, Okla. – Tyra Shackleford is her father's daughter.

Both have created Chickasaw handmade cultural art displayed at national museums; he in C.H. Nash Museum at the Chucalissa Archaeological Site in Memphis, she in McKissick Museum on the University of South Carolina campus at Columbia.

Ms. Shackleford, special projects coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department, is the go-to crafts expert for many projects, espe-

cially finger weaving.

Her most recent honor was a second place overall finish in the textiles, weaving and clothing division of the Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival, the largest and most prestigious in the nation. Ms. Shackleford's hand-woven, bison hair stomp dance belt, appointed with glass beads, was manufactured with arrowhead designs.

For the museum, Ms. Shackleford sent several items for display.

“I sent them a finger woven belt, a clutch style purse which has a pleated flap,” she said. “Every other pleat has a strip of finger weaving on it. I also sent a purse with an across-the-body strap which is finger woven and the entire front panel of the purse is finger woven. Both purses are made with buffalo hair yarn. The belt is made from acrylic yarn.”

The strapped purse was a first-place entry in the Southeastern Arts Show and Market in 2012. The other purse was featured this year in the Art of the Chickasaw Women at Sulphur's ARTesian Gallery and was displayed for a month, April 17-May 16.

“It is an alternating pattern of my ‘flame design’ and the basic chevron pattern,” Ms. Shackleford said. “The colors are black, red, orange, yellow, blue.”

“I think it is an honor to be recognized as a Chickasaw artist and be a part of representing Southeastern style art. I have been working the last several years to establish myself as an artist and I feel like this is another step toward my goal. I am excited about this museum exhibit because it will help educate about Southeastern art, traditional and contemporary forms, and I get to be a part of that. As an artist, my goals are to show in various native art shows, have items in museums, and make enough business for myself that I can be a full-time artist.

“I also want to educate people about Southeastern art, in general, and finger weaving and traditional textiles, specifically. I am slowly accomplishing those goals. This is the first time I have been asked to put items in a museum and I think it will open the door for many more opportunities.”

Ms. Shackleford said other Chickasaws may have been approached to submit items for the yearlong exhibit but inquiries to the museum were not answered by deadline.

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A student cheerleader demonstrates her handstand technique at Champions Cheerleading Clinic, a two-day event aimed at teaching and enhancing basic cheerleading fundamentals geared toward specific skill levels.

‘Mud Day’ at Child Development Center



Children enjoy the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center's first “Mud Day” event Monday, June 30. Gallons of mud were shipped in for the event. Students had a great time splashing, rolling, squishing and making mud pies.

Jacquelyn Sparks

Kids learn about law enforcement careers, essential skills of Lighthorse officers

Young cadets learn police skills at Lighthorse camp

ADA, Okla. - Native American children were introduced to the inner workings of law enforcement during the annual Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Academy, June 23-26, at Lighthorse Police Headquarters, in Ada.

The academy presented 18 young cadets an introduction to equipment, physical fitness, police procedures and investigation techniques used daily by law enforcement officials. The academy included field trips to the City of Ada law enforcement facilities and the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) campus.

Cadets were issued their own utility belts for the duration of the academy. Lessons were taught by Lighthorse Police officers and included self-defense, CPR and first aid, crime scene investigation and departmental organization of most law enforcement agencies.

Twelve-year-old Morgan Terrel, of Mustang, Okla., applied attended the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Academy because he is interested in public service as a career.

"I want to learn what police do on a daily basis," Morgan said. "At the police academy, I can see and experience it. My dad is a police officer and my mom is paramed-



Autumn Sutton, of Ada, Okla., and Kelsey Monjay, of Mill Creek, Okla., received personalized one-on-one training from Sgt. Wood in the finer forms of self-defense.

ic. I want to find a job as either a cop or in the medical field, like them."

Firsthand accounts were presented, and cadets learned about many of the specialized career paths and training available to Lighthorse police officers. These included the demonstrations by the K9 units, dive team, tactical team, dispatch and field investigators. Each cadet had the opportunity to see and handle the tools

and police gear used.

The academy ended with cadets putting to use what they had learned while attending the camp. Cadets took part in real world scenarios face by police. Mock traffic stops, crime scene investigations and other drills tested the newly developed skills of the cadets.

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Jarrett Ellis and Taylor Ireland, of Ada, Okla., practice self-defense drills learned while attending the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Academy.

About Lighthorse Police Department

Lighthorse is a historic name given by the Five Civilized Tribes of the United States to their mounted police force. Once removed to Indian Territory, the Five Civilized Tribes, including the Chickasaws, created the elite Lighthorse police forces.

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department, reestablished in 2004, is comprised of six divisions - patrol, K9, investigations, dispatch, SWAT team and DIVE team. These divisions were created to better serve the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation and provide needed support to the surrounding law enforcement community.

To contact the Lighthorse Police Department call (580) 436-1166, (580) 436-7213 or the tip line at 1-866-928-7384.

Champions Football Clinic, June 26-28



Ken Heupel instructs students at the June 26-28 Champions Football Clinic in Ada, Okla. Coach Heupel teaches football fundamentals while incorporating four principles of success - discipline, trust, respect and hard work.



More than 95 students participated in football skill-building activities, including offensive and defensive drills, led by a team of veteran coaches and players at Champions Football Clinic June 26-28.



Basketball Camp, July 8-9

The Chickasaw Nation Youth Basketball Camp drew more than 75 girls to Oklahoma City University July 8-9.



Aspiring players went head-to-head during a full court session at the Chickasaw Nation Boys Youth Basketball Camp July 10-11

Chickasaw Nation facility puts premium on education, all-around positive environment

Chickasaw Children’s Village celebrates 10 years of service



Located near Kingston on the shores of Lake Texoma, Chickasaw Children’s Village is celebrating a decade of service to Chickasaw and other Native American youth this month.

KINGSTON, Okla. - It’s been 10 years since the Chickasaw Children’s Village opened its doors, offering a warm, nurturing environment for Native American students.

Nestled on 160 acres near the shores of Lake Texoma, Chickasaw Children’s Village promotes academic achievement and character development. Students gain skills necessary for successful family function.

Since the 2004-05 school year, hundreds of students have called the Kingston facility home.

Some students enroll because of family tradition. Their parents and grandparents attended boarding schools and those students are keeping the tradition alive. Other students are seeking better opportunities.

Chickasaw Children’s Village director Sallie Wallace has been with the Children’s Village since the beginning. Starting in 1995, she worked as a dorm parent when students attended Carter Seminary in Ardmore, Okla.

The Children’s Village offers a home atmosphere for its students. It is the successor to the historic Carter Seminary, which

dated to 1917.

Students live in family groups in cottages and attend Kingston Public Schools. Most are involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities, including vocational agriculture, band and academic bowl.

Tutoring services and flexible academic curriculum are designed to meet the needs of every child. Several amenities are available to students including a library, computer lab, a gym, a garden, storm shelter, recreational areas and on-site medical facilities.

Mrs. Wallace marvels at the Children’s Village positive impact on so many young Native American lives.

“It’s just a blessing to be a part of and see a positive change in young people’s lives,” she said. “The students get to enjoy a home environment and family atmosphere. Our staff is amazing.”

One of those former students, Eric Gibson, credits his year at the Children’s Village to setting him in a path to succeed in college.

“I had very supportive house parents,” he said. “They taught

me the value of dependability, punctuality and teamwork.”

From the Children’s Village, Mr. Gibson went to college at Eastern Oklahoma State University, where he was active in several extra-curricular activities. He even served a term as president of the Native American Student Association. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Native American studies, with a minor in music from East Central University a few years later.

He now works in the Chickasaw Nation Office of Child Welfare Services where he uses lessons learned at the Children’s Village to help other Native American families.

Mrs. Wallace and Children’s Village staff hope to instill lasting life skills and shape students into good citizens.

“Our hope is when they have families, they will pass on what they learn here to their children,” she said. “We have an important responsibility to our students.”

Chickasaw Children’s Village Academic Manager Robert Hensley is in the middle of his 29th year working with students at the Children’s Village and Carter Seminary. He abides by the

Golden Rule when working with students.

“I treat the students as I would want to be treated,” he said.

Throughout the years, former students have contacted him to thank him for the kindness and

respect he demonstrated.

“They say how they appreciate how helpful I was...listening to their needs and working with them to improve their academics at school,” he said.

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Chickasaw Children’s Village director Sallie Wallace

Chickasaw Children’s Village, Carter Seminary, Bloomfield Academy have historic connection

Chickasaw Children’s Village is the successor to the historic Carter Seminary in Ardmore, Okla., and carries on the Chickasaw history of placing a high value on education.

For many years, Carter Seminary educated Native American boys and girls in dormitory-style on the Ardmore campus.

Carter Seminary was built in 1917 as a replacement for the Chickasaw girls school Bloomfield Academy, which was located in Bryan County, Oklahoma and burned in 1914.

The school was renamed Carter Seminary in 1934 in honor of Chickasaw Charles D. Carter.

In 1949, the school became co-educational and in 1953 Native American students from across

the U.S. lived on-campus, and attended public school off campus.

Bloomfield was founded in 1852 near Achille, Okla., and opened in the fall of 1853 as a boarding school for girls, with 25 students. The curriculum included English language and alphabet, spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic.

Advanced students studied botany, United States history, natural philosophy and grammar. Students were also taught to make and mend their own clothes, do housework, and learned drawing painting and vocal music.

Contact the Chickasaw Children’s Village for more information at (580) 564-3060 or visit www.chickasaw.net/Services/Chickasaw-Children-s-Village.aspx.

Chickasaw Nation Department of Health employees honored



Governor Bill Anoatubby, left, and Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, APRN-CNP, second from right, are joined by the award recipients at the 11th Annual Indian Health Area Director’s Awards Ceremony July 17. Award recipients include, from left, Larry Wood, awarded for 40 years of service; Gail Glase, 35 years of service; Tony Poe, 30 years of service; Thelma Johnson, Peer Recognition; Leslie Johnson, Peer Recognition; Debra Provence, Area Director’s Excellence in Customer Service; Kelly Row, Peer recognition; Robbie Williams, Peer Recognition; Brenda Teel, Exceptional Performance Individual and Jerod Waters, Merit Award.

Employees of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health were recently recognized for exemplary performance by the Oklahoma City Area Director of U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS), by their supervisors, and by their peers.

Eleven of the tribe’s Department of Health employees received awards during the July 17 ceremony at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said that the employees were very deserving of the recognition.

“Our employees consistently strive to deliver the highest quality service to each patient they serve,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Each of these individuals exemplifies the commitment that is the hallmark of our department of health employees.”

Debra Provence, Diabetes Care Center clinic nurse manager at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, received the Area Director’s Individual Award for Excellence in Customer Service. Rear Admiral Kevin Meeks, a Chickasaw, is Area Director of the Oklahoma City Area Office of the IHS.

Jerod Waters received a Merit Award for his work as director of nursing and EMS at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

Brenda Teel received an award for exceptional individual performance in a non-clinical setting. Ms. Teel is director of the Business Office at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

Laura Morrison, Kellie Row, Leslie Johnson, Thelma Johnson and Robbie Williams were recognized by their peers for noteworthy accomplishments.

Ms. Morrison, MLT (ASCP), is

medical laboratory technician at the clinical laboratory at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Ms. Row is RN nurse manager at the Tishomingo Health Clinic. Leslie Johnson is administrative assistant at the Ardmore Health Clinic. Thelma Johnson is Durant Health Clinic supervisor and Robbie Williams is HIM supervisor at the Purcell Health Center.

Tony Poe, Gail Glase and Larry Wood were recognized for long time service with IHS. They received Length of Service awards for 30 years, 35 years and 40 years of service, respectively.

The IHS is an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is responsible for providing federal health care services to American Indians and Alaskan Natives. It is also the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for

Native American people.

The event was the 11th Annual Oklahoma City Area Director’s Indian Health Service, Tribal, Urban Awards Ceremony.

Employees from Indian Health Clinics throughout Oklahoma who demonstrate performance, integrity, responsibility and dedication are honored and recognized annually at this awards ceremony.

For more information on IHS health facilities, programs and services, visit www.ihs.gov.

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Nathaniel Pulliam

Chickasaw Nathaniel Pulliam earns BSA Eagle

Nathaniel Pulliam has completed his Eagle Scout with Troop 4 of Ada, Oklahoma. He received his Eagle March 25.

Troop 4 Scoutmaster is Angus McFarlane.

Nathaniel has earned 35 merit badges and has completed the mile swim and COPE at Camp Simpson. He has 47 nights in his camping log not including one month as camp staff at Camp Simpson.

Nathaniel’s Eagle Project was the planning, funding and directing the construction of two wood and steel 10-foot picnic tables for the Ada Boys and Girls Club.

Nathaniel is the son of Brandon and Sabrina Pulliam, and the brother to Eric, all of Ada.

He is the grandson of Kent and Pat Pulliam, of Sulphur, Okla., Don and Barbara Boswell, of Yale, Okla., and Bernie and Stacy Hargenrader, of Houma, Louisiana.

He is the great-grandson of Roscoe Pulliam, of Ardmore, Okla., and Carl and Patricia Courson, of Clarion, Penn.

20 year-old's life has been touched often by dreaded disease

Chickasaw woman on bicycle trek to defeat cancer

VANCOUVER, British Columbia – Cancer's ultimate victory came calling just as a 20-year-old Chickasaw woman was waging war to defeat it.

Sierra Welch was a few days into a 4,700-mile bicycle trek from Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska when the news arrived.

Her boyfriend, Drew Herbert, relayed the unthinkable – his grandmother, Omie, was gone. The breast cancer she had battled proved too aggressive and tenacious.

Miss Welch accepted the news from afar. She struggled to decide whether to stay on the road or abandon the effort.

Her introspection was unnecessary. Mr. Herbert and his family let Ms. Welch know it wasn't time to stop and grieve. It was time to ride, with renewed determination, to honor Omie, as well as Ms. Welch's own brother who survived an especially vicious form of cancer years earlier.

FINDING PEACE AMID ANGUISH

Ms. Welch found solace in the Texas 4000 Summer Ride, the longest annual charity bike ride in the world. The ride raises funds for scientists seeking to discover a cure for cancer.

"I talked to Drew and his family," Ms. Welch said. "They wanted me to stay on the ride and continue ... in (Omie's) memory. It was really difficult not to go home and be with the family. Before she passed, I was sending her pictures of my trip daily. And even though I wanted to be at the funeral more than anything, I knew by staying on the ride, I was doing the next best thing to honor her memory."

Texas 4000 riders surpassed the initial contribution goal of

\$250,000 before even leaving Austin. The riders set their sights on raising \$500,000.

As the riders continue on – approximately two weeks of travel remain – the team has surpassed \$580,000 and it looks as if the \$600,000 goal will be shattered when the ride is complete in Anchorage.

INTENSE HATRED OF CANCER

Ms. Welch is the youngest of five children. Her brother, Jake, now 28, lay dying when only two years old, a cancerous growth discovered attached to his brain stem.

After lobbying by Jake's father for an experimental treatment, insurance providers agreed to the new treatment with the help of the Doctors from Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

Jake served four years in the U.S. Navy. He recently left the service and completed his degree at the University of North Texas.

"I ride for my brother," Ms. Welch said. "I ride for Omie. I ride for science. I ride for hope. I ride to beat cancer for good. My brother and all the other children who fought for their life lit a fire deep inside of me. I have witnessed family members, friends and complete strangers go through this fight. My fire and passionate hatred for cancer has only been fueled. It is now an insurmountable inferno."

SHARING THE HOPE

Embarking on the Texas 4000 mission allows Ms. Welch to share her passion. Joining the group is not for the faint of heart or those challenged for time.

The last 18 months, she has immersed herself within the or-

ganization, bicycled 1,500 miles, spent countless hours in community service and played an active role in planning every aspect of the 2014 excursion.

Ms. Welch is a University of Texas Human Development and Family Science senior whose desire is to become a child life specialist at a children's hospital. Seventy-nine riders are advancing toward Anchorage following three separate routes – one through the Sierras, one through the Ozarks, and lastly the Rockies. Ms. Welch is part of the Sierra team.

Along the journey, riders visit with people tragically touched by the disease. They listen to stories, share their own and even bed down in sponsors' home. They

visit hospitals. They encourage involvement. They hope for a cure.

GETTING TO KNOW HER

Ms. Welch is somewhere in Canada now. All riders will converge on the trail and take Anchorage en masse.

You can follow Ms. Welch by going to <http://www.texas4000.org/rider/2014/sierra/sierra-welch/> or you can learn more about the nonprofit, cancer-fighting organization at www.texas4000.org.

Ms. Welch is proud of her Chickasaw heritage. One cousin stands out for how she gave back to the community.

Tessie Lushanya Mobley (1906-1990) became one of the world's

most famous and loved operatic sopranos in the 1940s and 1950s. Known as "Songbird of the Chickasaws," she proudly represented the Chickasaw people and her heritage. Ms. Welch hopes to give back the same kind of love as Tessie did to the Chickasaw tribe.

"This is the most amazing and beautiful experience of my life," Ms. Welch said. "We have met cancer survivors and heard their stories. We have met families of those who lost the fight. I am so proud and humbled how the Texas 4000 comforts and encourages them as we all desperately seek a cure."

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Chickasaw siblings improve health, find friendships at Chickasaw Wellness Center

Chickasaw elder programs enhance lives



Harold Frazier faithfully uses his favorite piece of equipment, "Big Foot," at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center. Mr. Frazier lost his leg due to diabetes complications but has logged hundreds of miles on the machine as a participant in Moccasin Trails, a motivational exercise program.



Along with her brother, Harold, Chickasaw citizen Laura (Frazier) Watson can be found most weekdays in the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center pool. She uses aquatic therapy for relief from arthritis pain, to get exercise and stay healthy.

The determined work of many Chickasaws throughout the years helped preserve the integrity and sovereignty of the Chickasaw Nation.

These individuals, many who are now honored Chickasaw elders, built a strong foundation on which the Chickasaw Nation's success was built.

For these and many other reasons, the Chickasaw Nation strives to offer many programs and opportunities specifically for elders.

"We place a high priority on serving Chickasaw elders," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Our seniors are trailblazers and we appreciate them. We continue to look for ways to improve and enhance their quality of life."

Some of the services offered to Chickasaw seniors include care giver programs, home maintenance assistance, health care services and several Senior Centers.

Two Ada-area Chickasaw elders, who are siblings, utilize many of these services. They also faithfully use the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center to maintain and improve their health and to stay active.

Both Harold Frazier and his sister Laura (Frazier) Watson have their own schedules and preferred methods of exercise. He likes the weight room, she enjoys the pool and sauna.

Although they are rarely at the Ada Wellness Center at the same time, both manage to inspire others.

Mr. Frazier, who has a prosthetic leg, focuses his morning workouts in the weight room where he "pumps iron" and uses cardio machines.

He can be found most days on the "Big Foot" machine in the gym, where he logs mile upon mile during his daily workouts. The Big Foot machine is a low impact, total body strength and conditioning cardio machine. He also works on his upper body strength with chest presses, back extensions and curls.

"My health is better now than when I was 22," Mr. Frazier said. "I enjoy coming up here and I want to keep exercising as long as possible, I try to keep my heart pumping and be healthy."

Wellness staff can almost set their watch to Mr. Frazier's workout routine.

He spends two hours a day, 6 days a week at the Wellness Center.

Mr. Frazier, 71, lost his leg about a year ago due to complications from diabetes, but it did not quell his determination to be

active, or interfere with his gym routine.

He returned to the gym before he was fitted with the prostheses - wheeling himself into the gym's weight room in a wheelchair.

"Those guys (in the gym) told me I inspire them, I don't know if it did or not," Mr. Frazier, a Vietnam veteran, said humbly.

He did not require any specialized physical therapy when fitted for his new prosthetic.

"They made this for me and I just started walking. Once I got my leg I started exercising on my own."

His determination, commitment and dedication caught the eye of Chickasaw Wellness Center staff member Tristen Williams.

Ms. Williams asked Mr. Frazier to join Moccasin Trails, a motivational exercise program that develops mentoring and incentives to encourage increase physical activity to improve overall health.

Ms. Williams helps track Mr. Frazier's activity for Moccasin Trail and in the process they have formed a strong friendship that surpasses generational boundaries.

He joined Moccasin Trails Feb. 13 and about one month later he had logged 100 miles. Two months later he logged 200 miles and the miles keep accumulating.

"Since he joined Moccasin Trail his work out time has increased by 15 minutes," Ms. Williams said.

Mr. Frazier also takes part in the Senior Nutrition program all year. He stops at the Farmers Market in the summer and utilizes the Winter Nutrition program in the winter months. He is thankful families in need can use tribal food programs, as well.

Diagnosed with diabetes in 1995, he is healthy and able to do what he enjoys - help train thoroughbred horses.

Mr. Frazier's sister, Laura (Frazier) Watson can be found most week days in the Wellness Center pool. She uses aquatic therapy for relief from arthritis pain, to get exercise and stay healthy. She also uses a stationary bike for low-impact exercise.

"My doctor told me to use the pool and keep my joints limber," she said. "After her workouts, the (arthritis) pain goes away."

Mrs. Watson, 80, also suffers from diabetes and working out at the Wellness Center helps her stay active.

"I am thankful to the Chickasaw Nation for the Wellness Center, I am grateful for the caring staff, too. They keep an eye on me and make sure I am safe."

A nurse for 51 years, with the majority of her career spent in Indian Health Service, Mrs. Watson knows the importance of health care and wellness.

She began her nursing career in 1957 at the Talihina Indian Hospital. Her career took her to several medical facilities including Doctor's Hospital in Eugene, Ore., Pushmataha Hospital, Valley View Hospital in Ada, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Creek Nation Hospital, Okemah, Okla.

While working at the Pushmataha County Hospital, she was known by her co-workers as "Pokni"

Connecting and Reconnecting

Growing up in a home near Tupelo, Okla., where Chickasaw was primarily spoken, Mrs. Watson is now busy relearning her native language. Her current project is learning to sing the "Lord's Prayer" in Choctaw. Each Sunday, she drives to church at Boiling Springs, the church she has attended for many years.

When not at the Wellness Center, Mrs. Watson can be found volunteering in the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Gift Shop.

Both siblings enjoy fellowship with friends at the Ada Chickasaw Senior Center.

The Chickasaw Nation also has senior sites in Achille, Ardmore, Colbert, Duncan, Kullihoma, Madill, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

More than 150,000 meals a year are served at Chickasaw Nation Senior Centers.

In addition to meals, the Chickasaw Nation Aging program offer trips, health screenings, exercise classes and education about a variety of issues.

Chickasaw Nation Wellness Centers are located in Ada, Ardmore and Tishomingo.

Mrs. Watson marvels at the tremendous growth of the Chickasaw Nation in the past few years.

"I think it's marvelous," Mrs. Watson said of all the Chickasaw Nation developments, particularly the new tourist destinations, such as the Artesian Hotel.

"We are blessed."

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Senior Centers and other programs for elders, call the Chickasaw Nation Division of Aging at (580) 795-9790. For information about Chickasaw Wellness Centers visit <https://www.chickasaw.net/Services/Wellness-Centers>.

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Chickasaw citizen sweeps fellowship for Southwestern Association for Indian Arts



Elihu Johnson

Chickasaw citizen Elihu Johnson has been selected a Discovery Fellow, awarded a \$5,000 grant, and will be showing a multitude of talents this month at the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts (SWAIA) in Santa Fe, N.M. The show is considered a national showcase for artisans whose works command a national audience.

Mr. Johnson is an artist whose lifelong artistic quest is just recently coming into national focus. He is a wildlife artist, bow maker, aspiring filmmaker and entrepreneur. He isn't afraid to explore other art mediums.

Born with a natural curiosity of the world around him, at age 12 he began courting Mother Nature. It resulted in a 26-year relationship with wildlife art and tradi-

tional Native craftsmanship.

He is intrigued and inspired by his Native heritage. It is this inspiration that put him on a path to one of the premiere New Mexico Native American art shows.

Mr. Johnson's prestigious fellowship and cash grant will allow him to pursue his desire to travel to historical Chickasaw ancestral homelands to research bow-making, weaponry and traditional regalia.

Along with the fellowship, Mr. Johnson will have the privilege of being a part of the fellow-marked booth at SWAIA as well as being recognized on stage Aug. 23.

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BIRTHS



Hayden Pearl Presley

Hayden Pearl Presley was born at 4 p.m., April 1, 2014 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Oklahoma. She weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Joseph Jarrod and Callie-Jo Presley, of Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Joe and Brenda Jalufka and James and Janice Presley.

She is the great-granddaughter of Pete and Lahoma Presley, Gladys Thompson Connel, all of Ada and John Bowen, of Freer, Texas.

BIRTHDAY



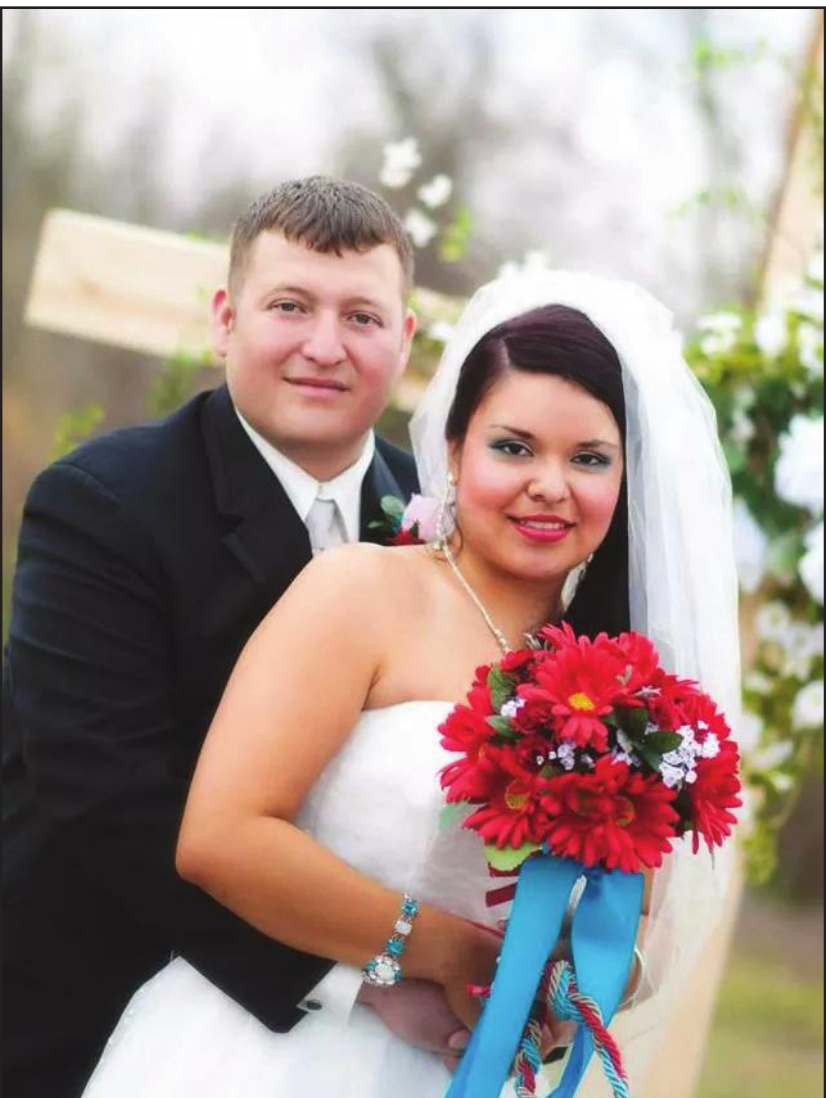
Julian Andres Alexander Jacome

Julian Andres Alexander Jacome celebrated his second birthday July 1. His family and friends celebrated with him at his family's house in Missouri.

Julian is the son of Joaquin and Jessica Jacome and the little brother of Emma Jacome, of Nixa Missouri.

He is the grandson of Steve and Debbie Saunders, of Ardmore Oklahoma, and Victor and Carmela Jacome, of Rogersville Missouri. He is the great-grandson of Kenneth and Juanita Evans, of Stroud, Oklahoma, Pauline Saunders, of Bethany, Oklahoma, and Melvin and Kathleen Stoner, of Duncan, Oklahoma.

Happy Second Birthday Julian!
We Love You Very Much!



Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Paul Baken

LeFors, Baken wed April 5

Nelson Paul Baken and Hagen LeFors exchanged marriage vows April 5, 2014, during an outdoor wedding ceremony at Grace Christian Fellowship, Phillips, Oklahoma.

The bride is the daughter of Reverend Gary and Cheryl Weeden, of Coalgate, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of the late Reverend Raymond Carney and Paula Carney, of Coalgate.

She graduated from Coalgate High School. She earned an associates degree in child development from Murray State College, Tishomingo, Oklahoma and is continuing her education at East

Central University, Ada, Oklahoma.

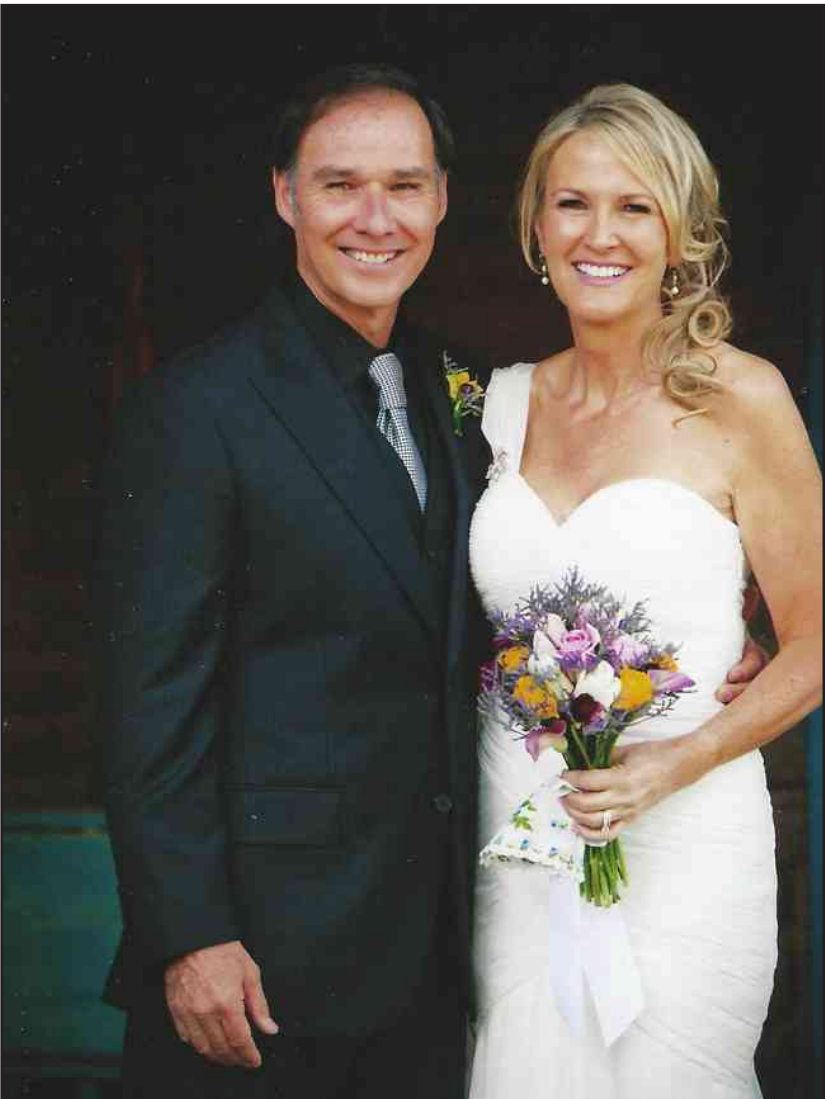
She is currently employed with the Chickasaw Nation Sovereign Medical Solutions Wellness Team.

The groom is the son of the late Reverend Nelson Baken and Paula Factor, of Latta, Oklahoma. He is the grandson of Katherine Pendergraft, of Mill Creek, Oklahoma and of the late Lillian Baken.

He graduated from Tishomingo High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from East Central University.

He is currently employed with the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Finance.

Couple weds April 5 in New Mexico



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ringer

Richard Ringer and Melinda Brockett-Bradford were married April 5, 2014 at Hacienda Vargas, Algodones, New Mexico.

The groom is the grandson of original enrollee W.C. Blevins.

The couple attended Wasco High School in California together in the 1970s. They were united at a class reunion.

Charles Ringer served as best man and Alexis Brandford-Lewis stood by her mother's side.

Twelve guests from far and wide were in attendance: Charles (brother of the groom) and Linda

Ringer, of Stratford, Okla., Larry and Kathy Cloud, (grooms's sister), of Shafter, California, Brenda and Pete Winters, of Wynnewood, Oklahoma, Kenny and Rhonda McKinzie, of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, Charles and Alexis Lewis (daughter of the bride), of San Luis Obispo, California, and the groom's life-long friend Jay and Lisa Wedel, of Bakersfield, California.

The couple resides in San Luis Obispo, Calif., and plans on spending the rest of their lives on their honeymoon.

Gov. Anoatubby is Distinguished Alumnus



Gov. Bill Anoatubby accepts the "Distinguished Alumni Award" from classmate James Bynum during the Tishomingo (OK) High School Alumni Banquet last month in Tishomingo.

CHICKASAW ROYALTY



Faithlyn Seawright
Chickasaw Junior Princess

Chukma! My name is Faithlyn Seawright and I am your 2013-2014 Chickasaw Junior Princess. These past few months have been very busy for my fellow princesses and I.

We went to the Gathering of Nations Powwow in New Mexico. We got to see some talented young ladies at the Miss Indian World Pageant and some pretty talented dancers that were competing at the powwow, also. When we were at the airport going home, we found out we had the same flight as Little Mike and Funny Bone! They are native rappers and have even been on America's Got

Talent!

Also this year, we attended to the Annual Red Earth Powwow in Oklahoma City. I got to reconnect with some of our Chickasaw artists and talk about upcoming art competitions or future art shows.

For the past few months, Brandon Whiteeagle has been teaching us some words and phrases in our Chickasaw Language. He is so easy to work with and helped us whenever we couldn't say a word correctly.

I missed a few events because I went to Italy, Sicily, Crete and Greece for 19 days with the People to People Ambassadors Program. It was lovely and was so much fun! I learned a lot about another part of the world. I even got to talk and share about our culture with my fellow delegates!

I am so thankful to have been given the opportunity to represent our trip in and out of the United States. I would like to definitely encourage the young girls of our tribe to run in the upcoming princess pageant. Applications are online and you can contact our coordinator Mary Hartley at (580) 272-7710 with questions that you may have.

I hope to see you at upcoming events soon! Yakkokay! Chipisala-cho! Faithlyn Seawright

Southeastern Oklahoma State University president welcomed by tribal leaders



Hundreds gather to welcome incoming Southeastern Oklahoma State University President Sean Burrage during a July 7 reception. Pictured from left are former Choctaw Nation Chief Gregory Pyle, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Southeastern Oklahoma State University President Sean Burrage, Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton, Choctaw Nation Assistant Chief Jack Austin, Jr. (photo provided)



Chickasaw cousins

Chickasaw cousins are the grandsons of Lori Wright, the great-great-grandsons of Lillian Stowers Martin (original enrollee) and the great-great-great-great-grandsons of Levi Colbert.

From left are Jadon Espinoza, Levi Espinoza, Micah Wright and Judah Wright. The cousins are proud of their Chickasaw heritage!

CHICKASAW GRADUATES

Jennifer Marie Jones-Almanza



Jennifer Marie Jones-Almanza is a 2014 graduate of U.S. Grant High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Thomas L. Jr., and Neva Jones of Oklahoma City. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Lizzie Columbus. Jennifer graduated May 30 with honors. She plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College to pursue a degree as a registered nurse.

Travis Benjamin Roquemore



Travis Benjamin Roquemore is a 2014 graduate of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. He is the son of Mark and Karla Roquemore. He is the grandson of James and Clara Mae (Elliott) Roquemore, of Long Branch, Texas. He is the great-grandson of Marshall Ephraim and Chickasaw enrollee Ruby (Moore) Elliott, of Calera, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity while at Texas Tech. Mr. Roquemore earned a bachelor of general studies degree and is very grateful for the financial support he received from the Chickasaw Nation.

Jenny and Rachel McGee



Jenny and Rachel McGee are 2014 graduates of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The sisters graduated May 10. Although not twins, they received their bachelor's degree on the same day. Jenny majored in animal science with minors in wildlife habitat and equine science. She is working at a bank until she finds a job in her field. Rachel majored in kinesiology and plans to continue her education after establishing residency in Oklahoma. She is moving to Stillwater in August. "We are grateful and honored to be Chickasaw citizens. Your financial help allowed us to achieve our goals without the burden of debt that many graduates have. Thank you!"

Summer Michelle Mize

Summer Michelle Mize is a 2014 graduate of Coppell High School, Coppell, Texas. She is the daughter of Jeff Mize, of Dallas and Christy Stokes, of Coppell. She is the granddaughter of Wade and Carol Mize and Gary and Jackie Hall. Her Chickasaw heritage is from her great-grandfather, John Thomas Harrison. She plans to attend Frank Phillips College in Borger, Texas to play volleyball on a volleyball scholarship and study criminal law and criminal investigation techniques.



Emily Burris named to UofA Dean's List

A Chickasaw student has been named to the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Science Dean's list at the University of Arkansas. Emily Burris was named to the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List in recognition of scholastic performance for the 2014 Spring semester. This distinction is earned by completing a minimum of 12 credit hours and having a grade point average in the top ten percent of her Fulbright College class. Ms. Burris, a 2013 graduate of Eufaula (OK) High School, is majoring in Music Education. She is the daughter of Randy and Robyn Burris, of Eufaula, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of Claud and Naomi Burris, of Wilson, Oklahoma and Bob and Twyla King, of Eufaula.

Ashley Denai Gorman



Ashley Denai Gorman is a 2014 graduate of Western Oregon State, Monmouth, Oregon. She is the daughter of Michael and Lenore Gorman. She is the granddaughter of Rita Gorman and the late Martin Gorman. She will marry Stan Walmer later this year. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in American Sign Language/English Interpreting with a minor in Special Education. Ms. Gorman graduated cum laude and had the great honor of wearing the "Chickasha Holitoplich" (Honors program) graduation stole received from the Department of Higher Education. She is the first person in her family to graduate from college and is very grateful for the many grants and scholarships provided by the Chickasaw Nation enabling her to do so.

Chickasaw academician named Director of Native American Studies at OU



Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Ph.D.

NORMAN, Okla. - Chickasaw citizen Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Ph.D., has recently been appointed as Coca Cola Professor and Director of Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma. "I am thrilled to join OU's excellent team of education professionals," Dr. Cobb-Greetham said. Since receiving her doctoral degree from OU in 1997, Cobb-Greetham has held academic appointments, including positions at the University of New Mexico, where she founded and served as the first director of the Institute for American Indian Research, and most recently at Oklahoma State University. She served as Chickasaw Nation administrator of the Division of History and Culture from 2007-2012. During her tenure, she helped launch the state-of-the-

art Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, directed the museums, archives, language programs and Chickasaw Press. The first tribal publishing house of its kind, the Chickasaw Press received the Harvard Award for Excellence in Tribal Self-Governance during her tenure. She continues to serve as Chickasaw Press editor. "OU has long raised the bar in the provision of higher education in Oklahoma, and it is sincerely an honor to join OU's faculty and work to build on the strong foundation and rich traditions of Native American Studies at OU, Dr. Cobb-Greetham said. "I look forward to further developing Native American Studies, ideally through deepened engagement with the diverse tribal nations that are, collectively and individually, such a rich part of Oklahoma's past, present and future." Dr. Cobb-Greetham is the author of "Listening to Our Grandmothers' Stories: The Bloomfield Academy for Chickasaw Females, 1852-1949" which was selected for an American Book Award as well as the North American Indian Prose Award. She also co-edited a collection of essays with Amy Lonetree titled "The National Museum of the American Indian: Critical Conversations," which was released by the University of Nebraska Press in 2008. Her current research project, "For Better, For Worse: Oklahoma's American Indian Identity," examines the state of Oklahoma's American Indian identity as it is manifested in popular culture, including commemorations, sculpture, performances, and museums beginning with the famous "marriage" of Miss Indian Territory to Mr. Cowboy Oklahoma on the steps of the Capitol at the time of statehood. She has published articles in such peer-reviewed journals as American Quarterly, American Studies, Studies in American Indian Literature, and American Indian Quarterly. In addition, she served as the editor of American Indian Quarterly journal from 2005 - 2014. Dr. Cobb-Greetham participated in the Americans for Indian Opportunity Ambassador's Program and is now a member of AIO's board. She also serves on the board of the American Association of Tribal Libraries and Museums, and the Oklahoma Center for the Book. CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Chickasaw girl on AAU national champ squad



Raychael Harjo

Raychael Harjo is a member of the Oklahoma Lady Bombers Elite 2021/5th grade basketball team. The team competed in the 2014 AAU Division 1 National Championship Tournament in July in North Carolina. The team won first place for the second year in a row. Raychael with be attending 6th grade at Longfellow Middle School in Norman, Okla. Raychael is the daughter of Ronnie and Tracy Harjo of Norman. She is the great-grand daughter of the late Rosa B. Walker, of Ada, Okla.

Piper Norvell



Piper Norvell is a 2014 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Law with her juris doctorate degree. She is the daughter of Marc and Dana Norvell. She is the granddaughter of the late Glynn and Elizabeth Norvell. She was ranked in the top 25% of her class. She earned the Charles B. Memminger memorial scholarship and was honored on May 9 at the American Indian Academic Achievement Celebration. While attending OU, Ms. Norvell was on the Dean's list every semester. She is currently employed part-time at Woodrow-Snell law firm in Purcell, Okla., while she prepares to take the Bar exam.

Lil' Chickasaw slugger



Chickasaw slugger Cheyenne Wood and the Durant Lady Lions captured the 2014 Oklahoma 8U State Softball Championship. Cheyenne is a fourth grader at Tishomingo Elementary School and the daughter of Chickasaw Legislator Scott Wood (pictured) and Ashley Wood.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DONALD GENE PRATHER July 9, 1934 – May 24, 2014



DONALD GENE PRATHER

It's not just on your 80th birthday that we think of how special you were and what you meant to us. But somehow, on your 80th birthday, thoughts are a little warmer, a little more special and a little closer to the heart. Those we love don't go away They walk beside us everyday Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved, still missed and very dear We will always love and miss you! Love Peggy, Jim and Brittney, Don Earl, Trenton and Johnathon

May 2014 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Dillon Palmer
Dillon, son of Denver Palmer and Paige Townsend, of Ada, Okla., is an May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Chickasaw Language.



Dillon Palmer

Dillon is in the fourth grade at By Elementary School and was nominated by Indian Education Coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

“Dillon is an intelligent and hardworking young man who sets high standards for himself,” Mrs. Delfrate said. “I have had the pleasure of getting to know Dillon and I have found him to be very pleasant, hardworking and always willing to complete any task be is assigned.”

Dillon is a member of the Native Voices Club. He enjoys singing in his churches children choir and for the Tone Rockers. He likes to play soccer and baseball. He is entering his last year in pack 13 cubs scouts as a Webelo.

“I really like sports,” Dillon said. “My favorite college football teams are the University of Oklahoma and Alabama. My favorite professional football and baseball teams are the Steelers and Yankees.”

Kaia Brennan
Kaia, daughter of Toni and Marc Brennan, of Ada, Okla., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Chickasaw Language.



Kaia Brennan

Kaia is in the sixth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian Education Coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

“Kaia is trusted by her peers and her attitude and influence on others is much appreciated,” Mrs. Delfrate said. “She is the type of student to be proud of.”

Kaia is involved in Native Voices and Band at her school. With Native Voices, she placed third at the Native American Youth Language Fair in the song category.

“My hobbies are swimming, playing basketball, drawing and traveling,” Kaia said. “I play basketball at school and am proud to have met all my accelerator reader goals.”

Nyla Hatton-Wills
Nyla, daughter of Eren Hatton and Shawn Wills, of Ada, Okla., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Chickasaw Language.



Nyla Hatton-Wills

Nyla is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian Education Coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

“Nyla is a sweet and hardworking youngster who sets and meets high standards for herself,” Mrs. Delfrate said. “I have had the pleasure of getting to know Nyla and have found her to be pleasant and hardworking.”

Nyla is involved with Native Voices this year. She enjoyed Native Voices and was excited to place within the top three in her competitions.

“I love Native Voices. Me and a few other people compete against other children in different grades,” Nyla said. “I have a lot of friends in Native Voices and will be in it next year.”

Rayne Hatton
Rayne, daughter of John Gorrell and Tessa Dveney, of Francis, Okla., is a May recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Chickasaw Language.



Rayne Hatton

Rayne is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian Education Coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

“Rayne is always willing to complete any task assigned to her. She is hard working and sets high standards for herself,” Mrs. Delfrate said. “It has been my

pleasure getting to know Rayne, she is a sweet, hard working person.”

Rayne is active in Native Voices at Byng Elementary School. She enjoys reading, singing, gymnastics and learning. She currently takes gymnastic lessons. Rayne collects horse movies and dream-catchers.

“When I grow up I want to have a degree and be a professional veterinarian,” Rayne said. “I like animals and think I would like to work with them.”

Andrew Willhite
Andrew, son of Scott and Amy Willhite, of Oregon City, Ore., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



Andrew Willhite

Andrew is in the third grade at Gaffney Lane Elementary School and was nominated by teacher Karen Hankins.

“It is not possible to have a more positive attitude than Andrew, to work harder than Andrew, or use kinder, friendlier words than Andrew uses,” Ms. Hankins said. “He has never met a person who isn’t soon a friend. Andrew brightens each and every day of anyone who knows him.”

Andrew is currently in the Cub Scouts program. He has earned the rank of Bear. His hobbies include singing, playing video games and riding his four-wheeler. School and learning are important to him.

“I want to be a writer and love reading. I like to make up imaginary stories. I have written a book about ghosts,” Andrew said. “When I grow up I am going to be a writer and a dad.”

Kayci Glover
Kayci, daughter of Derald and Liz Glover, of Fort Gibson, Okla., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.



Kayci Glover

Kayci is in eighth grade at Fort Gibson Middle School and was nominated by basketball Coach Denise Gray.

“Kayci is an inspiration to those who watch her play basketball and her teammates. She is an outstanding student in the classroom and led her basketball team to an undefeated conference championship,” Coach Gray said. “As the captain of the team she led by example, both on and off the court. Kayci has high expectations for herself.”

Kayci’s hobbies include church youth activities, working out and watching T.V. She also enjoys babysitting and watching television. Kayci also participates in her schools cross country and track team.

“My plans include playing basketball in college, then becoming a college basketball coach,” Kayci said. “My dream is to a gold ball in high school like both of my sisters did.”

Allie Glover
Allie, daughter of Derald and Liz Glover, of Fort Gibson, Okla., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.



Allie Glover

Allie is in the eleventh grade at Fort Gibson High School and was nominated by basketball Coach Jerry Walker.

“Allie has high character. She is active in the community and has been an inspiration to one of our senior citizens with cancer. She sings carols at Christmas time to the elderly with her team,” Coach Walker said. “She is an outstanding student and a starter on the basketball team. The team has won back-to-back state championships!”

Allie hobbies include working out, church youth activities and babysitting. She plans on attending college.

“I am proud that our basketball team has won the 4A State Championship two years in a row,” Allie said. “I plan on going

to college and getting my degree in nursing.”

Julianna Williams
Julianna, Daughter of Jennifer Williams, of Luther, Okla., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall achievement.



Julianna Williams

Julianna is in the eighth grade at Luther Middle School and was nominated by teacher Teri Tulane.

“Based on Julianna’s class performance over the last two years, she is a deserving of recognition. She participates in class, makes good grades and has good attendance,” Ms. Tulane said. “Julianna is an avid reader that strives to improve her schools.”

Julianna hobbies include dancing, riding her four-wheeler, cooking and baking.

“I would love to become a chef after I graduate high school. I love make people happy by cooking for them,” Julianna said. “I also like to dance. It allows me to be free and expressive. I have been in dance since kindergarten.”

Kaitlyn Bradshaw
Kaitlyn, daughter of Matthew and Catherine Bradshaw, of Suisun, Cali., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Kaitlyn Bradshaw

Kaitlyn is in the second grade at Crescent Elementary School and was nominated by teacher Jennifer Aldrich-Skeen.

“Kaitlyn is an enthusiastic learner. She always puts her best effort in all areas,” Ms. Aldrich-Skeen. “She will correct her mistakes and improves every day. She is a super role model for others.”

Kaitlyn’s hobbies include snowboarding, painting pictures and singing. She recently performed in her schools talent show where she overcame her fear of performing in front of others.

“I was scared singing in front of others, but my friend was sitting next to me and I felt much better. Next year we will dance together,” Kaitlyn said. “My future plans include going to school to become a veterinarian.”

Weston Seeley
Weston, son of Justin and grandparents of Berne and Velma, of Stonewall, Okla., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.



Weston Seeley

Weston is a senior at Stonewall High School and was nominated by teacher Brandy Postoak.

“Weston has been a joy to work with these last five years. He has made the honor roll each year and has had perfect attendance numerous times. Weston is also artistic as well, his artwork is featured in the new Stonewall cafeteria,” Ms. Postoak said. “” He has competed in the Special Olympics multiple times. He earned first place in each one.”

Weston has many hobbies, including drawing and sports. He has competed in many local and regional Special Olympics, including the Special Olympic State Games on two different occasions. In addition to the Chickasaw Outstanding Achievement Award, he has previously has been awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award from the State Capitol.

“I plan to volunteer for with the Chickasaw Nation Headstart program,” Weston said. “I love school and love to learn. I will be taking more art classes through the tribe.”

Jessica Russell
Jessica, daughter of David and Kimberly Russell, of Tipton, Okla., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Awards for Academics.



Jessica Russell

Jessica is in the fourth grade at Tipton Elementary School and was

nominated by teacher Sabrina Johnson.

“Jessica is an excellent student. She has won numerous awards for her class,” Ms. Johnson said. “She has been a spelling bee winner for each of her five years in elementary school.”

Jessica’s hobbies include sports, listening to music and playing video games. Jessica won first in her class’s spelling bee competition and placed second in her schools overall tournament. She enjoys singing and often writes her own songs for fun.

“I love living in Tipton, it is a great place to live. I am proud to be a student at Tipton Public Schools. Most of what I have accomplished is because of my family, friends and teachers,” Jessica said. “I plan to go to college, but hopefully I’ll be in Tipton for the rest of my life.”

David Russell
David, son of David and Kimberly Russell, of Tipton, Okla., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



David Russell

David is in the seventh grade at Tipton Elementary School and was nominated by teacher Sabrina Johnson.

“David is an outstanding student and taking a higher grade level higher course in math. This year he qualified for the Duke Talent Identification Program,” Ms. Johnson said. “He took the ACT as a seventh grader and scored in the 83 percentile of all seventh graders taking the test.”

David also received state recognition for scoring greater than 21 on the ACT. His hobbies include reading, sports, playing the guitar. He participates in his school’s student council and was class president. He is also involved captain of the middle school academic team, last year the team won first place in the area tournament.

“My favorite thing to do is read. I read everywhere, from school to home,” David said. “I made 49 out of 50 on the state reading test. I want to go to college when I am done with school.”

Parker Russell
Parker, daughter of David and Kimberly Russell, of Tipton, Okla., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Speech and Drama.



Parker Russell

Parker is in the eleventh grade at Tipton High School and was nominated by teacher Kathy Price.

“Parker attended the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association State Speech Tournament and placed in the finals in two events,” Ms. Price said. “She won fourth place in Poetry Interpretation. Her partner and her won state runner up in Dramatic Duet.”

Parker’s hobbies include sports, speech and singing. She participates in volleyball, basketball and Future Farmers of America

(FFA). She has placed third on two different occasions at the FFA opening ceremonies. During her freshman year, her high school basketball earned a place in the area tournament.

“I could not have accomplished what I have so far without the support of my family, school faculty and teammates,” Parker said. “My future plans include majoring in psychology at Oklahoma State University.”

Henry Robinson
Henry, son of Tom and Sandy Robison, of Sikeston, MD., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



Henry Robinson

Henry is in the fifth grade at Sikeston fifth and sixth grade Center and was nominated by teacher Sherri Payne.

“Henry is always willing to help his fellow classmates who are struggling with a task in the classroom. He is willing to explain to a classmate what calmness that allows positive interaction,” Ms. Payne said. “Henry is the type of student who takes initiative to help our fellow students who may not quite grasp the material.”

Henry’s hobbies include sports, art and traveling. He has received the “All A’s” award from his school, recognition from his school that he earned top marks from first to fourth grade. He recently crossed over from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts. He is a member of his schools Safety Patrol and is involved in Computer Club.

“My future plans include finishing college and traveling around the world,” Henry said. “I love to travel to new places.”

Trevor Ring
Trevor, son of Kimberlee Collier and Paul Ring, of Collierville, Tenn., is a May 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall achievement.



Trevor is in the tenth grade at Collierville High School and was nominated by school counselor Jana Blanchard.

“Trevor epitomizes the true all-around high school student athlete. He is a dedicated leader among his tenth grade peers and serves as his class president,” Ms. Blanchard said. “He excels at academics, football and many other extra-curricular activities.”

Trevor’s hobbies include Ultimate Frisbee and coaching youth sports. He is involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was recently inducted into the National Beta Club, an academic achievement and service association.

“I am taking honor and advanced classes and maintain a 4.27 grade point average. I dream about becoming a doctor or an engineer,” Trevor said. “I plan to apply to Stanford, Vanderbilt and Baylor. I would like to play football for them. Although I have plans, I don’t know what my future holds, I know who holds my future.”

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CONNERVILLE Connerville Chickasaw Community Council Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m. Tony Poe, 580-421-4994	ARIZONA Chickasaws of Arizona Quarterly Meetings Angie Ott, 480-834-7309	NEW MEXICO New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council Quarterly Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372
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Chickasaw father/daughter team completes Route 66 Sprint Triathlon

Chickasaw father-daughter team, Amy Gantt and Mike VonTungeln completed the Route 66 Sprint Triathlon at El Reno, Okla. Ms. Gantt is an employee of the Chickasaw Nation Education Department.

22,000 meals served to kids last year; number is expected to grow in 2014

Tribe’s summer food service program fills critical need in community

ADA, Okla. - When the final school bell is silent signaling the carefree days of childhood frivolity, unfortunately the possibly of a child being hungry is elevated. The Chickasaw Nation takes action to make sure summer fun for children is not accosted.

As a sponsoring partner of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program, the Chickasaw Nation provides nutritious meals to all children, up to age 18, during summer when school lunches are unavailable.

Since 2006, the Chickasaw Nation has helped distribute more than 120,000 individually prepared meals to children within south central Oklahoma.

“Our summer lunch program grows every year,” Chickasaw Nation program manager Debbie Zachary said. “We served 10,000 meals our first year. That number grew to nearly 22,000 in 2013. We estimate that this year’s number will be even more.”

Beginning June 2 and running through Aug. 1, lunches are served at 17 public sites throughout the Chickasaw Nation. Sites include churches, public parks, camps and the Boys and Girls Club of Tishomingo and Sulphur.

According to Ms. Zachary, Glenwood Park in Ada, Oklahoma, is the most popular site.

“Parks are where children naturally congregate. For me, it’s a dream come true to be at Glenwood,” Ms. Zachary said. “To take this program, originally designed for public schools, and provide it at parks is amazing. We feed 100 children a day when we start dis-



Tate Gordon, of Ada, beats the July heat with refreshing milk. He was one of more than 100 children who participated in the Chickasaw Nation Summer Food Service Program at the Glenwood Park site in Ada, Okla.

tributing. By mid-July, numbers can be as high as 200 as word of the program reaches family and friends. “

As a program sponsor, the Chickasaw Nation is responsible for selecting and monitoring distribution sites and preparing meals. Those working in the program full-time receive training from the state on how to best

serve children of the community and satisfy nutritional needs. Additional personnel from the Chickasaw Summer Youth Program help distribute lunches when needed.

Lunches served at the sites comply with federal nutrition standards and follow school lunch program criteria. Fruits, vegetables and whole grain-rich



Kati Gordon, Ada, is learning at a young age to enjoy fruits and vegetables.

foods are offered every day of the week. Portion sizes are measured and fats limited.

“We come out to the park about three times a week. It’s healthier than grabbing a cheap unhealthy burger at a fast food place,” said Brittany Gordon, an Ada mother of three. “The park is a safe place to play with other children. We usually go to the splash park before lunch is served.”

Whole grain tortilla wraps filled with turkey, cheese, lettuce and a light salad dressing are often served, as well as sandwiches. Frozen yogurt, granola bars, raisins, animal crackers and other low-fat sweets are provided as dessert. Fat-free and low-fat milks are offered to round out the meal. As side items, half-a-cup of fruits and vegetables are provided.

“I like when they have the pea-

nut butter and jelly sandwiches and Teddy Grahams for dessert. It’s my favorite,” eight-year-old Kimberlin Gordo said. “Most of our lunches are wrapped up in a tortilla like a burrito.”

To help keep children active and healthy, the Glenwood Park site has added a physical activity component. Every Friday, Chickasaw Nation School to Work participant and college student Johnny Omstead plays group games with the children at the park.

“It is important that we incorporate fun activities to keep the children interested. We want them to have fun and be healthy,” Mr. Omstead said. “It is important children get proper nutrition, but they need to have physical activity as well to be healthy.”

CONTRIBUTED BY KC Cole, Public Affairs.



Walk of Life at Tuscumbia

OKA KAPASSA FESTIVAL, Tuscumbia, Alabama, will be September 12 and 13.

The Walk of Life, Return to Tuscumbia will be September 13 at 9 a.m. The trolley will be in Tuscumbia Spring Park at 8:10 to take participants to Tuscumbia Landing.

The Colbert Reunion will be September 12. It will begin at 6 p.m. at the Tuscumbia Church of Christ Annex at the corner of 4th and Main. RSVP by August 31 to Annie Perry, (256) 415-0700.

There is also a tour of Tuscumbia Landing beginning at 3 p.m. September 13.

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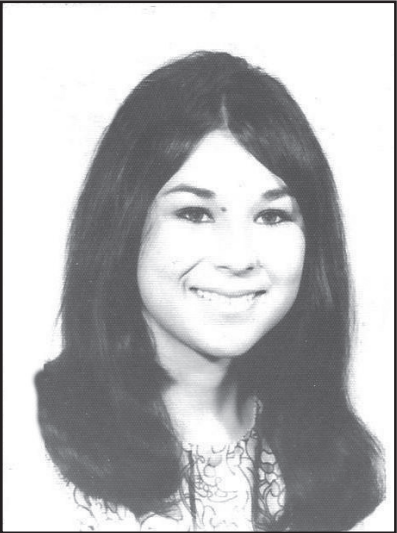
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DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, September 26	8:00 PM - 2:00 AM	Stomp Dance	Kullihoma
Saturday, September 27	7:30 AM	Golf Tournament Registration	Tishomingo Golf Course
	8:00 AM	Cornstalk Shoot Registration	Kullihoma
	8:00 AM	1 Mile Walk	Rufuge Road/Tishomingo
	8:30 AM	5K Run/Walk	Refuge Road/Tishomingo
	8:30 AM	Kids Cornstalk Shoot	Kullihoma
	9:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Registration	THS Football Field
	9:00 AM	Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC / J.C. Sports Complex
	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Chickasaw Council House Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Chickasaw Capitol Building (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM	Golf Tournament Begins	Tishomingo Golf Course
	9:30 AM-4:30 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	10:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Begins	THS Football Field
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Frybread Making Classes	CCC/Sulphur
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
	10:00 AM-5:00 PM	Dugout Canoe Exhibit: Paddling through the Americas	CCC/Aatifama Room
	10:00 AM	Traditional Cornstalk Shoot Begins	Kullihoma
Sunday, September 28	6:30 PM	Movie Night "The Outsiders"	CCC/Sulphur
	7:30 PM	Movie Night "The Nut Job"	Capitol Grounds Lawn
	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Dugout Canoe Exhibit: Paddling through the Americas	CCC/Aatifama Room
Monday, September 29	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Living History Vignettes	CCC/Sulphur
	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Native Dance Exhibition	CCC/Sulphur
Tuesday, September 30 - Thru Friday, October 3	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Chickasaw History Challenge Bowl	CCC/Sulphur
	6:00 PM	Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center
Wednesday, October 1	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Cultural School Tours	Capitol Grounds West Side
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Storytelling	Capitol Grounds
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Kids Activities Tent, Petting Zoo, Inflatables	Pennington Park
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Tours of Tishomingo Museums	Capitol Grounds
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Stickball Demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (open)	Tishomingo
	9:30 AM-2:00 PM	Living History Vignettes	Capitol Grounds
	10:00 AM - 2:00PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Dugout Canoe Exhibit: Paddling through the Americas	CCC/Aatifama Room
Thursday, October 2	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Senior Olympics	Tishomingo/J.C. Sports Complex
	11:00 AM	Oath of Office Ceremony	Ada/Chickasaw Community Center
Friday, October 3	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Cultural Evening	CCC/Sulphur
	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Arts & Culture Awards	CCC/Sulphur (Anoli Theatre)
	7:30 PM	Reception	Anoli Theatre Lobby
Saturday, October 4	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Vendors: Arts & Crafts/Food	Pennington Park
	9:00 AM- 5:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds South Side
	8:00 PM - Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena
Saturday, October 4	8:00 AM	Chickasaw Citizen Registration	MSC Student Center
	8:00 AM -4:30 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM	Annual Meeting	MSC Fletcher Auditorium
	9:00 AM	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens and Mens)	Tishomingo / J.C. Sports Complex
	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Chickasaw Council House Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Chickasaw Capitol Building (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Vendors: Arts and Crafts/Food	Pennington Park
	11:30 AM	Health Fair	MSC Lawn
	11:30 AM	Parade	Main Street Tishomingo
	11:30 AM-5:30 PM	Souvenir Sales (Annual Meeting & Festival T-shirts/Hats)	Capitol & Main Street Corner &
	11:30 AM-5:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds South Side
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Petting Zoo, Kids Inflatables, Make and Take Tents,	Pennington Park
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Stickball Demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Chickasaw Press Book Signing	Capitol Building 2nd floor
	11:45 AM -3:00 PM	Chickasaw Traditional Meal	MSC Lawn
	12:00 PM	Horseshoe Tournament Registration and Tournament Begin	Pennington Park
	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	12:00 PM-5:00 PM	Live Entertainment	Pennington Park
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Stickball Tournament - Kids and Adults	Capitol Grounds West Side
	1:00 PM	Parent/Child Fishing Tournament	Pennington Park (by creek)
	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Living History Vignettes	Capitol Grounds
	1:00 PM- 4:00 PM	Storytelling	Capitol Grounds
	1:00 PM- 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (open)	Sulphur
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Dugout Canoe Exhibit: Paddling through the Americas	CCC Aatifama Room
	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Stomp Dance Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	2:00 PM - Until Finished	Band Day Extravaganza	THS
	6:30 PM	Movie Night (Captain America: The Winter Soldier)	CCC/Sulphur
	8:00 PM - Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena

CCC = Chickasaw Cultural Center
MSC = Murray State College
J.C. Sports Complex = Johnston County Sports Complex
THS = Tishomingo High School

Barbara Ann
Anderson



Barbara Ann Anderson, 62, of Tuttle, Okla., died July 18, 2014 at her home. Funeral services were July 24 at the Eisenhour Funeral Home Chapel in Blanchard, Okla. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in Tuttle.

The daughter of Earl Joseph and Leona Josephine (Pikey) Farley, she was born November 21, 1951 in Oklahoma City. She married Jimmy Leon Anderson November 30, 1973 in Oklahoma City.

In her younger years, Mrs. Anderson worked as a cashier and later as a homemaker and was Baptist in faith. She grew up around horses and developed a love of horses that she carried into her adult life. She was very creative and was quite talented at various arts and crafts, including oil painting, floral design, crochet, and macramé. She also enjoyed photography, cooking, and reading novels.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Eric Isaiah Furr; and a brother, Jim Farley.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Anderson; a son, Brian Leif Anderson; a daughter, Autumn Rachelle McCracken; two grandchildren, Aaron Christopher Furr and Jewel-Nicole Josephine McCracken, all of Tuttle; and many other loved ones and friends.

Online obituary and guestbook are available at www.eisenhourfh.com.

Betty Madge
“Nanny” Foster

Betty Foster, 73, of Velma, Okla., died Thanksgiving Day November 28, 2013.

She was born July 3, 1940 to Lake and Nora (McMillan) Moore at Ringling Oklahoma.

She married Milford (Buster) Foster in 1955.

She was active with the Chickasaw Nation senior citizens.

She is survived by three sons, Darrell Foster and wife Melissa, of Arkansas, Wayne Foster and wife Susan, of Oklahoma and Chris Foster, of Oklahoma; a daughter Patricia Austin and husband Jim, of Oklahoma; grandchildren, Jeremy Foster, Tabitha Weaver, CJ Foster, Seth Foster, Jerica Foster, Micki Foster and Cheyenne Bench; great-grand children, Hope Foster, Hunter Huffstutlar, Cameron Huffstutlar, Tyler Trusty and James Hoover.

She will be missed by many family and friends.

Kari Ann Baker



Kari Ann Baker, 11 of Tishomingo, Oklahoma died Friday, June 27, 2014. Services were July 3, at the First Baptist Church, Madill, Oklahoma, with Joe Paterson officiating. Interment followed in Shay Cemetery, Shay, Oklahoma.

Kari was born April 8, 2003 at Durant, Oklahoma to Gary Baker and Cathy Robertson Baker. She was raised in Kingston, Oklahoma where she attended school from kindergarten to 2nd grade and her 3rd and 4th grade at Tishomingo Elementary School.

Kari was proud to be Chickasaw citizen.

She enjoyed dressing up, going to the lake and swimming, being with family, friends and doing crafts. She loved animals and singing.

She is survived by her mother, Cathy Baker, of Tishomingo; her father, Gary Baker, of Kingston; sister, Kelli Baker, of Tishomingo; maternal grandmother, Georganna Garcia, of Madill, Oklahoma; and great-grandfather, Charles Macomber; paternal grandparents, Steve and June Baker, of Kingston; aunts and uncles: Brenda Proctor, of Mead, Oklahoma, Brent Baker, of Kingston, KC Robertson, of Robeline, Louisiana, Steven Robertson, of Helena, Oklahoma

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Alford and Wanda Arterberry; grandfather, Charles Robertson; great-grandfather, Carl Baker; great-grandmother, Lucille Jones; and great-grandmother, Sandie Couzens.

Casket Bearers were Terry Hughes, Holden Cass, Roy Asbery, Johnny Dennis, Brent Baker, Kenny Barnes, Clay Jones, Tyler Cannon.

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Kelli Danielle
Baker



Kelli Danielle Baker, 12 of Tishomingo, Oklahoma died July 2, 2014. Services were July 7, 2014, at the First Baptist Church, Madill, Oklahoma with Joe Paterson officiating. Interment followed in Shay Cemetery, Shay, Oklahoma.

She was born October 19, 2001 at Durant, Oklahoma to Gary Baker and Cathy Robertson Baker. She was raised in Kingston where she attended school from pre K to 4th grade and her 5th and 6th grade at Tishomingo Middle School.

Kelli was proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

She enjoyed basketball, softball, track, band, swimming and going to the lake. Kelli loved hanging out with her friends and taking selfies on everyone's phone.

She is survived by her mother, Cathy Baker, of Tishomingo; her father, Gary Baker, of Kingston; maternal grandmother, Georganna Garcia, of Madill, Oklahoma; great-grandfather, Charles Macomber, of Jay, Oklahoma; paternal grandparents, Steve and June Baker, of Kingston; aunts and uncles: Brenda Proctor, of Mead, Oklahoma, Brent Baker, of Kingston, KC Robertson, of Robeline, Louisiana, Steven Robertson, of Helena, Oklahoma

Kelli was preceded in death by her sister, Kari Baker; great-grandparents, Alford and Wanda Arterberry; grandfather, Charles Robertson; great-grandfather, Carl Baker; great-grandmother, Lucille Jones; and great-grandmother, Sandie Couzens.

Casket Bearers were Jerett Gilbert, Taylor Parks, Kyle Miller, JJ Goddard, Tyler Cannon, Holden Cass, Roy Asbery and Terry Hughes.

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Robert Eugene
“Bob” Nichols



Robert Eugene “Bob” Nichols, 90, of Pauls Valley, Okla., died June 27, 2014 at the Norman Veterans Center. A Celebration of Life officiated by Dr. Joe Elam was July 1, at Stufflebean-Coffey Chapel of Remembrance. Interment followed in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Nichols was born on July 16, 1923, at Hammond near Butler, Oklahoma, to Joe B. Nichols and Anna Woods Nichols.

He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on November 19, 1942. He received his training at St. Augustine, Florida. While he was there he spent most of his time on an 83’ submarine chaser #83390 where he obtained the rank of Seaman 1st class while patrolling the water of the Atlantic Ocean from Jacksonville, Florida to Cuba and in the Caribbean and Central America as well as the Gulf of Mexico.

During his service to his country he met and married Mary Louise Porter from Battle Creek, Michigan, on February 6, 1945, who was also serving in the U. S. Coast Guard. He was discharged in October of that same year and they both returned to Pauls Valley and started their family.

During his 90 years Mr. Nichols’ occupations were varied. He worked in the oil fields for Service Pipeline in Ranger, Texas and Dowell in the Pauls Valley area. While living in Michigan he worked in the Michigan Carton Company making cereal boxes for Post and Kelloggs. He retired from the U. S. Post Office on December 3, 1978 after being faithfully employed for 30+ years.

After retirement he was asked to be a temporary school bus driver for three days which turned into nine years. He loved each of the children on his bus

routes and many of them remember him slipping candy to them or giving them a hug each day.

During his retirement years, he served as a Reserve Deputy under Garvin County Sheriffs Bill Branch and Bill Roady.

One of the things he was most proud of was his Chickasaw heritage. His father, Joseph Nichols and grandmother, Sarah Lottie Gaines Nichols, were both original enrollees. He participated regularly with the Chickasaw Senior Site activities in Pauls Valley and was honored as a Chickasaw Nation veteran.

Mr. Nichols was a charter member of the Valley Gun Club and spent a great deal of time making sure the range was well maintained. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

He was a Master Mason 50-year member of Masonic Valley Lodge No. 6 in Pauls Valley and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

His lifetime membership in the First Baptist Church is remembered by many. He faithfully served on various committees and each summer was responsible for the annual watermelon feed. Many trips were made to Rush Springs to be sure they were available.

He loved to fish and hunt. For over 50 years he went to Colorado and on his last hunt he bagged a big buck which hung proudly in his den. Fishing was where he enjoyed his later years even though he sometimes had to be “fished” out of the pond himself.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lou; his parents; a brother; a sister; and his grandson, Matthew.

He is survived by Sandra and Doug Strickland, of Pauls Valley, Barbara and Donald Tolleson, of Windsor, Colorado and Cynthia and Dean Alexander, of Mustang, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Denise and Robert Brown, of Lafayette, Louisiana, Eric Strickland, of Ada, Oklahoma, Christie and Todd Price, of Argyle, Texas, Jennifer and Jeff Salter, of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Shannon Tolleson, of Plano, Texas and Robert and Carrie Smith, Chicago; great-grandchildren, Danielle Brown, of Lafayette, and Megan Brown, of Houston, Carter and Hayden Price, of Argyle, Ayden and Ryan Salter, of Ft. Collins, and Zion and Caleb Smith, of Chicago; and a special cousin, Christeen Paul Swinney, of Elmore City, Oklahoma.

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June 20, 2014

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

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

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

Guests present: Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Michael L. Wingo, Ashley Large, Dana Lance, Bethany Gill

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 16, 2014
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the minutes of May 16, 2014.

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

12 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2014, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 31-032, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Arkansas Riverbed Authority, Mr. Wayne Scribner

This resolution confirms Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Wayne Scribner to the Arkansas Riverbed Authority. Mr. Scribner will occupy the seat formerly held by Ms. Deanna Hartley.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR31-032.

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

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR31-032 carried unanimously. Ms. McManus concluded her report.

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

General Resolution Number 31-029, Authorization and Approval of Business Lease G09-1817 on Joint Tract in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

This resolution approves the Business Lease G09-1817 to Lake Eufaula Rod & Gun Club, c/o Mitch Biasnar, Krebs, Oklahoma, to operate a shooting range on a tract of tribal trust land owned jointly with the Choctaw Nation and containing five (5) acres more or less in Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma. The term of the lease is a three (3) year term, that began on the 1st day of January, 2013, and that shall end on the 31st day of December, 2015 with a per annum payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the BIA, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive one quarter (¼) share or twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per annum.

This appraised value for this lease is less than the lease amount. There is a performance bond in the amount of \$1,500 attached to the lease. The Choctaw Nation, being the joint owner and majority shareholder, has already approved the lease in Council Bill CB-43-13 and executed the lease documents.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR31-029.

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

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR31-029 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-030, Authorization and Approval of Business Lease G09-1816 on Joint Tract in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

This resolution approves the Business Lease G09-1816 to Lake Eufaula Rod & Gun Club, c/o Mitch Biasnar, President, Krebs, Oklahoma, to operate a shooting range on a tract of tribal trust land owned jointly with the Choctaw Nation, containing twenty (20) acres more or less in Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma. The term of the lease is a three (3) year term, that began on the 1st day of January, 2013, and that shall end on the 31st day of December, 2015 with a per annum payment of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the BIA, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive one quarter (¼) share or fifty dollars (\$50.00) per annum.

This appraised value for this lease is equivalent to the lease amount. There is a performance bond in the amount of \$2,050 attached to the lease. The Choctaw Nation, being the joint owner and the majority shareholder, has already approved the lease in Council Bill CB-42-13 and executed the lease documents.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Baker to approve GR31-030.

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

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR31-030 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-031, ODOT Highway Easement in Love County

This resolution authorizes and approves a highway easement granted to ODOT at Hwy 32 in Love County. ODOT has agreed to pay \$3,225.00 for the easement and damages. ODOT will replace the existing barbed-wire fence and water gap at their expense. The easement is on Hwy 32 west of I-35.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR31-031.

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

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR31-031 carried unanimously. Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mrs. Alexander stated she received a phone call encouraging the Nation to start a Native American soccer program. Mr. Perkins announced the Public Budget Hearing, June 24, at 6:30 p.m.

There were no comments from the citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

JULY 2014 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 31-033
Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains

Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Chickasaw Youth Club, located in Sulphur, OK.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

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

General Resolution Number 31-034

Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

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

General Resolution Number 31-035

Authorizing an Oil and Gas Lease to Stigler Gas Company for Arkansas Riverbed Acreage in Sequoyah County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Stigler Gas Company, Post Office Box 635, Stigler, Oklahoma 74462. The lease will be for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of \$33.57 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$4.19 per annum. The royalty rate is 1/8th (12.5%), of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 1/8th of 1/8th (0.015625%) for all future production. A bonus of \$5,595.00 will be paid to the Nations, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$699.37. This lease will be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in "paying quantities." This lease will be located on the Arkansas Riverbed and is jointly owned among the Cherokee Nation, the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation, of which the Chickasaw Nation owns a one-eighth undivided interest. This is a lease negotiated by Charlie Robertson, executive director of the Arkansas Riverbed Authority.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

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

General Resolution Number 31-036

Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2015

Explanation: This resolution approves the consolidated governmental budget for fiscal year 2015 in the amount

of \$164,500,000.

Presented by: Finance Committee

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

Permanent Resolution Number 31-006

Amendments to Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Court Rules)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The amendments will clarify the responsibilities for setting the compensation for Judges and the assigning of cases to the Peacemakers.

Presented By: Court Development Committee

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting

July 14, 2014

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

Absent: Tim Colbert

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

July 14, 2014

Present: Linda Briggs, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert

Finance Committee

July 14, 2014

Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert

Human Resources Committee

July 14, 2014

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

Hunting & Fishing Code

July 14, 2014

Present: Scott Wood, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert

Land Development Committee

July 14, 2014

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

Absent: Tim Colbert

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