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## Copy of Chickasaw Constitution and laws presented to tribe



**Don Bell, right, presents Gov. Bill Anoatubby an original copy of the 1857 Chickasaw Constitution and laws printed in 1860.**

Don Bell recently presented an historic copy of the Chickasaw Constitution to the Chickasaw Nation. Governor Anoatubby accepted the document on behalf of the tribe.

“This is an important piece of our history, which we will handle with care and display appropriately in our museum,” said Governor Anoatubby.

Mr. Bell said he donated the

book, which was printed in 1860, in honor of his mother, Sally Grinslade Bell, and other ancestors.

“I have reason to believe that this is my great-great-great-great grandfather Jackson Kemp’s personal copy,” said Mr. Bell. “It was used in the Panola County courthouse at Blackjack Grove in what is present day Bryan County, Oklahoma.

“It was used by him in tribal court and from there, for some reason it went to the court house in Grayson County, Texas and was used in legal matters there. From there it went to Fort Smith, Arkansas, and was used in the courts there and in the law library of a very prominent frontier judge.”

After several years of negotiating with the previous owner, Mr. Bell was finally able to purchase the historic volume.

Throughout his pursuit, Mr.

Bell always intended to donate the book to the tribe where it could be properly preserved and displayed.

“It belongs here,” said Mr. Bell.

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frontier judge.

“I’ve had my eye on this for many, many, many years. It was very expensive to me, but it was much, much cheaper than when it was first offered to me.

It took two or three years to even get him to consider selling it. And another seven or eight years to get the price right.

It belongs here, where it can be conserved. I don’t have the facilities to conserve nor display, nor do I want to display it other than in the context of the tribal museum.

I donated this in honor of my ancestors, especially my mother, Sally Grinslade Bell.

Patsy: “When he went to get it, it was a little bit damp.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Inter-tribal Council adopts legislative agenda promoting health, housing, education, economy

Health care, housing, education and economic stimulus are among the priorities expressed in a February 14, 2005 resolution outlining the Five Civilized Tribes Inter-Tribal Council’s legislative agenda for the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.

A resolution was passed by the Inter-Tribal Council to support ending inequities in the Southwest Food Distribution Programs. Currently, the Southwest region serves 36 percent of the total clientele of the food distribution program, but only receives

27 percent of funding.

Among other measures supported by the council is the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, so long as it subjects Urban Indian Clinics to the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act.

The council also supports the Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act, legislation which funds adequate health care delivery for minority populations, as well as legislation that addresses shortfalls in contract support costs funding.

Other health legislation supported by the council includes increases for Indian Health Services, including substantial increases in funding for Contract Health Care and the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund.

Protecting the current funding formula for the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) is a high priority for the council, which also requests general funding increases for Indian Housing Programs.

Priorities in the education arena include the Indian School Construction Act, Head Start and legislation to fund Indian language programs.

Regarding language, the council specifically supports amending the Native American Languages Act to authorize the

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### Carl Albert’s first baby of 2005



**Terri and Richey Fink, of Wanette, Okla., hold their newborn son, Mason David Fink, the first baby born in 2005 at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. Mason, born Jan. 4, weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz., and measured 18 and one-half inches at birth. Mason has two siblings, Justin, 16, and Kaylee, 3. Carl Albert officials presented the family with a car seat, diapers, formula, blankets and many other gifts since he was the first baby born at the facility this year.**

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

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## CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

## REGULAR SESSION

David Stout Building

Ada, Oklahoma

December 17, 2004

## AGENDA ITEM #1

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## AGENDA ITEM #2

## ROLL CALL

**Members present:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burriss, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

**Member absent:** Dean McManus

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

**Guests present:** James A. Humes, Sue Simmons, Paul Yates, Lavada "Sue" Hunter

## AGENDA ITEM #3

## INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Green.

## AGENDA ITEM #4

## READING OF MINUTES - November 19, 2004

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve the November 19, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burriss, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**12 yes votes**

The motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2004, carried unanimously.

## AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## (A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Wood

**General Resolution Number 22-011, Designation of Change of Legislative Session Day**

This resolution changes the Legislative Session for January, 2005, to January 15, 2005, at 9:00 AM. Such change is necessary due to a conflict with the inauguration of the President of the United States.

**A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve GR22-011. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.**

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Melvin Burriss, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**12 yes votes****The motion to approve GR22-011 carried unanimously.**

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

## (B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 22-010, Approval of Development Budget Amendment**

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget with nine capital improvement projects. Those projects are: Thackerville Public Safety Building, Thackerville RV Park Office and Living Quarters, Thackerville Golf Course Maintenance Building, Thackerville Golf Course Club House, two Thackerville Hotels, Thackerville Parking Garage, Thackerville Family Fun Center, Thackerville Casino/Conference Center, Thackerville Security/Office Building, Goldsby Casino; Newcastle Casino and the Sulphur Artesian Motel. The total cost for all 13 projects is over \$5.0 million. Exhibit A provides all development projects, with documentation to be provided to the Legislature during committee meetings.

**A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-010. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.**

Mr. Seawright voiced his concern of not receiving enough information on the various projects and recommended to table the resolution.

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to table GR22-010. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

**3 yes votes**

**Members voting no:** Melvin Burriss, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**9 no votes**

The motion to table GR22-010 failed.

A roll call vote was taken on GR22-010.

**Members voting yes:**

Melvin Burriss, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy

Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**9 yes votes****Members voting no:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

**3 no votes****The motion to approve GR22-010 carried.**

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Dean McManus

Chairperson Briggs announced there was no report for this committee.

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

No report.

(E) **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) **HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) **HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) **ELECTION RULES & REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 22-005, Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Election Rules and Regulations)

This resolution amends Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code pertaining to the Election Rules and Regulations. The Election Commission and Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar are in agreement with the included changes.

**A motion was made by Mr. Woods to place PR22-005 on the agenda.**

Mrs. Hartman stated she had concerns on PR22-005, and recommended to table the resolution.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Hartman to table PR22-005. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.**

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Melvin Burriss, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**12 yes votes****The motion to table PR22-005 carried unanimously.**

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

## AGENDA ITEM #7

## NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Mr. James Humes regarding gaming issues. Ms. Sue Simmons voiced her concerns regarding the purchase of property. Ms. Lavata "Sue" Hunter thanked the Chickasaw Nation and Chairperson Briggs for assisting her with her education.

## AGENDA ITEM #8

## ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature  
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Bill Anoatubby

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# Tribe promotes fundamentals for lifetimes of success

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**  
Governor  
Chickasaw Nation

"Give a man a fish, you have fed him for today. Teach a man how to fish, and you have fed him for a lifetime."

This ancient proverb, often attributed to a Chinese thinker, stands the test of time very well. People who have the tools and the skills to participate in modern society most times do very well in providing for themselves and their families. They have learned how to "fish" in today's world.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we believe in supporting Chickasaws as they build quality careers and quality lives for their families.

Our tribal education grants and scholarships programs are making tremendous and positive impacts on Chickasaw lives. Did you know that your tribe helps, in very significant ways, over 1,000 Chickasaw students annually as they make their way through college?

The tribal commitment to these programs totals almost \$3 million for the current fiscal year. That translates into lots of support for our Chickasaw students who are working hard to complete their educations.

The tribal higher education grant program provides up to \$1,000 per semester for full-time Chickasaw college students. Many Chickasaw students count on these grants to pay for their educations. And they must



**Gov. Bill Anoatubby**

perform. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average to continue receiving the grants.

Students can also earn tribal scholarships of up to an additional \$500 per semester by maintaining exceptional grades of 3.0 grade point average or

better.

We discovered that many of our students were hesitating to attend college because they simply did not own clothing suitable for class. The tribe now provides a \$400 annual clothing grant that provides our students a leg up as they begin their college terms.

In addition to the funding provided by the tribe, the Chickasaw Foundation also provides an array of competitive scholarships open to Chickasaw students. Some Foundation scholarships pay up to \$10,000 and reward exceptional students who require the scholarship funding to finish study in their chosen disciplines.

We currently have a wonderful and large group of Chickasaw

students who are succeeding in chemistry, English, mathematics, engineering, journalism and education. Others are soon to earn degrees in biology, history, literature, architecture and law. Their efforts are celebrated and consistently supported by the Chickasaw Nation.

There is a bright future waiting for our Chickasaw students who have the talent, the perseverance and the drive to achieve their college degrees. The Chickasaw Nation is here to assist them in achieving that future by investing in their work as they prepare for successful lives.

We have a deep and abiding interest in all our students' efforts as they become "fishermen" of our tribal future.

## Officer Monetathchi earns Director's Award at Indian Police Academy

Prayer, perspiration, dedication and family support helped Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Officer Dusk Monetathchi complete the rigorous 16-week course of training at the Indian Police Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, New Mexico.

Training in driving skills, firearms, defense tactics, legal education and advanced physical training are all part of the curriculum.

"I spent a lot of time praying for the physical strength to make it through the training," said Monetathchi. "I'm 38 years old and most of the guys there were in their 20s. I don't get over that soreness quite as well as I did a

few years ago."

One gauge of the difficulty of the training is the fact that only 36 graduates emerged from the class of 58 cadets entering the academy from across the United States. Still more impressive is the fact that that rate is higher than the average graduation rate.

Officer Monetathchi not only completed the course, he earned distinction as recipient of the "Directors Award," which requires a cadet be nominated by sergeants and approved by fellow cadets.

He also earned expert credentials in hand gun use in the paramilitary style academy, which provides training in virtually

every aspect of police work.

Many cadets are dropped from the academy due to physical injury, while others fail to achieve the high level of proficiency demanded in weekly tests of each aspect of police work.

"Some of the cadets were dropped after 14 weeks," said Monetathchi with a noticeable shudder. "They'll have to start over from the beginning. You can't just take up where you left off."

Cadets at the academy follow a strict daily regimen, including eight hours of classroom instruction, physical training, weapons training and simulations of actual situations which may arise in day-to-day police

work. Training begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 8 p.m.

Experts in each aspect of police work from driving skills to weapons training offer instruction, while sergeants oversee training of cadets in an atmosphere reminiscent of a military boot camp.

"I really hated those sergeants the first two weeks," said officer Monetathchi, "but by the end of the training I respected them so much I can't begin to explain."

While the grueling physical training was a challenge, the legal instruction was even more difficult, according to Monetathchi.

Legal training for Indian police officers is even more in depth than for most law enforcement personnel. In addition to legalities concerning use of force and other traditional subjects, Indian police cadets must also study sovereignty, jurisdiction, federal law and a number of other subjects.

While training was rigorous, separation from family was also very stressful.

"I think the most difficult part was being away from my family. I didn't get to see them at all for the first month. But they were very supportive," said officer Monetathchi. "My wife had to take care of everything while I was away."

"Before I went, we discussed it as a family and decided it was



**Officer Dusk Monetathchi**

the right thing to do. I didn't know if I could do it at my age, but my kids said 'come on dad, we know you can do it.'"

Graduation day was special for two reasons, according to officer Monetathchi.

"I was chosen to say the prayer during graduation ceremonies, which was quite an honor. It was also quite an honor to hear the sergeant address me as officer Monetathchi after hearing cadet Monetathchi so many times. It brought tears to my eyes."

"It was quite an experience, said officer Monetathchi." "It will definitely stay with me the rest of my life."

*Editor's note: The Indian Police Academy is located on the campus of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, New Mexico, training site for border patrol agents, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Bureau of Prisons and United States Capitol Police.*

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Chickasaw language seminars set

Language facilitators and fluent Chickasaw speakers are being sought for a plan to revitalize and preserve the Chickasaw language.

A three-hour college-credit class in language teaching methods will be offered through Murray State College six Saturdays beginning February 19 and ending April 9.

Approximately 30 students will be accepted into the class.

This class is designed to provide language facilitators with the knowledge and skills needed to work with fluent speakers in offering community based

language classes beginning in summer 2005.

Several paid positions are being created for fluent speakers of Chickasaw and language facilitators who will pair up as teaching teams in various communities across the Chickasaw Nation.

These community-based classes will be open to the public at no charge.

Ideal candidates for language facilitators will have some knowledge of Chickasaw and some teaching experience.

A teaching certificate is not required and teaching experience

can be as informal as teaching a Sunday school class or as formal as classroom teaching.

For information, contact Terri Haney at (580) 332-8478.

## KYKC purchased

Chickasaw Enterprises purchased KYKC-FM Radio on January 27.

The Ada-based station has a powerful 50,000-watt capacity and is the largest station in south central Oklahoma. The station has a country music format.

Chickasaw Enterprises also owns Ada-based KADA-AM and FM Radio.

## Duncan area senior site remains top priority



**Linda Briggs**  
Chairman  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

Hopefully we have the Christmas decorations put away for another year and have begun thinking about all the things we would like to see happen this new year - especially the good things for those we care about.

Here in the Chickasaw Nation so many exciting projects are on the drawing boards it's hard to keep up. One of our top priority items is a site for the Duncan area senior site and cross your fingers, we think we've found one that will meet our criteria. One more trip in that direction and a decision will be made as we try to think of all the needs to be met

as we make the decision.

Decisions will be made on ways to assist our elders in helping make the quality of their lives better. The study that has been ongoing for several months is at last complete and offers interesting options. Governor Anoatubby has been of great assistance to us in this endeavor with creative, caring thoughts on possibilities we should explore.

In the Legislature we continue to stay busy in all committees - the Court Development Ad Hoc Committee has had a very busy year as our court system has traveled light years in its development.

Their progress is nothing less than phenomenal! We are extremely proud of them and the work they do.

We continue to look for ways to offer service to our citizens who live outside the boundaries of our Chickasaw Nation. The fact that we do no limit blood quantum for availability of service is pretty amazing - consider that a baby born today whose parentage can be traced to a roll number is eligible for all services provided by our tribe - no matter if the child were only 1/1200th!

We have made truly giant strides in the educational assistance we offer our citizens,

whether our citizen is seven, seventeen or seventy! If what you want to learn to do will enhance the quality of your life then you should be in contact with our Education Department for a consultation with them. They are a group of dedicated individuals and much appreciated by the many they have assisted in furthering personal goals.

All of us are dedicated to serving you. Your thoughts are always welcome and always we care how you are. Let us know! I wish for you a happy moment each and every day of this new year and God's blessings.

## Established process shepherds resolutions



**Dr. Judy Goforth Parker**  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Code, it is the responsibility of the Legislative Chairperson to place the resolutions in appropriate committees. The Legislative committees that review the resolutions meet on the Monday after the first Friday of each month. Because confidential information is discussed in those committee meetings, they are closed to the public. However, citizens are welcome to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting on the Monday immediately preceding the third Friday of each month or the Legislative Session on the third Friday of each month and express their opinions to the Legislature in accordance with the Constitution and Chickasaw Nation Code. Times and places for public meetings are announced on the Legislature's website [www.chickasaw.net/government\\_141.htm](http://www.chickasaw.net/government_141.htm).

Once a resolution has been placed in a committee, that committee discusses the subject matter and then decides whether or not to place it on the agenda for the next Session of the Legislature. Sometimes the committee requires more information on a resolution before it is placed on a Session agenda. Resolutions are sometimes voted down in Committee before reaching the entire Legislature.

Legislative committees are made up of six or fewer Legislators. If there is a tie vote on a piece of legislation, the Chairperson of the Legislature

breaks the tie. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Secretary of the Legislature can break the tie, all in accordance with the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Once a resolution has been placed in committee, the committee has 90 days to consider it. A resolution cannot die either in committee or in Session without a vote having been taken. In Session, a resolution is presented by a chairman of a committee. The chairman either reads the resolution in its entirety or in pertinent parts. A vote on a resolution requires both a motion and a second.

The Legislature follows rules as outlined in the Chickasaw Nation Code and Robert's Rules of Order. If a resolution is voted in the affirmative, which takes seven votes, the resolution is sent to the Governor's office for his signature.

For clarification, allow me to describe this process by following a particular piece of Legislation: Jessie Kemp, realty specialist with the Chickasaw Agency, BIA, submitted General Resolution 22-020, Oil and Gas Lease in Haskell County (Tribal Tract - S.T. 23), to the Legislature on Friday, January 7, 2005. The Chairperson assigned the resolution to the Land Development Committee of which I am Chair. The Land Development Committee met and asked questions of Ms. Kemp in order to get the information we needed in order to vote. The Committee

unanimously voted to place this resolution on the agenda to be considered by the entire Legislature. The Legislature voted on this resolution in our January, 2005, session and passed it with a vote of 12 yes and 0 no. Once again, Ms. Kemp was present to

answer questions.

Hopefully, this article has helped you to understand what we do when we consider resolutions. If not, please email me at [jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu](mailto:jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu). Judy Goforth Parker

## Committee Reports

### Legislative Committee

Jan. 10, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Linda Briggs

### Education Committee

Jan. 10, 2005

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman

Absent: Linda Briggs

### Finance Committee

Jan. 10, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth, Parker, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs

### Health Committee

Jan. 10, 2005

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood

Scott

Absent: Linda Briggs

### Human Resources Committee

Jan. 10, 2005

Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

Absent: Linda Briggs

### Land Development Committee

Jan. 10, 2005

Present: Judy Goforth, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods

Absent: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs

### Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

Jan. 10, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Judy Goforth Parker

### Court Development AD HOC Committee

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

## Refill center, imaging, renovation under way at Health System



**Mary Jo Green**

**Chickasaw Tribal Legislature**

Greetings and Happy New Year from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care

Committee! 2005 has certainly started out with a bang and we Legislators are working hard to provide a year even more successful than last year. It is a big chore, but I'm certain that, working together with you, we will succeed!

Bill Lance, Administrator of the Chickasaw Health System has provided the following information for this month's report. Please note that the information contains the figures for the entire year of 2004. The number of hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility for December was 210 and for 2004 was 2,641. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,386 for December and

170,690 for 2004. Emergency Room visits were 988 in December and 11,928 in 2004. The number of surgeries for December was 225 and 2,832 for 2004. The Same-day Clinic saw 2,808 patients in December and 32,982 in 2004.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,915 patients in December and 54,185 in 2004. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,063 for December and 36,178 in 2004. The Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,471 patients in December and 30,616 in 2004. The Durant Clinic saw 2,651 patients in December and 30,763 in 2004. The Purcell Clinic saw 310 patients in December and a total of 1,451 since it opened its doors

(3 month total).

Mr. Lance also reported that several Health System projects are under way in Ada. Those projects include an Outpatient Pharmacy and Refill Center; Imaging Center, Ambulatory Practice Center, Women's Pavilion and Hospital Renovation and Expansion. Health Center projects are under way for the communities of Ardmore, Duncan, Durant, Purcell and Tishomingo. During the January Legislative Session, Wayne Scribner, Administrator of the Housing Division, also announced that other projects are also slated for the Duncan area.

Mr. Lance explained that the health programs funded with tribal dollars are currently at the rate of \$5,153,500. This figure is up from the 2002 level of \$1,000,000. Those programs include Medical Assistance Program, Elders' Prescription Program, Eye Glasses Program, Hearing Aid Program, Dental program, Denture Program and Orthodontia Program. The third party collections for the Health System totaled \$22,740,766 for 2004 which is almost a tenfold increase over the \$2,600,000

collected in 1994.

Mr. Lance also reported that the Indian Health Service (IHS) issued \$824 per user in Oklahoma for FY 2000. That amount is the lowest of any IHS service unit. He also reported that the number of users in Oklahoma is 310,555, which is the largest number of users of any IHS service unit. The estimated number of users for Carl Albert Indian Health Facility is currently 78,241, which makes the facility the most used in the State. That statement is reflected in the number of ambulatory visits in the entire Health System of 323,883 for 2004. I have pledged to do all I can do to increase the amount of per-user funds issued by IHS for Oklahoma Indians and I know that you will join me in that endeavor.

Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! For your information, my articles are now located on the internet at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net). Until next month, thank you.

### 2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

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

<u>Pontotoc District</u>	<u>Seat #</u>	<u>Seat #</u>
1. Holly Easterling HCR 64 Box 241 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 436-9882 hollye@tds.net	1. Wilson Seawright P.O. Box 83 Ardmore, OK 73401 (580) 223-3358	1. D. Scott Colbert 608 W. Tulsa Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3218
2. Judy Parker Route 1, Box 406 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-3840	2. Donna Hartman 1725 Kings Road Ardmore, OK 73401 (580) 226-4385	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
3. Melvin Burris 21050 CR 1620 Stonewall, OK 74871 (580) 265-4285	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods Route 1, Box 430A Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus Route 2, Box 312 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scotttdes@telepath.com	
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		<u>Seat #</u>
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		<u>Tishomingo District</u>
		<u>Pickens District</u>

### Inter-tribal, continued from page 1

Secretary of Education to provide funds to Native American Language Educational Organizations, Native American Language Colleges and Indian tribal governments.

Economic stimulus legislation endorsed by the council includes a bill to permanently extend the Indian employment and de-

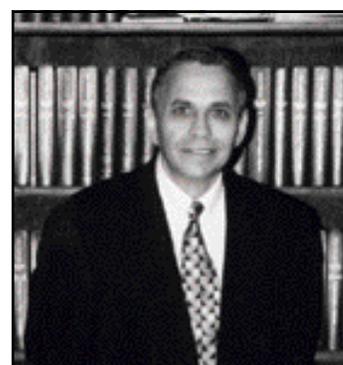
preciation credits for property predominantly used within an Indian reservation. Other economic legislation supported by the council include bills which would provide more tax fairness and allow the issuance of tax-exempt bonds by tribal governments.

The council also supports

legislation which would make tribes eligible for Surface Transportation Program funding, and provide for a National Indian Reservation Roads Inventory funded through the Highway Trust Fund.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

### Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



**D. Scott Colbert**  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

### Tribal rep in Chickasha

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha Feb. 22 to answer questions about tribal programs.

To find out more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, Community Health Representatives or other programs visit Bettie Black at the

Chickasha Boys & Girls Club, 1501 Henderson, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club the third Monday of each month.

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

# Tribal peacemaking court set to begin operation in February



**Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred**  
Supreme Court Chief Justice

the Chickasaw Nation District Court has been reestablished. What an outstanding year it has been! We will continue to investigate and incorporate new programs and services throughout the year. One program coming on board in 2005 is the Peacemaking Court.

The Chickasaw Nation Peacemaking Court is scheduled to open on February 1, 2005. If you would like more information on the Peacemaking Court or if you would like to use the Peacemaking Court please contact the District Court at (580) 235-0281 and speak with Jason Burwell, the Supreme Court, court clerk. Jason will be happy to explain the peacemaking process that has been incorporated into our

court system.

The Judicial Department is planning a visit to San Antonio, Texas Community Council on February 22, 2005. We are looking forward to bringing the Chickasaw Nation news to our citizens in San Antonio. Please feel free to join us at any of the Community Council meetings. We are always delighted to see our friends and neighbors supporting their Community Councils.

The Supreme Court is located at:

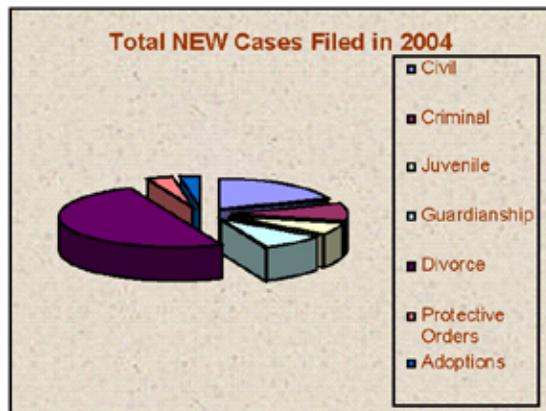
124 E. Main, Suite 11  
Ada, Oklahoma 74820  
Phone: (580) 235-0281

Or visit us at our website:  
[www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net)

Chukma! We are looking forward to an active and productive 2005 as we continue to strive to bring our citizens a court system to handle your legal matters. We have spent some time reviewing our statistical information for the first year of operation since

## Total NEW Cases Filed in 2004

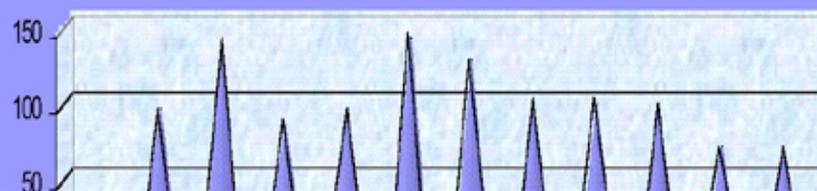
Civil	72
Criminal	34
Juvenile	24
Guardianship	33
Divorce	187
Protective Orders	14
Adoptions	10
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## Clients Seen by Advocates (per month)

January	33
February	97
March	142
April	88
May	95
June	144
July	128
August	102
September	102
October	99
November	72
December	71
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## Client Trend by Month - 2004



## Chickasaw District Court news

The Chickasaw Nation District Court has grown at such an alarming rate that beginning February 1, 2005 the District Court is scheduling two (2) court days a week. Judge Aaron Duck will be hearing cases on Mondays and Tuesdays at the District Court. Judge Duck had a total of 523 cases docketed and there were 374 NEW cases filed in 2004.

The Chickasaw Nation Court Advocates assisted 71 individuals in December which brings their total to 1173 citizens assisted in our

first year of operating the re-established Chickasaw Nation District Court. We are all very proud of the work being done at the Chickasaw Nation District Court and of our employees who strive to provide the best possible service to our citizens.

If you have the opportunity, please come by the Supreme Court and the District Court.

The District Court is located at: 1500 N. Country Club Rd.

Ada, Oklahoma 74820  
Phone: (580) 235-0279

Or visit us at our website:  
[www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net)

## Chisholm Trail grand opening draws crowds to Duncan facility

MARLOW, Okla. – The Chisholm Trail Casino and Cookout Café's grand opening celebration activities were Thursday, Jan. 13 through Saturday, Jan. 15.

Daily cash prizes, including a \$5,000 grand prize, and five big screen televisions were given away during the three-day event, as well as other prizes.

The new 30,744-square-foot facility, designed around a colorful western motif, offers a wide variety of electronic games, as well as "Racers," its 64 seat off-track betting area.

The Cookout Café is the featured restaurant at Chisholm Trail. The restaurant features

barbecue and country-style fare.

Regular hours for the Cookout Café are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday. A seafood buffet is available every Friday, from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., and a breakfast buffet is available 11 p.m. to 2 a.m., each Saturday.

The Chisholm Trail Casino is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 a.m., and is located at 7807 North Highway 81 between Marlow and Duncan.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## CALL FOR CHICKASAW ARTISTS

The Chickasaw Historical Society would like to place a call for Chickasaw artists specializing in Southeastern Indian art. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the Chickasaw Historical Society for possible inclusion in various upcoming projects.



Contact Joshua Hinson at 580-310-6477 or [joshua.hinson@chickasaw.net](mailto:joshua.hinson@chickasaw.net) for additional information. Send slides or photographs to P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820.

# First Chuka Chukmasi tribal employee home loan closed



Jan. 12 was a happy day for Brent and Stevi Deramus, center, as the couple was the first to close a home loan through the Chickasaw Nation employer-assisted home loan program. Home Title Guaranty closing agent Bart McCortney, left, and Premier Real Estate agent Debbie Lamb assist during the closing.

Wide grins and excitement filled the air as Brent and Stevi Deramus signed papers Jan. 12, 2005 closing the loan on their new home.

The couple is the first to purchase a home through the Chickasaw Nation Chuka Chukmasi home loan program since it was expanded to include employees in October, 2005.

"I am super-excited," said Mr. Deramus, who added the couple would be moving into their new house with their son later that day.

While the pair had looked to buy a home before the Chuka Chukmasi program was available, they grew frustrated with

the process.

"We had tried to get a home before, but the people we dealt with were not helpful at all," said Mr. Deramus. "Summer (Stick) and everybody at (Chickasaw Nation) Housing were so helpful. I asked if they were just doing this because I am an employee. She said, 'No, we do this all the time.'"

As Home Guaranty Title closing agent Bart McCortney went through the stack of papers to be signed, Mr. Deramus acknowledged each page with a knowing nod.

Asked if the home owner seminar provided through the Chickasaw Nation had helped

him understand the process, Mr. Deramus said "yes it did. I learned a lot."

Started in 1998, the Chuka Chukmasi (beautiful home) loan program is a cooperative effort among the Chickasaw Nation, PMI Mortgage Insurance Company, First Mortgage of Oklahoma City, and Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association) to provide low down payment, flexible home loans for Chickasaw citizens.

In November 2003, the program was recognized by the Harvard School of Government

*See Chuka Chukmasi, page 23*

## December 2004 Resolution results

General Resolution Number 22-012

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority

Linda Briggs

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Linda Briggs to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Ms. Briggs has been on the board since 1997.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

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

General Resolution Number 22-013

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority

Frank Johnson

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Frank Johnson to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Johnson began serving on the board several years ago as the legislature's representative. With his retirement from the legislature, Mr. Johnson is working full-time for the authority.

Requested by: Governor Bill

Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

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

General Resolution Number 22-014

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Pat Woods

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Pat Woods to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Woods has been extremely active with the projects of the board.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

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

General Resolution Number 22-015

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Marvin Mitchell

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Marvin Mitchell to the board of directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years, with the initial appointment being two directors with three-year terms, two directors with two-year terms and one director with a one-year term. Mr. Mitchell originally filled a one-year term. His new term will end on October 1, 2007.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

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

General Resolution Number 22-016

Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Catherine Wood

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Catherine Wood to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. Ms. Wood's term of office expired on December 31, 2004,

and she is continuing to serve until reappointed or replaced. This reappointment is for another three-year term, ending on December 31, 2007.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

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

General Resolution Number 22-017

Approval of Application for Funding-Administration of Aging, Title VI, Part A, Grants for Native Americans and Title VI, Part C, Grants for Native American Caregiver Support

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding through Title VI, Part A, of the Older Americans Act and Part C.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources

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

General Resolution Number 22-018

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: This resolution approves the revision to the Development Budget in the additional amount of \$171,000.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

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

General Resolution Number 22-019

Business Lease No G03-2666 in Love County

Explanation: This resolution approves Business Lease G03-2666 in favor of Lamar Advantage Outdoor Company, L.P., P.O. Box 3257, Sherman, Texas 75091, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$520.00 per annum payable to the Chickasaw Nation for the purpose of utilizing a 12' x 48' signboard, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation located in the Northwest corner of the NW/4 NW/4 NE/4 of Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, Love County, Oklahoma, containing 1.00 acre, more or less, for a term of three (3) years beginning on

*See Resolutions, page 24*

# Native American students complete network cabling course

ADA, Okla. - Five students recently completed the C-Tech (certified technician) Cabling Specialist Training provided by the Chickasaw Nation at the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada.

The classes focused on copper and fiber-optic based systems and were taught by Chickasaw Nation employee Darrell Walker.

The copper training course is a hands-on course that prepares students for entry-level positions in the field of commercial cable installation. Students learned to install and test category five and other cabling systems in a live environment, learn skills for terminating, testing, troubleshooting and much more.

The course is very demanding and requires students to demonstrate good memory skills, manual dexterity and the ability to comprehend technical material and diagrams.

The fiber-optics course provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become entry-level technicians in the network cabling industry with a concentration on fiber optics. The focus was on fiber optic theory, tool use and construction techniques, the characteristics of various fiber optic components, troubleshooting and repair.

In both courses, students had to complete the course with a B+ grade or better to criteria to receive a "Network Cabling Specialist" certificate.

Ric Geenwood, a communication technician with the tribe's information technology department, provided a tour of the Chickasaw Nation telecommunication closet and equipment room, which gave students

an opportunity to see the daily operations and the type of skills necessary to be a network technician.

The students who completed the course were Brandon Hulbutta, Kevin Jim, Sam Tiger,

Jerry Deatherage and Joyce King.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

## AIDS awareness training set for March

ARDMORE, Okla. - STAY training will be offered to students ages 14 to 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 15-17 at Carter Seminary in Ardmore. There is no charge for the training.

The Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Department is hosting the training provided by a member of the Tulsa chapter of the American Red Cross.

An acronym for Students Teaching AIDS to Youth, STAY

training can provide information that may help young people save the lives of friends and family members.

This program trains teens to deliver factual, age appropriate HIV/AIDS information under the supervision of an adult leader.

The three-day training covers basic facts about HIV/AIDS, terminology, how to distinguish fact from opinion, effective

communication skills and cultural awareness.

By involving youth to educate their peers about this serious health issue, the program goal is to reduce the number of infections among young people.

To register for this training, please contact Shawna Jackson at 580-310-6620

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Tribal net assets continue upward trend

### FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt.

governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

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

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Difference between beginning balance at December 31, 2004 and the ending balance last month are year end audit adjustments. Several year-end adjustments also have not been made.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending December 31, 2004

### Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$4.6 million for the month and \$21.1 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$2.1 million and \$6.7 million year-to-date including \$2 million transferred to Housing Construction and Loan programs as authorized by GR 21-075. During the month

\$2 million was expensed for capital expenditures and was capitalized as fixed assets in the balance sheet. Year to date, a total of \$11 million of the transfer from businesses has been for fixed assets.

### Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes totals \$96 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$17.8 million

### Statement of Net Assets

At December 31, 2004, the tribal government funds had \$35.9 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$6.7 million is in the BIA Trust fund.

The businesses had \$32.5 million in cash and investments of which \$15.8 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$10 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new busi-

nesses.

As of December 31, 2004, tribe operations had assets totaling \$268.8 million with \$16.5 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$252.3 million compared to \$238.2 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$14.1 million.

for the year-to-date.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2004			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
<b>Revenues</b>			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 21,084,494	(21,084,494)	-
Total funds available	21,573,701	74,948,233	96,521,934
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General government	1,208,774		1,208,774
Legislature	306,668		306,668
Judiciary	95,140		95,140
Education	399,819		399,819
Heritage Preservation	522,600		522,600
Health	913,364		913,364
Youth and Family Services	382,423		382,423
Nutrition Programs	400,898		400,898
Regulatory	112,266		112,266
Assistance Programs	328,690		328,690
Transfer to Loan Program	2,000,000		2,000,000
Gaming expense		44,781,656	44,781,656
Other businesses' expense		30,932,779	30,932,779
Total expenditures	6,870,842	75,714,435	82,385,077
Increase in net assets	14,903,059	(786,202)	14,136,857
Beginning net assets	86,961,656	151,166,236	238,147,892
Ending net assets	\$ 101,884,715	150,400,034	252,284,749
<b>Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2004</b>			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 35,902,177	32,497,484	68,399,661
Receivables	860,943	11,119,187	11,980,130
Inventory		3,257,357	3,257,357
Prepaid expenses		4,232,075	4,232,075
Other Assets		18,056,413	18,056,413
Fixed assets	65,863,617	97,020,310	162,883,927
Less payables	(742,022)	(15,782,792)	(16,524,814)
Net Assets	\$ 101,884,715	150,400,034	252,284,749



**Serenity and Gracie Gothard**

**Gracie Mae and Serenity Leeann Gothard**, (the miracle twins) celebrated their fourth birthday at Chucky Cheese at Sherman, Texas. The twins turned four November 30, 2004.

All who attended the birthday celebration enjoyed pizza, refreshments and fun.

Parents of the girls are Jeremy and Roxanne (Shaw) Gothard of Mead, Okla. The girls have a 9-month-old sister, Morgan Amber.

They are the grandchildren of Rocky and Georgia (Brown) Shaw, and Gary and Linda Gothard of Kingston, Okla.

They are the great-grandchildren of Roger Shaw and Laura Pipkin of Oakland, Caroline Krebbs of Tishomingo, Okla., Gil and Ann Gothard of Kingston, and Glen and Jane Carmen of Muskogee, Okla.

Gracie, Serenity and Morgan's father is in the U.S. Army currently serving in Iraq.



**Julius Adkisson**

**Julius Aaron Adkisson** turned one year old Nov. 18, 2004. He celebrated his first birthday with a party at MacDonald's at Paris, Texas with family and friends.

He is the son of Penny (Anderson) and Jason Adkisson, McKenzie, Tenn.

He is the maternal grandson of Regina Anderson and Gary Anderson, Ada, Okla., and the paternal grandson of Elnora Adkisson and Victor Adkisson, McKenzie.

He is the great-grandson of Dorothy and John Adkisson, McKenzie, Maggie Anderson, Coalgate, Okla., the late Willie Anderson, the late Ida (Jones) Cole, the late Irvin Cole, and the late Norma (Scott) Cole. He is the great-great-grandson of the late Anice and Aurora (Noah) Cole.

Julius is Chickasaw/Choctaw.

Julius wishes his mother Penny a "Happy 21st Birthday", December 19, 2004 and thanks his aunt Pat Mayer and cousin Eli Mayer for a wonderful Thanksgiving visit. He loves and misses his aunts, uncles and cousins and wishes everyone a Happy New Year! He is an OU fan and he says "Go OU!"

**C.L. (Bill) Harkins** of Tishomingo, Okla., celebrated his 94th birthday at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Don Sanders, at Lindsey, Okla., Dec. 23, 2004.

Attending the celebration were his grandson and wife, Mike and Brenda Sanders; grandson and wife Greg and Kristi Sanders; granddaughter and husband, Donna and Tony Wildman; his seven great-grandchildren, Jesse, Brooke, Savanna and Gage Sander and Dillon, Morgan and Jason Wildman.

Mr. Harkins is the grandson of Governor R.M. Harris. He was born at Emet and lived in the area until he and his wife, Edith, moved to Borger, Texas in 1943. He has lived at Tishomingo since 1977. He enjoys gardening, yard work, being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and attending senior citizens functions. He and his wife Evelyn attend First Baptist Church, Tishomingo.



**C.L. (Bill) Harkins**



**Robyn Hatton**

**Robyn Hatton** celebrated her sixth birthday October 31, 2004.

She is the daughter of Christopher and Lisa Hatton. She is the granddaughter of Doug and Ina Grant, Ada, Okla., and Mike and Kay Hatton, Stonewall.

**Cole Higdon** celebrated his second birthday December 6, 2004 with his newborn twin brothers, Jacky Shane Adam Higdon and Justin Scott Riley Higdon.

The twins were born September 20, 2004. Jacky weighed 5lbs., 13 ozs. and Justin weighed 5 lbs., 12 ozs.

Cole, Jacky and Justin are the sons of Tiffany Higdon and the grandsons of Dee Sweet.

Happy Birthday Cole and congratulations on the birth of your twin brothers!



**Justin, Jacky and Cole Higdon**

## Chickasaws in Iraq



**Sgt. David Sweet, left, and SPC George Macdonald pose with the Chickasaw Flag.**

Chickasaw citizens Sgt. David Lewis Sweet and SPC George, D. Macdonald, both of the 485th Quartermaster Co. (DS) U.S. Army Reserve

out of Ada, Okla., take time to pose with the Chickasaw Flag. The men are currently stationed in Al Falush/Al Asad/ Al Taqad-

dum, Iraq.

Sgt. Sweet is employed with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. He is married to Celeste Sweet. They have three children, Jordan, Samuel and Cheyenne Sgt. Sweet has a daughter Lacey Anderson.

Sgt. Sweet is the son of Bobby and Tawana Sweet, Ada, and Karen Payne of Enid, Okla.

SPC Macdonald is the foster son of Valerie and Dexter Underwood. He is a 2003 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla.

The soldiers are former members of the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe.

## Births



**Shyanne Richardson**

**Shyanne Nichole Richardson** was born Dec. 30, 2004 at St. Anthony's Hospital, Oklahoma City.

She weighed 6lbs., 10 ozs., and measured 18 inches.

She is the daughter of Amber Dawn Richardson and the first grandchild of Jimmy D. Sr. and Terrie Richardson.

## Elder interviews part of Chickasaw history being preserved

**Submitted by  
Robert Perry for the  
Council of Elders**

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Council of Elders (COE) met at the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur on Thursday December 16, 2004. There was no agenda which is the form of organization that the Council chooses over the traditional Roberts Rules of Order. No one can speak without getting permission from Chairperson Marie Beck.

Kirk Perry mentioned that in his daily administrative role many pieces of information about Chickasaw history pass through the Division of Heritage Preservation. Two examples follow. (1) Back in the 1820s at Monroe Mission, the Reverend Joseph Bullen wrote about Chickasaws. He observed that blacks accepted the white man's religion more readily than the tribes. (2) In the 1900s there have been archaeology studies of the Chickasaw in Lee County (Tupelo, MS), one by the CCC and another study in 1940 looked at ancient Chickasaw sites. The Chickasaws were known for cultural adaptation which is one reason why we still exist. Mr. Perry offered to bring pieces of written information to future meetings for the Council of Elders to study.

Bob Perry reported that the Chickasaw Historical Society, with the technical assistance of Chickasaw Multimedia department, recently did a film interview with a Chickasaw elder at her home in Oklahoma City (it has been learned that Multimedia has now finished editing the film). It would be available to show to COE as an example of the elder interviews. COE is vitally interested in preserving the stories and testimony of our Elders and has during the last few meetings began identifying these cultural treasures within the tribe. Ms. Shirley Duncan asked to invite such a speaker for the January 20 meeting, and Ms. Jesse Sandefur asked to bring a second speaker. If possible, COE will ask these two elders to repeat their talks for the Chickasaw Multimedia Department. Multimedia wants to work with COE and do 1-2 elder interviews a month if COE can

introduce them.

It was discussed that items crafted by Chickasaw artists will be in demand once the new Cultural Center opens. It is suggested we should train our people and to develop a wider interest. COE had recommended in past meetings that the tribe provide instruction in beadwork and other traditional crafts. Mr. Kirk Perry was able to report that action had been taken on the Council's recommendation and that crafts classes are being planned. An idea to help assure a person's interest is to ask them to enroll as a student and commit to attending the classes. If people do not sign up, then the class would not be held.

The COE would like to see Chickasaw males involved as Chickasaw females are involved in the Chickasaw Princess pageant. COE will recommend Chickasaw males become involved too.

Ms. Marie Beck is the keeper of a book of history about her early Indian church they referred to as "tulli putah" for Sandy Creek and later as tuli tobi. Ms. Beck reported in the past the Sunday message was always delivered in Chickasaw, but they no longer have a Chickasaw preacher. A wonderful white man teaches them, but they long for teaching in the Chickasaw language. There is an Agency of Christian Ministry that has money to train people. It was suggested that perhaps with more publicity about the Sandy Creek Presbyterian Church that perhaps someone could be found to help make their prayers come true. Similarly, the Chickasaw Foundation gives scholarships in specific fields. Perhaps a donation would make a scholarship available to encourage study in the ministry.

Robert Perry reported that the Chickasaw Historical Society is planning to put up a granite historical marker near Lula, Oklahoma at the Boiling Springs Church site. Near this site prior to 1855, the Chickasaws gathered to discuss having their own land. While not marking the church, the monument would tell where Chickasaw history began. Similarly, we need to know more about the Sandy Creek Church

site. Ms. Beck was asked to bring the history book about her church to the next meeting so that an article can be written for the Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture and determine if the site should have a marker.

Mrs. O.C Beshirs who lives at Achille, Oklahoma told of a creek south of Achille where the in the olden days the Chickasaw people gathered for activities. The water in the creek was so clear and many people came to

swim. There is no identification that this was a popular place for the Chickasaw people to gather. Achille was the site of the old Bloomfield Academy, which is on the list for historical markers at some future time. Mrs. Beshirs' grandmother, Minnie Barker, attended the old Bloomfield Academy at Achille. The school girls took the hymn "Yield Not to Temptation" and added new words "Yield Not to Flirtation."

Ms. Winnie McNeely participates with a national Native American church group in singing Choctaw hymns. Winnie, Ms. Beck, Lorene Greenwood and her sister Irene sang "48" in Choctaw for the Council of Elders. The COE exchanged Christmas gifts and enjoyed a delightful meal served by the staff of the Chickasaw Motor Inn.

## Chickasaw student coaching girls' hoops



**Front row from left, Peyton, Kacey and Jonica. Back row from left, Beth Greenwood, Raven, Abbey, Brooke and assistant coach Mr. Christiansen.**

Beth Greenwood has been spending her Saturdays as a volunteer coach for the Vinemont, Alabama pee-wee basketball league.

Beth coaches the third grade girls.

She enjoys coaching and teaching the girls the fundamentals of basketball. Beth attends Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, Ala., and plans to be an elementary physical education teacher and high school track and volleyball coach.

She is the daughter of Tony and Lucille Greenwood, Vinemont. She is the granddaughter of Sim and June Greenwood, Ada, Okla., and June Pruitt, Wewoka, Okla.

## Volleyball tournament at Family Life Center

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center recently concluded its initial sports league and tournament with the conclusion of volleyball action. And from all indications, the league and tournament were huge successes.

Under the direction of activities coordinator Barry Needham, with assistance from Chris Alford, the league consisted of eight teams composed of tribal citizens, Chickasaw Nation employees, family members and friends. Both Needham and Alford are employees of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Youth Services Camps and Recreation.

Despite a runner-up finish in league play, the ABA's team put all of its athletic skills in sharp focus in the tournament, winning the championship with a title match victory over The Crew.

The ABA team consisted of Jeremy Wallace, Teasha Hamilton, Carey Tom, Lori Hamilton, Randal Hamilton, Miranda Byers and Tom Hamilton.

Members of The Crew team were Monica Fulsom, Donna Matthews, Michele Walker, Tami Greenwood, Jonathan Fulsom, Gary Walker, Thurman Walker and Ric Greenwood.

The Crew, which finished fourth in league play, pulled off the biggest upset of the end-of-

season tournament, knocking off previously unbeaten Native Style in the event semifinals. Native Style ended league play in first place with a perfect 24-0 record.

Members of Native Style were Tim Harjochee, Neva Harjochee, Erin Underwood, Sarah Wilson, Jerrod Factor, Ashley Hart and Brandon White Eagle.

Needham said he was extremely happy with the volleyball league.

The league consisted of four weeks of regular-season play before the league tournament conducted.

## Chickasaw pianist and composer serves as composer-in-residence



**Jerod Tate**

Chickasaw composer Jerod Impichchaahaaha' Tate recently served as Composer-in-Residence for the 21st Grand Canyon Music Festival Native American Composer Apprentice Program (NACAP), at Grand Canyon Nation Park, Shrine of the Ages performance hall. NACAP is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, with funding provided by the State of Arizona, Arizona Commission on the Arts, Compton Foundation, Arizona Public Service and Western States Arts Federation. It features Hopi and Navajo students from Arizona reservation schools.

Student compositions were developed through an intensive four-week Native Composer

Internship program with supervision and instruction provided by composer Tate with students who had been selected by their respective schools for their interest in music. Their compositions were reviewed, performed and recorded by the award winning string quartet, The Calder Quartet, and were the focus of an exclusive outreach program to the reservation schools.

Compositions of the 2004 NACAP students were performed September 10 and 11 during the Grand Canyon Music Festival at Grand Canyon National Park, Shrine of the Ages performances hall.

September 20 through September 23, The Calder Quartet performed the student compositions to Hopi and Navajo school audiences throughout the Hopi and Navajo reservations at Greyhills Academy, Hopi Junior/Senior High School, Monument Valley Unified Schools, Polacca Day School, Second Mesa Day School and Tuba City High School.

Mr. Tate was born in 1968 in Norman, Oklahoma and is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. He received his bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from Northwestern University, where he studied with Dr. Donald J.

Isaak. He went on to complete his master's degree in Piano Performance and Composition at The Cleveland Institute of Music where he studied with pianist Elizabeth Pastor and composer Dr. Donald Erb.

Mr. Tate his composing career at age 23 with the commission of a ballet entitled *Winter Moons*, which is based on American Indian legends from the Northern Plains and Rocky Mountains. Hailed by the *New York Times* as "a new musical stream unshuffled by Hollywood and tourist stereotypes," he is constantly working to find American Indian solutions in classical composition.

"His music borrows from both traditions but is in debt to neither. Both traditions are

richer for his efforts, and so are his listeners," *The Billings Gazette*.

Mr. Tate had been commissioned by The National Symphony Orchestra, The Dale Warland Singers, The New Jersey Chamber Music Society, Native Earth Performing Arts Society in Toronto, and Native American Television in Minneapolis. *Iyaaknasha'* for Double Bass and Orchestra was commissioned by James VanDemark of the Eastman School of Music, and premiered in 1993 with the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, conducted by David Lockington. In 1998, it was recorded by the ProMusica Chamber in Columbus, Ohio, conducted by Timothy Russell, and is currently available on

d'Note Classics. *Tracing Mississippi*, Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, was commissioned by Christine Bailey, principal flutist of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and premiered in 2002 with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Ron Spigelman. His works have also been performed by the Colorado Ballet, Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Ohio Chamber Orchestra and the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, to name a few.

Mr. Tate is one of the few American Indians with formal music composition training in the United States. He and his wife, Ursula Running Bear, reside in Longmont, Colorado.

## Chickasaw earns English degree from UCO



**Autumn Garrett**

Autumn Elisabeth Garrett, a 1999 Newcastle (OK) High School graduate, graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla., with a B.A. in English and a minor in Geography. The ceremony to confer the degree was conducted Dec. 18, 2004. Her proud parents are Larry and Janice Garrett of Newcastle.

All four years of her undergraduate studies Autumn received scholarships from the Chickasaw Nation. She is very grateful to the Chickasaw Nation for the financial support provided her during her aca-

demic endeavor. She feels very blessed to be part of the Chickasaw Nation and is proud of her heritage. She is also thankful for her grandmother, Alice Phillips, who constantly, who constantly encouraged her to do her absolute best in school. Autumn finished with a 3.7 cumulative GPA. She believes she would not have succeeded in college if not for the encouragement of family and friends.

She will continue working at English Language Center in Edmond, a language school for international students. In the near future, she hopes to work in university administration helping international students. She feels that God has given her a love and compassion for internationals for a reason and she can't think of doing anything other than using God's gifts to fulfill His purpose.

## Five generations of Chickasaws



Front row , Chad Milne. Middle row from left, Kala Stephens, Rosie Postoak, Pauline Walker, and Brenda Stevens. Back row from left, Eddie Postoak, and Jeremy Edwards, holding Brayden Edwards.

## Taylor finishes in Sprint Car top 10



**Jimmy Taylor**

The American Sprint Car National Series wrapped up the 2004 season with awards banquet in Tulsa.

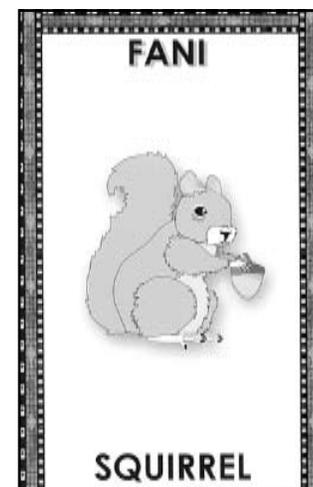
Jimmy Taylor of Oklahoma City walked away with several top awards including top ten

honors. He finished in 7th place. He also received awards for perfect attendance, lowest average draw and most improved driver for the 2004 season.

This is Taylor's second year driving with the ASCA series, finishing 8th in points in 2003, and newcomer of the years honors.

The ASCS 2005 series begins in February in Florida. The National Series races in several states Mississippi, Tennessee, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma are just a few.

Taylor is the grandson of the late Wayland Brown, the great-grandson of the late Leonard I. Brown. The son of Kelly Brown-Hutson.



## Rep. Billy tabbed for post



**REP. LISA BILLY**

A freshman Chickasaw legislator serving in the Oklahoma House of Representatives has recently been appointed vice chairman of a budget subcommittee.

State Rep. Lisa Billy (R-Purcell) was appointed vice chairman of the subcommittee by House Speaker Todd Hiatt (R-Kellyville). The subcommittee sets budgets for a number of state agencies, including the Appropriations and Human

Services.

"Representative Billy's commitment to excellence and to strong leadership will help guide this committee and its members in determining how we can best enhance Oklahoma," Hiatt said.

Rep. Billy won her House seat by defeating a Democrat from Pauls Valley. The House seat was left open when the incumbent was restricted from running by statutory term limits.

"I am honored that Speaker Hiatt has confidence in me to serve as subcommittee vice chairman," Rep. Billy said. "I anticipate a good working relationship among the administrators and staff of the agencies under the Human Services Subcommittee. I am enthusiastic about serving youth and families in Oklahoma."

Rep. Billy has previously served two terms as a Chickasaw Tribal Legislator.

## Sgt. Morris deployed



**Staff Sgt. Christopher Morris**

Staff Sgt. Christopher Morris graduated from Lorraine (TX) High School in 1999 and joined the U.S. Air Force following graduation.

Staff Sgt. Morris is currently deployed overseas.

He is the son of Mike and Melody Morris, of Lorraine, and is a descendant of Chickasaw leader Levi Colbert.

## Martial arts classes open in five towns

The Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program is currently conducting classes in five Chickasaw Nation cities.

Martial arts classes are available every Monday

and Thursday evening for both children and adults in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Ada and Purcell.

Classes are conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Achille.

## Vaughn, Brandon exchange vows



**Beth Johnson**

Beth Vaughn and Brandon Johnson, of Norman, Oklahoma, were married Dec. 18, 2004 at Norman First Baptist Church.

The bride wore a ballgown of bridal white satin tulle with a chapel length train lined in satin ribbon. She was given

away by her father, Joe R. Vaughn.

Matron of Honor was Becky Willeford. The bride's other attendants were Kristen Childs, Sarah Kerr, Loren Felts and Julie Woodward. Jesse Miller served as flower girl. C. Karber Miller was the ring bearer.

Best Man was Brett Braly. The groom's other attendants were Luke Abel, Trevor Francis, Jason McKinney and Eric Pipkin. Ushers were Jeff Ramsdell and Jake Doyle.

Following the ceremony, a reception was conducted at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History. Reception attendants were Tania Felts, Darla Thompson and Kathy Germany.

The bride is a senior at the University of Oklahoma

and works at Norman Public Schools.

The groom is a University of Oklahoma College of Medicine student.

Following a honeymoon at the El Dorado Royale Spa Resort in Mayan Riviera, Mexico, the couple is at home in Norman.

Parents of the bride are Dr. Debra D. Vaughn, Norman, and Joe R. Vaughn, Ardmore. The bride's grandmother is Rebecca Thompson, Ardmore.

The bride is a great-granddaughter of the late Thanet Colbert Joplin Thompson, an original Chickasaw enrollee.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Yukon, Oklahoma.

## Ashley Tolbert named 'Student of the Month'

A Chickasaw student has recently been named Student of the Month at her high school.

Ashley Tolbert, a senior at Wilson (OK) High School, maintains a 3.3 grade point average and is active in a number of school activities. She serves on the school yearbook staff, is a cheerleader and is a member of the fastpitch, slowpitch and basketball squads.

She is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 4-H and Beta Club.

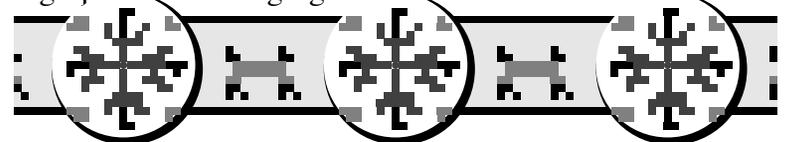
Ashley is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a mem-

ber of the Oklahoma Honor Society, has been selected an All-American Cheerleader and was elected her school's 2004 Homecoming Queen. She was a 2004 all-conference basketball selection.

Her hobbies include playing sports and hanging out

with her family and friends. She plans to attend college following her graduation.

Ashley is the daughter of Lou Ann Epley and Dennis Tolbert.



## Seaman Bailey serving



**Seaman Johnathan Bailey**

Seaman Johnathan Bailey graduated from Big Spring (TX) High School in 2004 and joined the U.S. Navy following graduation.

Seaman Bailey graduated from basic training at Great Lakes, Ill., and is now serving on board ship near Japan.

He is the son of Gary and Lizz Bailey, of Big Spring, and is a descendant of Chickasaw leader Levi Colbert.

# Chickasaws remember Chilocco Indian School



**Mary Lois Goer Clifford**

The game was much like 6-on-6 half-court play, but with three divided areas.

Aside from basketball, Mary was involved in YWCA and the Home Economics Club.

Mary said everyone lived in dormitories at Chilocco and they marched in unison everywhere they went. Her major field of study was sewing. Mary graduated from Chilocco in 1932.

“Chilocco taught me how to be able to fend for myself,” Mary said.

Following graduation, Mary moved to Lula and started a family. To make ends meet she sewed, grew a garden and canned. During World War II, she moved to California for 10 months and had a job welding boats for the military.

She currently resides in Ada. Mary has eight children, 19 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and three great, great-grandchildren.

A foreword in Mary’s senior yearbook (the 1932 Chilocco yearbook) reads:

Upon the pages of this little volume of the “Chiloccoan” we have tried to portray the achievements of the various departments of our school, as well as the extra-curricular activities... It is our hope that our little volume may fall into the hands of many to whom it will be a genuine inspiration. If it renews hopes that have faltered, if it brings realization of plans of young Indian boys and girls to attend our school and if it ever calls up happy memories to those whose tasks here has been completed, then our work shall not have been in vain.

Chickasaw **Overton “Buck” Cheadle**, 86, graduated from

Chilocco in 1937. His five siblings also attended Chilocco. Their parents were Tom and Ethel Cheadle.

“Chilocco was good to me, very good,” he said. “I had goals, but I didn’t know how to reach them. Chilocco helped me.”

Buck’s goal was to be a coach or a major league baseball player. At Chilocco each person had a major field of study. The person in front of Buck in the enrollment line said his major was baking. When it was Buck’s turn to enroll he said he wanted to be a coach. He was told there were already too many “gym rats,” so he chose baking, like the gentleman in front of him.

Following graduation at Chilocco, Buck went to Murray State College on a basketball scholarship. He later attended Oklahoma City University and Central State, now the University of Central Oklahoma. As a sophomore at OCU, Buck had the chance to play semi-pro baseball, but turned down the chance to complete his higher education degree.

During WWII, he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a Seaman First Class Athletic Specialist.

Buck got his teaching certificate in physical education, history and English. He later moved to Iowa where he was a very successful high school basketball coach.

In July 1974, Buck married Helen and moved back to Oklahoma.

He was in the education field for 40 years. Past positions include serving as the Indian counselor for East Central University, Southern Oklahoma Development Authority employment and training specialist

and higher education specialist for the Chickasaw Nation.

He was active on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, the Chickasaw Constitution Committee and the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Buck is a member of the Iowa High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, Chilocco Indian School Hall of Fame, Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame and in March he will be inducted into the Iowa High School Hall of Pride.

Buck currently resides in Ada and is the vice-chairman for the Chickasaw Historical Society. He has four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

For these two Oklahomans, Chilocco was a time of setting goals, receiving a quality educa-



**Petty Officer First Class Buck Cheadle**

tion and growing into adulthood. Both Buck and Mary say they enjoyed their time at the school and have many fond memories of their days at Chilocco.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

## Daisy Hawley Blackbird



**Daisy Hawley Blackbird and Gov. Bill Anoatubby**

Daisy Hawley Blackbird, an original Chickasaw enrollee, celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday Jan. 18, 2005.

Mrs. Blackbird was a teacher in Tupelo, Okla., and Coalgate, Okla. She later moved to

Oklahoma City and pursued a professional career in state government. Mrs. Blackbird’s husband was Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice William Henry Blackbird, who died in 1976.

## McSwain renovations set to begin

ADA, Okla. – The McSwain Theater’s Main Street marquee will soon be coming down as beginning phases of the renovation of the historic theater begin in February. Discussions are under way on plans to preserve and possibly display the sign at another location

Removal of the familiar sign is one element required in re-

building the southern façade to give the McSwain a look similar to that of its glory days in the 1920s. New windows flanking the main entrance will be another component in enhancing the theater’s appearance.

Renovation plans include projects to restore the structural integrity of the facility as well as cosmetic enhancements.

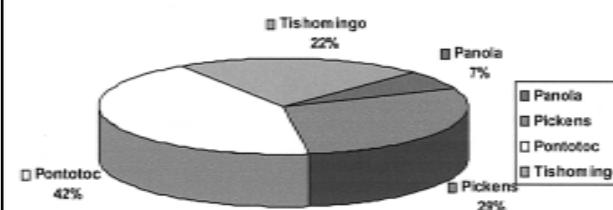
Installing a new roof, plastering outside walls and repairing the ceiling are among the improvements planned. The historic structure is owned by the Chickasaw Nation.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Count of Voters by District

<b>Panola</b>	<b>1260</b>	<b>Pontotoc</b>	<b>8304</b>
<b>Pickens</b>	<b>5598</b>	<b>Tishomingo</b>	<b>4209</b>
		<b>19,371</b>	

**Voters Chart by Districts**



## Scholarship offered in honor of Mrs. Humes



**Vinne May Humes**

The Chickasaw Nation has paid tribute to Vinnie May Humes by naming a scholarship in her honor. This scholarship will be awarded to a Chickasaw undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a major in Native American Studies, history or education. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who has a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Mrs. Humes was born in 1903 in Coatsworth, Indian Territory, the oldest of five children. At

an early age, the family moved to the Enterprise community where her step-father, Eastman Maytubby, owned a large farm. Chickasaw was the only language spoken in the home, but Mr. Maytubby always believed that his children should learn English so that they would have better opportunities in their lives.

At the age of eight, Mrs. Humes entered Wapanucka Public Schools with no knowledge of English. She was fortunate in becoming friends with Lilly Bates and learning the English language. Mrs. Humes also attended Bloomfield Academy, but she had to return home at the age of 14 when her mother died during a flu epidemic. This put an abrupt halt to her education as there were still two brothers and a six-month old sister to care for at home.

Life was far from easy for Ms. Humes, but she helped raise the family until she was married to Rufus "Cup" James in 1920. They had three children, and she taught them the need for a good education, as her father taught her, so they would have life a

little easier than what she had.

Mrs. Humes served as a social case worker during the administration of Governor Bill Murray, riding horseback to serve Indian clients in the rugged, rural area.

Mrs. Humes remarried in 1956 to the Reverend Jesse J. Humes. She and her husband became co-authors of the first Chickasaw dictionary. She taught a class on conversational Chickasaw at Murray State College in Tishomingo, and was active for many years with Methodist Indian mission work and served as a Sunday school teacher. She was an acknowledged authority on Chickasaw history and language.

At the age of 70, Mrs. Humes was determined to complete her formal education. She attended the General Education Development (GED) courses offered by the Chickasaw Nation and earned her GED certificate.

Mrs. Humes passed away on May 17, 1996 at the age of 93. She is the mother of Chenena Roach and Overton James, Governor Emeritus of the Chickasaw Nation.

## Upward Bound Christmas Dinner & Dance



**Matthew MacDonald and Rachel Wilkins, left, and Kendra Lanier and Clifton Keck at the dance.**

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students met at Ardmore in the Carter Seminary gymnasium on Saturday, December 11 for the annual Christmas Dinner & Dance. The traditional Christmas meal consisted of ham, turkey, dressing and all the trimmings catered by Interurban Classic Grill.

Special guests included Chickasaw Foundation executive director, Johnna R. Walker, and her husband, Darrell, and Mike Cox, director of TRIO programs, and his wife, Judy.

Students received gold Christmas ornaments with their names engraved on them, Santa hats and stockings filled with goodies. Following the dinner, the students rocked around the Christmas tree to the sounds of DJ Izzy.

The students and staff brought canned foods and toys which were later donated to the Chickasaw Nation's angel tree and food drive.

The students also voted for 15 representatives for the Upward Bound Leadership Council from all eligible juniors and seniors. The Student Leadership Council will represent the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program at the state leadership conference in March. Students selected included Starla Clayburn, Ashley Dixon, Beth Huddleston, Jeremy Strang, Jordin Tipton, Brooke Gilbert, Clifton Keck, Detrick Mowdy, Jimmy Robertson, Brandon Wilkerson, Shawna Baxter, Susan Bray, Lindsey Fanning, Chase Nichols and Kendra Rivers. Alternates selected were Cotie Poe, Toby Garmon, Heather Baker, Sheimeka Davis, Sam Johnson, Jeannie Loftin and Jeremy Webb.

The Upward Bound staff would like to thank Mike Abla, the Carter Seminary staff and Daren Ellis who volunteered to set up and take down tables, chairs, etc.

## Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing

### For You.....

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing offers you a full range of home loan products in addition to the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program.

Did you know that on virtually every kind of loan the seller can pay part of your closing cost? Has anyone taken the time to sit down with you and explain the process from start to finish or exactly what your closing costs actually are? Would you like personal, one on one attention to every detail?

Did you know that the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing is your ONLY source for the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan? HOWEVER, if you are Native American, and live in the Chickasaw Nation service area, we also have a loan product for you!

### Chuka Chukmasi

For Chickasaws ANYWHERE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES! Down payment and closing cost assistance is available. Homebuyer education is required!

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Available to any Tribe living in the Chickasaw Nation service area. This is a Native American loan and allows part of the closing costs to be financed into the loan. Borrowers need 2-3% of the purchase price of their own funds. These may be gifted funds or even a grant from their own tribe. No second mortgages are allowed on this loan. Homebuyer education is required!

### MyCommunityMortgage

This is community homebuyer loan. While there are income guidelines in certain areas, there are no income guidelines in underserved, low and moderate income or minority census tracts and central cities. Borrower investment can be as little as \$500 and community seconds are allowable as a source of funds for closing costs. Homebuyer education is required.

### VA Loans

If you are a Native American Veteran and have never used your VA eligibility to purchase a home, you may do so through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. VA Loans offer the veteran 100% financing.



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# Chickasaw Foundation 2005-2006 scholarships

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the scholarships being offered for the 2005-2006 school year. It is the philosophy of the Chickasaw Foundation to provide educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, dedication to Native America and commitment to learning.

The Chickasaw Foundation appreciates our donors who have so generously given their time and resources to establish a scholarship to further the education of our Chickasaw students. Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 if you are interested in applying for one of our scholarships or contributing to our scholarship program.

All applicants must complete the application and supply the appropriate documentation. Incomplete applications and/or applications lacking appropriate support documentation will not be considered. **All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by Wednesday, June 1, 2005 to be considered for funding.** Applications are also available on the Chickasaw Nation website by visiting [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net)

## **Computercraft Corporation Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

- Undergraduate students. Computers engineers, graphic designers, biologists, conference managers and international trade specialists recruited. However, the scholarship is not limited to these areas of study.

- One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester).

## **Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.

- Junior or senior year in any four-year college.

- History major or education or pre-law major with a minor in history (Chickasaw or Native American studies emphasis).

- One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester).

## **Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

- Undergraduate students.

- Major in finance, business or accounting.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 higher.

- Undergraduate students.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate, graduate or vo-tech students.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate students in a four-year college.

- Major in education.

- One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester).

## **Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.

- Undergraduate students in any four-year college.

- Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.

- One - \$3,000 scholarship (\$1,500 per semester).

## **Bank2 Ta'ossaa-asha' Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.

- Undergraduate students.

- Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.

- Three - \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester).

## **Ann Eubank Health Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate or graduate students.

- Student pursuing a pre-approved health care related major.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw

- students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate or graduate students.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Frederick L. Hill - The Hill Group Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate students.

- Two - \$1,250 scholarships (\$625 per semester).

## **Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

## *Scholarship dedicated to Mrs. Lillian Fowler*



**Lillian Fowler**

This scholarship is named in memory of Mrs. Lillian Fowler. It was made possible through the generous donations of The Chickasaw Nation, Mrs. Fowler's son-in-law and daughter, Phil and Trisha Hays of Hot Springs, Arkansas; their two children, Stacie and Greg Hays; and a private donor, Mr. Bill Best of Thermal Engineering Technologies from Columbia, South Carolina. Mrs. Fowler's daughters Linda Frost, Sandra Homer and Trisha Hays and her grandson, Roger Fowler, have pledged the proceeds of her estate to the Chickasaw Foundation.

This scholarship will be awarded to a Chickasaw undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in social work or a health care related field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who has a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

- Undergraduate or graduate students.

- Major in Native American studies, history or education.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.

- Student in freshman year at any two or four-year college.

- Proof of income (most recent filed tax form for financial need).

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw

- students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Graduate students enrolled in pharmacy school.

- One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester).

## **Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate or graduate students.

- Social work or a pre-approved healthcare related major.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

Lillian Fowler was born in Antioch, Oklahoma, the eldest daughter of Bryant Blackwood and Malinda Blackwood (Gibson), an original enrollee of the Dawes Commission. She attended Bloomfield Academy, previously known as Carter Seminary, and attended Chillico Indian School in 1940. She married Nicholas Bit Fowler, and to this marriage came four daughters and two sons.

Mrs. Fowler was very proud of her work with the Chickasaw Nation, which spanned a 13-year period from 1969 to 1982. This was a time of challenges and opportunities for the Chickasaw Nation as it was in the infancy stage of growth with many programs and services being established. She was hired as the second Community Health Representative (CHR) for the Tribe, allowing her to be involved in setting basic standards of work and service for this position. These standards still exist today. As a CHR she did it all - transporting people to and from health clinics, vaccination of dogs, preparing and delivering food baskets, cooking holiday meals, scheduling and hosting community meetings and many times just being a confidant and friend to the people.

She was fun loving, proud of her Chickasaw heritage and represented the Chickasaw Nation admirably as she traveled extensively throughout the states to improve her skills by attending numerous seminars, workshops, education conventions and other Native American events. She

valued education, and knowing that she fell short of graduating from high school, she enrolled in a General Education Development (GED) course. At the age of 57, the oldest in the class and still working full time, she attained her GED in June of 1977.

She was taken from her family and friends on January 31, 2004, after a valiant battle with heart disease and the debilitating effects of diabetes. She is greatly missed!

## **Chickasaw Foundation STARS**

The Chickasaw Foundation STARS (*Schools That Achieve to Raise Scholars*) will be Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at 6 p.m. at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada. This event will be a benefit fundraiser for Pontotoc County schools.

Celebrity waiters will serve the meal, and silent auction items will be available. KFOR-TV's Kevin Ogle will be the emcee for the event, and Oklahoma's First Lady, Mrs. Kim Henry, will be the keynote speaker.

Tickets prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 12 & under. For additional information about the Chickasaw Foundation STARS event, please contact Mr. Justin Villines, special projects coordinator, at (580) 421-9030.

‘Its About Money’

# Special Trustee in charge of sorting out IIM accounts



**J.D. Colbert**

**By J.D. COLBERT**

Many of you are perhaps not familiar with a federal government organization called the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST). Certainly those of you who may have an IIM account (Individual

Indian Monies) should be acquainted with the OST. Further, all of us as Indian people should keep abreast of the important work of the OST.

In recent years, there have been a number of stories in the press concerning the historic mismanagement and accounting problems that plagued the Bureau of Indian Affairs in their oversight of an American Indian trust fund amounting to close to \$3 billion. In an effort to address and correct these problems, Congress passed the American Indian Trust Fund Reform Act in 1994. This act created the Office of the Special Trustee. In 1996, the OST was separated from the BIA to create a whole new

office within the Department of the Interior.

The OST is headed by an Oklahoma Cherokee, Ross O. Swimmer, who serves as Special Trustee. It appears as though Mr. Swimmer is well on his way to creating an organization that will have the capacity to effectively address long standing problems related to the trust fund. It also appears that the OST will have the caliber of individual employees who can better communicate with tribes and individual account holders as well as be more responsive to concerns among the account holders.

Also, as Chickasaws, we should be proud that one of our

own, Mr. Melvin Burch, has an important role in the OST. Mr. Burch, an enrolled Chickasaw, serves as one of only six Regional Fiduciary Trust Administrators within OST. He also serves on the board of directors of our Chickasaw bank, Bank2. Mr. Burch and the other RFTAs have been busy recently in hiring highly qualified individuals for Fiduciary Trust Officer positions across the country. There are now some 50 FTOs stationed in various Agency offices across the country.

The FTOs are your immediate point of contact with regard to any questions or concerns that you have regarding the trust fund or IIM account. To find

out more about the Office of the Special Trustee you should visit their website at [www.doi.gov/ost/](http://www.doi.gov/ost/). I urge you to stay informed regarding the important work of the OST.

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## Chikashsha Anompa ilithana! Let's Learn the Chickasaw Language!

Below are a few common words and short phrases translated into Chickasaw.

English	Chickasaw
Name	Holhchifo
What is your name? holhchifo at nanta?	Nanta chi holhchifo? (or) Chi
My name is _____.	Sa holhchifo at _____.
Eat	Impa
Do you want to eat?	Impa chi banna?
Yes, I want to eat.	Ii, impa sabanna.
No, I don't want to eat.	Ki'yo impa iksabanno.
Sleep	Nosi
Do you want to go to sleep?	Nosi chi banna?
Yes, I want to go to sleep.	Ii, nosi sabanna.
Town	Aachompa
Do you want to go to town?	Aachompa aya chi banna.
Yes, I want to go to town.	Ii, aachompa aya sabanna.
Water	Oka
Drink of water	Oka ishko
Do you want a drink of water?	Oka ishko chi banna?
Yes, I want a drink of water.	Ii, oka isko sabanna

## Chickasaw Nation internship applications available

Applications are now available for the Chickasaw Nation internship program.

Interns selected for the program gain valuable hands-on experience and knowledge about the workings of both tribal and federal government as they work in a variety of government offices across the U.S. or in Chickasaw Nation businesses and departments throughout Oklahoma.

Internships are designed to help train students to work with government leaders to address challenges facing Indian country. The tribe selects and funds participants in hopes they will gain the experience and knowledge to become effective leaders and facilitate a continuing improvement in government-to-government relationships.

Chickasaw students selected for internships receive a weekly stipend and paid round-trip airfare, if applicable, and paid

housing from the tribe.

These tribally-funded internships are designed to help prepare students to work with leaders in the nation's capitol to address challenges facing tribal governments.

Interns serve four to eight weeks in a variety of offices, including Chickasaw Nation businesses and departments, the Indian Health Service, Congressional or Senate offices, Indian Affairs Commission, Environmental Protection Agency and others.

Location and dates of service are determined by the Chickasaw Nation after selection.

A weekly stipend of \$320 is provided for interns serving in Oklahoma, while interns in Washington, D.C. receive \$350 per week.

For information or an application contact:

Mrs. Lisa John  
The Chickasaw Nation  
Post Office Box 1548  
Ada, OK 74821-1548  
(580) 436-7214  
Fax: (580) 310-6461

## Lighthouse Police arrest pair on robbery charges

Only weeks after assuming law enforcement responsibilities in the Chickasaw Nation Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Officers made their first arrest.

Officers arrested two males 18 and 19 years of age in Pauls Valley, Okla., Thursday, Jan. 13 on charges of robbing the tribe's Goldsby smoke shop at knifepoint.

The two men allegedly entered the store at approximately 11:30 a.m. Thursday wearing hoods, but left when two female customers entered the store.

Less than 15 minutes later, it is alleged, one of the men returned, hiding his face, brandishing a knife and demanding cash.

Before the men drove away, however, the clerk on duty took

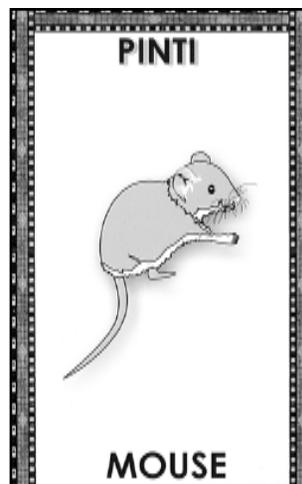
down the license number of the vehicle and contacted the police at 11:52.

Approximately one hour later, Lighthouse police officers had tracked the pair to a Pauls Valley residence, where officers arrested two men and recovered cash and the weapon allegedly used in the robbery.

The two now face charges on federal charges since the crime was committed on federal property.

A BIA Special Agent assisted with the investigation and the two males were transported to the Oklahoma County Jail on Federal Charges at the direction of the Assistant U.S. Attorney.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*



Boys ages nine to 18 participate

## Tribal Winter Baseball Camp a big success



**Lane Decker, area scout for the San Diego Padres, instructs campers on the proper catcher stance.**

Over 160 Chickasaw youngsters recently had the opportunity to meet and learn from some of their baseball idols.

The Chickasaw Nation hosted the annual Winter Baseball Camp Dec. 20-21 at the Ardmore (OK) High School indoor football facility.

The free two-day camp focused on improving the fundamental skills of hitting, pitching, fielding and strength training. An emphasis was placed on giving each camper the proper instruction that will help improve his level of play and decrease the potential for injury.

"This year's camp was very successful because we were able to serve more youth this year by adding more kids to the camp roster," said Danny Wall, camps and recreations manager. "In addition, more coaches and scouts participated and had the opportunity to watch some quality baseball players."

Participants learned from baseball greats including Dave Holliday, national cross checker for the Colorado Rockies; Bobby Madritsch, Native American pitcher for the Seattle Mariners; Mike Clay, former Kansas City Royals player; Rip Garcia, associate scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates; Ray Hayward, national cross checker for the Florida Marlins; Dave Klipstein, national cross checker for the Texas Rangers; Lane Decker, area scout for the San Diego Padres; Bob Laurie, area scout for the San Diego Padres; Aaron Looper, Seattle Mariners pitcher; Brian Capps, associate

scout for the Seattle Mariners; Dave Rollette, head coach for Asher (OK) High School; Kevin Wilson, head coach for Byng (OK) High School; Brian Deathridge, head coach for Crowder (OK) High School; Zack Birth, head coach for Ardmore (OK) High School; Eric Myers, head coach for Seminole (OK) Junior College; Tom Holliday, assistant coach for the University of Texas; James Martin, assistant coach for Seminole Junior College; Dallas Vanderford and Rolan Fanning, players for Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Campers, ages nine to 18,



**Banquet keynote speaker Bobby Madritsch, a Native American pitcher for the Seattle Mariners, offers advice for young baseball players.**

received a t-shirt, ball cap and pullover jacket at the conclusion of the camp. The camp's most valuable player was Michael Dabbs from Chandler, Okla. He received a bat and a glove.

A most valuable player and most improved from each team were named during the awards ceremony, each receiving a glove. Those winners included for the Rangers Team (9-year olds) MVP Daniel Brown and most improved was Jacob Lindsey. For the Rockies (9 and 10-year-olds) the MVP was Derrick Jackson and the most improved was Dalton Wood. For the Mariners (10-year olds) the MVP was Joe Dell Williams and the most improved was Wyatt Folsom. For the Reds (10-year olds) the MVP was Ty Williams and the most improved was Taylor Dunnigan. For the Giants (10 and 11-year olds) the MVP was Brett Jennings and the most improved was Michael Stick. For the Angels (11-year olds) the MVP was Brandon Fortner and the most improved was Caleb McDonald. For the Cubs (11 and 12-year olds) the MVP was Mykel Short and the most improved was Josh Johnson. For the Cardinals (12-

year olds) the MVP was Ryan Stewart and the most improved was Stacy Marris. For the Astros (12 and 13-year olds) the MVP was Stephen Cully and the most improved was Quannah Lindsey. For the Pirates (13-year olds) the MVP was Codie Bolin and the most improved was Seth Prichett. For the Yankees (13 and 14-year olds) the MVP was Joseph Johnson and the most improved was Ryan Post oak. For the Red Sox (14-year olds) the MVP was Ethan Hartman and the most improved was Brandon Marris. For the Marlins (14 and 15-year olds) the MVP was Brandon Post oak and the most improved was Bo Pershica. For the Devil Rays (15 through 17-year olds) the MVP was Chad Colbert and the most improved was Chris Benet. For the Twins (17-year olds) the MVP was Ryan Clark and the most improved was Albert Cervantes. For the Dodgers (17 through 18-year olds) the MVP was Tyler Gillum and the most improved was Kevin Bob.

On first evening of the camp a banquet was conducted for campers and their families. Bobby Madritsch, a Native American pitcher for the Se-



**Gov. Anoatubby presents Winter Baseball Camp MVP Michael Dabbs, of Chandler, Okla., with a glove and bat.**

attle Mariners, was the night's keynote speaker. He told the campers to set goals and work hard to achieve them, then good things will happen.

The Winter Baseball Camp was sponsored by the youth and family services division of the Chickasaw Nation.

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# November 2004 Students of the Month

Students of the month have been selected for November in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

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

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

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

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

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

**Nicole Olheiser** and **Brandon Olheiser**, Comanche High School, are the November students of the month in Pickens District.

"**Nicole Olheiser** is a very intelligent outgoing and giving student," said John Morgan. "She has always lent a hand as a water girl in Jr. high football and as a score book keeper in basketball." In my class she adds something to the class with interaction in discussion. She does very good on tests assignments.

"**Brandon Olheiser** is a very dedicated student." Said Jacquie Anderson. "He has a 4.0 GPA and is taking college prep classes." "He is definitely a team player and wonderful role model for his fellow classmates."

**Payton Whitehead**, **Maddison Poteet** and **Dillon Cummings** of Colbert School and **Sara Hicks** of Achille Junior High are the November Students of the Month for the Panola district.



**Payton Whitehead** is a third grade student at Colbert West Ward

School. "He is a very good student and a hard worker," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "He is active in Summer League Sports Program in our community. Payton is an Honor Student with a friendly personality. He participates in the JOM and Title VII Programs offered by Colbert Schools."



**Maddison Poteet** is a third grade student at Colbert West Ward School. "She is a very quiet young lady. Maddison

is an Honor Student and a hard working student," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "She is active in Summer League Sports Programs in our community and a member of P.I.P.S. At Colbert School."

"**Dillon Cummins** is a young man with a vivid imagination and story telling ability," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "He is interested in outdoor sports, especially hunting, and is being encouraged and taught by his dad to respect nature and the world in which we live. Dillon is an average student who over compensates and becomes an above average student." "He is well liked by his teachers and fellow students. Dillon is a good candidate for this award."

**Sara Hicks** is a very intelligent and respectful young lady,"

said Katie Helms. "She sets a high standard of citizenship in her class by observing all rules and conducting herself as an excellent student. Sara maintains a 4.0 grade point average. She has a great attitude and is always willing to participate in any class activities. Sara's attendance is exemplary of her work ethic and responsibility." Sara also participates on the softball and academic teams, she would be a fine choice to receive the Student of the month award.

**Ashley Brigham**, **Chantle Dickerson** and **Junior Alvarez** are the November students of the month in the Tishomingo

District.

"**Ashley Brigham** is a wonderful student. She is responsible in both attendance and assignment completion," said Mrs. Busch. Even when the work is difficult, "she can be counted on to do her best. She is always respectful and has a positive attitude. She gets along with everyone. She demonstrates the positive qualities we need to encourage."



**Chantle Dickerson** is a positive influence on her peers. "She works hard to maintain good grades and keep up with her school work and other activities," said Donna Owens. "She attends classes prepared for classroom discussion and with supplies to complete assignments."



**Junior Alvarez** consistently works hard at school. "His positive attitude and respect of peers and teachers set a good example for those he comes in contact with," said Donna Owens. Junior participates in athletics and is on the academic team. "He shows responsibility by attending class and maintaining good grades." Junior exerts a positive influence on his classmates by his example.



**Deana Byrd**, **Jeremy Cox**, **Clint Lane** of Latta School, **Josh Lemmond**, **Shantel Taylor** of Wapanucka Jr. High and **Tiffani Jolly** of Wynnewood High are the November Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District.

**Dena Byrd** is a very hard-working young lady. "She is very good natured and gets along with everyone. Dena always has something positive to say in every situation. She will accept any challenge and try her hardest to reach all goals set for her by putting forth her best effort, which is always 100%.



It is with great pleasure that I recommend Dena for Student of the Month."

"**Jeremy Cox** is a hard worker and self motivated. He comes to school prepared and ready to work," said Mrs. Rauch. When his work is completed he takes out his AR book and reads. "Jeremy is polite and has a positive personality. I enjoy having Jeremy in my class."



"I would like to begin by saying that I am very honored to be asked to write this letter of recommendation for **Miss Tiffani Jolly**. There are very few students in high school these days that possess the traits that I wish my children to grow up with," said Angie Dixon.

"Tiffani is one such special person. She is very smart, and her grades have always been a top priority for her." While graduating later as a Valedictorian, Tiffani has been involved in almost every sport, club, and organization that is offered. "She is one person who definitely knows right from wrong, and lives her life with high standards. Tiffani does not give into peer pressure and definitely makes her own decisions."

"The last two years Tiffani has represented her school as Vice-President of the Student Council. That shows what respect and confidence the student body of Wynnewood High School has in her. She is a beautiful, smart, athletic, friendly, goal-oriented, Christian young woman. She will make something very special out of her life. Tiffani is so deserving of this honor."

**Josh Lemmond**, I am happy to recommend Josh Lemmond as Student of the Month. "Josh is a friendly, thoughtful 7th grader



who is kind to his friends and respectful to his teachers." said Mr. Bill Vann. During this school year, Josh has increased his efforts in his academic studies and is continuing to work on developing solid

study skills and work habits. He demonstrates a real concern for his peers and alerts adults to potential problems when appropriate. Josh is always ready with a smile and a helping hand. I believe he would be an excellent choice for Student of the Month.

"I am happy to recommend **Shantel Taylor** as Student of the Month. Shantel is a lively, energetic 8th grader who keeps herself and others motivated with her good humor an friendly competitiveness," said Bill Vann.



"She is a very bright young woman who demonstrates her ability and commitment to her education through her daily work and her homework assignment." "Shantel is a leader in the classroom and has already been a great help in mentoring others who are struggling to understand concepts. She can be counted on to be responsible and inquisitive and is definitely an asset in the classroom." I believe she would be an excellent choice for Student of the Month.

**Clint Lane** was selected as our school's Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month. Based



on his high level of character, leadership, and academic success. "Clint always represents our school in a positive manner whether he is working in the classroom. participation in FFA activities, or competing on the golf course for the Latta Panthers," said Stan Cochran

"Clint was very instrumental last school year in helping to raise money to benefit the young daughter of one of our teachers who has had multiple health and medical difficulties since birth. He and some classmates took upon themselves to help when they recognized a need rather than sitting back and waiting for someone else to act. That is the kind of student and citizen Clint

# Indiana professor 'Excavates' lost Chickasaw words

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

John Dyson doesn't speak fluent Chickasaw, but this Indianan considers himself an archaeologist of the language.

Actually, he spent his academic career teaching Spanish and Portuguese at Indiana University. But his analogy is apt: for the last decade, he has been poring over 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century documents, maps, books, and picking the brains of Chickasaw and Choctaw speakers in an effort to discover and restore Chickasaw words and their meanings that have not survived the last two to three centuries. "These words and phrases are my artifacts," says Dyson.

His is a daunting task, given the multitude of thorny obstacles. For example, the same word from some 18<sup>th</sup> century source may have numerous different spellings since Chickasaw was not a written language before the tribe's removal to Indian Territory. So, a word that was recorded in a trader's journal or a village name on a surveyor's map was subject to many factors, including the pronunciation of the informant, the hearing and spelling of the recorder and, in many cases, whether the informant was Chickasaw or not.

To achieve any success, Dyson has to be creative, resourceful, tenacious, patient, and to have good sources of information. He evidently possesses them all to some degree given his track record so far. He wrote an article in which he claims to have restored the original Chickasaw names to all of the pre-removal villages. He also discusses the presumed or known meanings of the names. And to strengthen the archaeologist analogy further, Dyson's article appears in the Winter 2003 issue of *Mississippi Archaeology*.

Publishing in a Mississippi periodical was like a coming home event for Dyson in a sense. Born in Batesville, Mississippi, he remembers childhood visits to his uncle's farm near New Albany (northwest of Tupelo). "The land went directly from Chickasaw ownership to my family's ancestors, he says. "I used to walk right behind my uncle when he was plowing be-

cause occasionally he'd plow up arrowheads and other artifacts," Dyson says.

"I don't know whether geography is destiny," he says, adding that when the family moved, it was to Paducah, Kentucky, close to the Chickasaws' historical northern border. Furthermore, the Dysons' new home was in a city named after Chickasaw chief Paducah. Or so everybody thought.

Years later, in the early '90s, while teaching at Indiana University, Dyson decided to research the chief's life and city's name. While reference searches were not helpful, he eventually found the real explanation in a letter from William Clark (of Lewis & Clark) to his son. Dyson says: "Clark, who had been named superintendent of Indian Affairs at St. Louis, said he wanted to name the land that became the city of Paducah after the Paducah Indians (also called the Plains Apaches). He published his research in a small journal, and when some of the local citizenry heard about the article and Dyson's claim that their city's namesake was bogus, Dyson says he became "persona non grata," for a spell.

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The research ignited in the language professor a "fascination to know how the Chickasaws had been so influential in the southeast and beyond—way out of proportion to their numbers."

He was disappointed initially to find how little had been written about the tribe. But he came to understand the reasons. "For one thing, the Chickasaws were relatively remote physically from the Europeans and Americans in the 18<sup>th</sup> century," he says. "Also, because the Chickasaws were so warlike, the white colonists' interest in the tribe was not cultural, but political. To the whites, the Chickasaw were either your ally or your enemy."

As he read the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century primary source material on the tribe, the language professor especially noticed the Chickasaw words, or words purported or assumed to be Chickasaw. Early in his research, Dyson could sometimes tell or sense that some word wasn't Chickasaw. But intuition wasn't

good enough. If he really wanted to carve out a research niche in studying these words and their meanings, he would need to get more serious. He did.

Dyson has found words that have no meaning to today's speakers or a different meaning than the original. For example, 18<sup>th</sup> century English trader, James Adair wrote in his book, *History of the American Indians*, that Chickasaws spoke of *ishtahollo* as priests or sacred beings. But the consensus of the tribe's Chickasaw language committee holds that the word means witch.

How could today's meaning be almost exactly the opposite? Dyson says the difference probably is associated with the tribe's conversion to Christianity. "To 18<sup>th</sup> century Chickasaws, *ishtahollo* did sacred and supernatural things. Missionaries called these beliefs superstition, and after removal when more and more Chickasaws became Christian, the word stayed the same but the context changed."

Dyson also looks for words that once existed but apparently have vanished. He knows, for instance, that Chickasaws used to make their dugout canoes from cypress and tulip poplar trees, but when he consulted the Chickasaw dictionaries, no words for either tree were included. "There are no swamps [where the trees grow] in Ada that I know of, so you can see how these words might have been lost simply from disuse over the last 170 years."

Dyson did find the words elsewhere. He says *sipsi* (tulip poplar) appears in Adair's book. *Sh a kolo* appears for a cypress swamp on Bernard Romans' 1772 map of northern Mississippi.

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The divide between the Chickasaw spoken in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and that spoken today is particularly wide because of the profound disruption to the Chickasaws' continuity caused by their forced removal to Indian Territory in the late 1830s and '40s. Furthermore, no Chickasaw dictionary existed until the 1960s when one was produced by Chickasaw speakers Vinnie May and Jess Humes. (A second dictionary was produced by Pamela Munro and Chickasaw

speaker Catherine Willmond in 1994.)

Choctaw dictionaries, however, were published by Cyrus Byington in 1915 and by Ben Watkins in 1892. And because Choctaw and Chickasaw are similar languages, Dyson has found the books to be essential to bridging the two-century Chickasaw language gap. Both Byington, a missionary, and Watkins spent years with the Choctaws, learning from people "whose ways of living and thinking and looking at the world are long past," writes Dyson.

The books contain a treasure trove of synonyms, which strongly suggests "a former period of bountiful Chickasaw synonyms," Dyson writes. "The words that evidently existed have been lost to history and to the elders. In the two Chickasaw dictionaries, I am lucky to find one synonym for a word."

Since he started his research, Dyson has consulted a number of Chickasaw and Choctaw speakers. Last year, he attended a meeting of the Chickasaw language committee and asked for the members comments and help. He speaks periodically with Oklahoma Choctaws and Mississippi Choctaws, and not surprisingly finds differences in their vocabularies and word usages. Members of both groups were helpful as he plowed through the 19<sup>th</sup> century Choctaw dictionaries while researching his article on Chickasaw village names.

One of his major findings was that some of the Chickasaw village names in the literature were actually Choctaw. Because the Choctaw and French were allies, French documents reflect Choctaw information. For example, in March 1736, French and Indian forces attacked the Chickasaw village of *Chokkilissa*. But in his article, Dyson writes that *Okla Chitoka* is how the Choctaws referred to the attacked village. *Okla* is town; *chito* is large; and *ka* emphasizes the importance of the town. Being French and using French spelling, the recorder wrote it as Ogoula Tchetoka.

Thus, the account of the great Chickasaw victory has appeared in history articles and books as the "Battle of Ogoula Tchetoka." From a Chickasaw perspective, it should be the "Battle of Chok-

kilissa'."

In this article, Dyson proceeds chronologically through the major sources of information, narratives (such as Adair's book) and maps, which provide Chickasaw village names. Naturally, he says, this entails repetition, especially since the names of some of the villages didn't change or change much. But, the "greater and more varied the number of spellings, the better the clues we have to what was actually being said."

A good example of the same village name spelled numerous ways is *Foli' Cha'a'*, which in Chickasaw literally means "chopped off switches," according to Dyson. Tying the diverse spellings together, he says, gave him fits. I spent probably weeks cross-checking in the Chickasaw and Choctaw dictionaries and other sources, verifying alternate spellings in numerous languages, and pestering native speakers and language colleagues to death." The village's first mention, Dyson writes, appeared on a sketch drawn about 1684 for the French crown by an Italian mapmaker named Coronelli. He spelled it *Fabatchaoux*. It was later written as *Falatchao* and *Falatche* in French, *Hollachatroe* in English by Nairne and *Phalacheho* in English by Adair in his 1775 book.

Dyson believes "chopped off switches" refers to the cut saplings known as wattle that were used to construct Chickasaw buildings. *Foli'* is obsolete in Chickasaw, but *fuli* means switch in modern-day Choctaw and is the old Choctaw word for wattle. In the article's introduction, Dyson notes that the village names are almost unfailingly practical or pragmatic, in that their meanings describe some aspect of the village or its natural setting. By extension, Dyson believes that the early-day Chickasaws were as pragmatic as the names of their villages.

Four of the villages listed by Coronelli appear with divergent spellings on virtually all of the major documents and maps throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Dyson says. While historical and archaeological evidence clearly shows that the village locations changed (usually for

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## Colbert sees many positives in establishing Indian chambers of com-

FREDERICKSBURG, Virginia - With his elevation to the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma, J.D. Colbert hopes to revisit the potential for a national Indian chamber of commerce. Colbert, executive vice president for the Chickasaw Nation's Bank 2 in Oklahoma City, was in the Washington area Dec. 13 for a meeting of the First Nations Oweesta Corporation, an affiliate of First Nations Development Institute in Fredericksburg. The week before in Oklahoma he was elected to the AICCO and also received an invitation to join the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. In addition to addressing the other priorities of the positions, Colbert plans to test the waters of an idea that ran aground two years ago.

With the Chickasaw hosting, the governor declaring an "American Indian Chamber of Commerce Week" in Oklahoma, and an assist from the U.S. Department of Commerce, representatives from 10 Indian chambers developed the organizational documents and appointed officers of a United States American Indian Chamber of Commerce. They settled on Washington as a base and issued statements declaring a spirit of cooperation and respect in advancing Indian business interests nationwide. But the initiative faltered on the issue of defining Indians. Given Indian eligibility for federal contracting preferences, it's a money issue among other things. In only two years since then, however, a number of issues have arisen that suggest the time may be right for national Indian business initiatives that spread the message of private sector prosperity.

Taxation of tribes may come up in the 109th Congress. The untaxed \$17-billion-a-year In-

dian gaming industry may tempt a spendthrift federal treasury. Declines in domestic discretionary spending - the part of the national budget that funds tribal programs - are scheduled to become more pronounced after 2005. And prospects for raising the profile of inter-tribal business through a national conversation suffered a setback with the November defeat of Tom Daschle, the Senate Minority Leader who had agreed to spearhead the initiative.

Above all, the reasons that a national Native chamber made sense two years ago remain valid. Colbert gave these reasons as fourfold: \* A national chamber of commerce will raise the visibility of Indian-owned businesses, so that they are less of an afterthought among national decision makers. \* It will make fundraising easier for local chambers. Grantmaking institutions with a national focus will be more inclined to support one national umbrella organization, rather than seeming to favor different regions of Indian country over others. \* Programs and services will benefit because with national funding, a national chamber would be able to support any deserving business development program in Indian country, rather than focusing only on those associated with local member chambers. \* A national chamber could develop an affiliated Community Development Financial Institution in order to make small business loans that might not fit within standard banking practices and federal regulations. Local Indian chambers of commerce, the necessary building blocks to any national entity, have made impressive progress in recent years. At least 16 have been established, from coast to coast and at many points in between.

In their various incarnations,

they offer visibility for Indian businesses, technical assistance for start-up entrepreneurs, networking among successful professionals, federal procurement opportunities, counseling and mentoring, and Web-based information. Altogether, the chambers are fulfilling several of the recognized precedents of a thriving private sector in Indian country. On one hand, they provide networking among the people and institutions that circulate investment capital. On the other, they are helping to build within communities the critical mass of business interests that can nourish a private sector. In the meantime, they are bringing out the many business success stories that offer a

counterweight to the usual fixation on discouraging news from Indian country.

Recently the AICCO told the story of Data Video Systems, a Muskogee-based company that sells, assembles and installs fiber optic and electrical wire. Among its long-term, multi-million dollar clients are the U.S. Department of Energy and the Arkansas penitentiary system. DVS harvested a number of honors in Oklahoma for its work, and was ultimately named the national minority technology firm of the year by the U.S. Commerce Department's Minority Business Development Agency. Similarly, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin recently featured Belonger Corp. of West

Bend, Wis., a woman-owned sheet metal fabrication shop that does about 75 percent of its business with the federal government under diversity policies. Belonger also demonstrated a trend Native women should take note of - women-owned businesses, in Wisconsin and nationally, are doubling the growth rate of new companies generally and outpacing them in revenues. A national chamber would permit one-stop features for capital access and procurement where appropriate, as well as a national presence focused on inter-tribal business. It's a tall order, but Colbert for one is willing to give it a second chance.

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# After School Arts Program work featured in exhibit



Artwork by Katie Goodnight

## College and Career Day scheduled

ADA, Okla. - The 2005 Chickasaw Nation College and Career Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pontotoc Career Technology Center in Ada.

The College and Career Day event is for Native American students with a CDIB and/or tribal citizenship card. Attendees must be in grades nine through 12. Each school must send a sponsor with its students.

In addition to a guest speaker, several colleges will be on hand. Sessions will focus on careers in the fields of computers and health care.

The school that brings the most students will win a new computer system. Likewise, the essay contest winner will receive a new computer.

For the essay contest, four

students from each school may submit an essay on "Why it is important, as a Native American student, to have an education beyond high school." Also, describe in detail your educational and career aspirations.

The essays must be two to four pages, double spaced, size 12-font and turned into the Chickasaw Nation Education Department by Monday, Feb. 7. The top four essay winners must be present at the event and the first place essay winner will read his/her essay during the closing session.

For more information on the College and Career Day event or the essay contest, contact the tribe's education department at (580) 421-7711.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

ADA, Okla. - Come experience vibrant color, incredible imagery and poetic lines as you tour the After School Arts Program student art exhibit now showing at the Gallery on Mississippi, 815 N. Mississippi in Ada.

Students have studied how to incorporate rich palettes of color and strong imagery, while paying tribute to their ancestors in an exhibit titled "From Gorman to Victory: Children's Abstract Expressionism in Mixed Media."

Native artists Poteet Victory (Choctaw/Cherokee) and R.C. Gorman (Navajo) have spent their lives exploring color and line through abstracts and expressionism while honoring their Native American heritage.

Children, ages nine to 18, were presented with a background of

works studying the techniques of the two famous artists as they learned to use color and line.

The exhibit begins with a narrative explaining the lessons and renderings. This adds to the show by giving a background to the children's work and what they were learning during the art classes taught by Trina Jones, art education specialist.

"The quality of the students' art is very good," Jones said. "I am so happy with the results."

Some of the work will be entered in Red Earth and the Five Civilized Tribes contests.

The exhibit will continue through February.

For more information on the exhibit, call the division of arts and humanities at (580) 332-1092.

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Artwork by Quannah Lindsey

## Check it out . . . at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

### Featured Selections of the Month

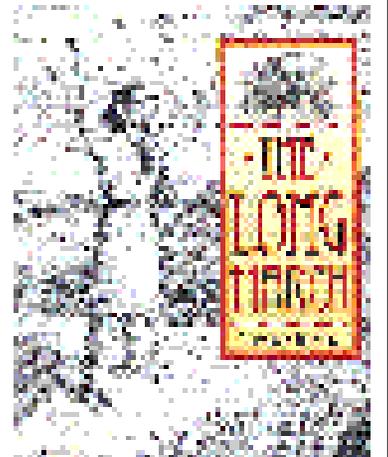


**Book: American Indian Mythology and Spirituality**

**The Cherokee People**

**Native American Art**

These featured selections are available for borrowing at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library. The Cherokee People is a comprehensive history of the Cherokee Nation, from its early days to the present. Native American Art is a collection of traditional and contemporary art from various tribes. American Indian Mythology and Spirituality explores the rich cultural heritage and spiritual beliefs of Native Americans.



## Do you want to get diabetes?

If you answered "no," then you have already taken the first step towards preventing it. Staff at the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) Diabetes Care Center can help you take the next steps.

The CNHS diabetes program recently received a new diabetes grant aimed at helping people prevent diabetes. It has been scientifically proven in Indian country that diabetes can be prevented.

The CNHS diabetes program is preparing to start a new intensive education and activity program designed to support people in achieving the steps necessary to prevent diabetes. For help or to learn more, call: (580) 421-4532 or 1-800-851-9136, ext. 82260.

## Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library

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and 601 N. Mississippi, P.O. Box 2000, Ada, Oklahoma 74801  
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# High schoolers sought for Black Mesa Ecological Academy

The Oklahoma Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM) is seeking high school students to participate in the Black Mesa Ecological Academy. The Academy will be held June 19 - 24, 2005, at Kenton, Oklahoma. This Academy will be a cooperative effort among Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Students will explore the rangelands of the five-state area. The five-day Academy provides the opportunity to learn more about range and wildlife management, conservation planning, plant identification, conflict resolution and leadership development. All these subjects are integrated using new technology such as global positioning systems and geographic information systems.

The course will be taught by members of the Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas Sections of the Society for Range Management along with personnel from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, and conservation districts. Additional staff, selected from the five states, will include animal scientists, historical re-enactors, tourism specialists, and others

with expertise in rangeland related issues.

"Rangelands compose over one-half of the state's land use in Oklahoma," says Clay Horton, Tribal Resource Conservationist. These lands provide recreation, grazing for livestock, habitat for wildlife, and an excellent setting to teach ecological concepts to the youth of Oklahoma." The Academy is a fun week of meeting people, learning new skills, and spending time in a rangeland environment.

Applications for the Academy can be obtained at your local conservation district or NRCS office, the Tribal Resource Conservationist Office at the Chickasaw Nation Housing Annex in Ada, or from the BMEA link on the Oklahoma SRM website, <http://www.oksrm.okstate.edu/>. Applications must be post-marked by June 1, 2005.

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## Indian Health Careers program seeks applicants

NORMAN, Okla. - The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is accepting applications for the Headlands Indian Health Careers Program, June 5 to July 30 on the OU Norman campus.

American Indian high school seniors and first-year college students interested in the health professions are encouraged to apply.

Headlands offers mini-block courses in calculus, chemistry,

physics and biology. Courses are designed to prepare students for the college-level mathematics and science coursework in pre-health programs.

Students will gain experience in the laboratory, strengthen their communication and writing skills and attend interactive presentations at the OU Health Sciences Center colleges of Public Health, Allied Health, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Nursing. Field trips to health clinics

and hospitals are included.

Travel, lodging and meal expenses are provided.

The Headlands program is sponsored by the Oklahoma Native American EXPORT Center, with funding from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Applications are available at [www.headlands.ouhsc.edu](http://www.headlands.ouhsc.edu) or by calling 405-271-2250. Deadline is 3/15/05.

## Letter to Editor:

Dear Editor:

On 20 September 2004 Dr "Tonie" Waller (DDS) of the Dental Department of Chickasaw Nation Health System (Ada) SAVED MY LIFE with his performance of skilled surgery. Unfortunately I had lost over 100 pounds in weight; (couldn't drink or eat for the past 1-2 months from the continuous extreme pain in my lower right jaw of the mouth.)

Dr. Waller deserves recognition of his expertise for a "Job Well Done" with accolades.

Dr. Waller performed above and beyond his professionalism. His superb performance is

outstanding profession.

Thank you

Semper Fidelis

Herbert Couteau, Jr.

Shawnee, Okla.

## Dyson, continued from page 19

self-defense against the French and their Indian allies), the village names did not. Dyson writes that Chickasaw identity and continuity were explicit in the persistence of seven village names throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> century. He identifies them as *Chokkilssa'*, *Chokka' Falaa'*, *Aamalaata'*, *Chisha' Talla'a*, *Tokaabilowa'*, *Foli'Ch a'a'* and *Aahikki'ya'*.

Though Dyson's article is 38 pages long (including the bibliography and notes), he says he hopes it is a good beginning. "I do not pretend to have gotten every name correct," he says, inviting comments and alternative interpretations from Chickasaw speakers and scholars.

Another project that he is researching for publication is an examination of all the old-fashioned or obsolete Chickasaw words in James Adair's 500-page book. He says the words

and phrases include clothing, food, musical instruments, even cursing the enemy. But what Dyson is perhaps most excited about are the words associated with traditional Chickasaw spirituality. He says, "Adair is quite detailed about their different religious ceremonies; who performed them; and why, when and under what circumstances."

Although Dyson identifies Adair's book as "definitely the one to consult for 18<sup>th</sup> century Chickasaw words, the trader had a maddening habit of inserting Indian words in the text often without identifying tribal origin. Since Adair spent most of his time with the Chickasaw Indians and admired them most, scholars assume that the majority of the Indian words in his book are Chickasaw. But, Dyson will spend considerable time teasing out words that are

Catawba, Cherokee, Choctaw and Creek.

Dyson reports that he is borrowing ahead, but wisely refrains from predicting when his paper will see print. When this work is available, we will cover it here.

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the Winter 2003 issue of *Mississippi Archaeology* containing Professor Dyson's article on Chickasaw village names may contact the Mississippi Archaeological Association, Box 571, Jackson, MS, 39205. The cost is \$2.50 and checks should be made out to MAA.

In addition, many large research libraries subscribe to the journal. A copy is available at the Chickasaw Library in Ada.

Contact Richard Green at [rgreen26@cox.net](mailto:rgreen26@cox.net) or (405) 947-5020.

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## Elders' Christmas Party



Chickasaw Nation Senior Site workers entertained the crowd at the Elders' Christmas Party. From left, Linda Gross, Connerville Senior Site; Paula Woods, Pauls Valley Senior Site; Barbara Wallace, aging program director; Leona Taylor, Madill Senior Site; Christine Sanders, Tishomingo Senior Site; Janie Newby, Ada Senior Site and Willarene Amos, Sulphur

Pauline Alexander from the Ada area, along with hundreds of other seniors, enjoyed the annual Elders' Christmas Party. The event included entertainment, bingo, food and prizes.



# Chuka Chukmasi, continued from page 7

as one of the eight most effective and significant tribal government programs in the country.

Expansion of the program to more than 5,500 tribal employees is the result of collaboration with Fannie Mae to create an Employer Assisted Housing initiative - the first such collaboration with an Indian nation in Oklahoma.

"This program has been extremely successful in helping us meet the housing needs of our citizens across the country, and we are pleased to be able to offer it as a benefit to our employees," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"Fannie Mae is so pleased to be a partner in the efforts of

the Chickasaw Nation to create more homeownership among its employees. This is the first Employer Assisted Housing program to be offered by a tribe, to all of its employees, nationwide. We applaud Governor Anoatubby for his commitment to housing," said Lorrie Davis, senior deputy director of Fannie Mae's Oklahoma Partnership office when the program was first established.

All Chickasaw Nation employees are now be able to benefit from the award-winning home loan program which has provided more than \$22 million in home loans to 308 Native American families in a dozen states. Eight more employees

are currently in the process of buying a home through the program.

A variety of mortgage options on loans up to \$333,700 are available through the Chuka Chukmasi program. Second mortgages are also available to applicants to assist with down payment and other closing costs.

Loan applications are evaluated by an automated underwriting system that doesn't recognize marital status, age or race.

Another important part of the program is the in-depth home ownership counseling provided to home buyers, which helps to

relieve some of the frustration and confusion first time home buyers often face by helping people understand the home buying and home owning experience before they buy

Started as a way to help buyers fulfill the counseling requirements of the Chuka Chukmasi program, home ownership counseling is also open to anyone interested in making a more informed home buying decision.

Fannie Mae has assisted more than 650 public and private employers across the nation establish EAH plans, with a goal to help 1,000 employers across America establish these plans by the end of the decade.

Through its EAH initiative, Fannie Mae provides free technical assistance to employers that are interested in developing EAH plans.

Fannie Mae's participation in the Chickasaw Nation EAH program is part of the company's new goals under the American Dream Commitment. This includes an effort to identify the housing tools, such as EAH programs, that can have the greatest impact in serving working families and then expand the use of these tools to create workforce housing solutions.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*



## SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE AND JOY!

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

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## Obituaries

### Rennie Winona Spivey

Rennie Winona Spivey died Jan. 6, 2005. Graveside services were Jan. 8, 2005 at Bellevue, Texas with the Rev. Edwin Harwood officiating.

Mrs. Spivey was born Feb. 22, 1909 at Courtney on her mother's allotted Indian land. She was the fifth of 11 children born to W.R. "Bud" and Lula Catherine Bourland Watkins. Both of her parents were enrolled Chickasaws. Her grandmother, Lorinda Melvina Harkins Bourland, was one-half Choctaw. Her grandfather, George Harkins, was chief of the Choctaws when they came to Oklahoma. Both of her parents were descendants of the Love family for which Love County was named. Overton Love was her father's uncle.

She attended school at Belleville and Wilson, Okla. She married Hubert Spivey Oct. 8, 1926 at Wilson. He preceded her in death April 3, 1965.

She was a charter member of Courtney United Methodist Church and very active as long as she was able. She was also a member and active in the Petersburg Home and Community Education Group as well as the Bourland Belleville Cemetery Committee.

She was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers, H.F. "Son", Overton, Rankin, James Howard, Clarence and Calvin Watkins; two sisters, a baby and Ruby Watkins Bucher; and a beloved daughter-in-law Gayle Miller Spivey, December 11, 2000.

She is survived by three sons, Tankie and his wife Peggy of Courtney, Bryan of Healdton and Danny of Courtney; two sisters, Morene Morris of Waurika and Louise Beal of Atlanta, Georgia.; four grandchildren, Kealise and husband Danny Linville of Prague, Jonette and husband Ben Gadd of Oklahoma City, Langdon Spivey of Courtney and Leah and husband Butch Carver of Paden; four great-grandchildren, Chance and wife Kim Linville, of Healdton, Bryna Linville Anderson and husband Ryan of Prague, Jennifer Gadd of Dallas, and

Ty Carver of Paden; two-great-great-grandchildren, Macyn and Cade Anderson of Prague; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

### Betty Jo Burns

Betty Jo Burns, 74, of Ardmore, Okla., died December 27, 2004. She was born Dec. 30, 1930 at McMillan, Okla., to the late Robert Joseph and Vivian Shaw Burns.

She was raised in Marshall (OK) and Carter (OK) County all her life.

She is survived by brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Charlene Burns, Ardmore; sister, Earlene Storz, Roseville, Calif.; nephews, Mike Burns, Greg Burns, Jeffrey Storz; nieces, Cheryl Gordon, Rhonda Henry, Ann Marie Price, Deborah Burns and Brenda Burns; many great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother David Burns.

Services were Dec. 29, 2004 at Watts Memorial Chapel, Madill, Okla., with Robert Hightower officiating. Interment followed in McMillan Cemetery.

Bearers were Bob Shaw, Bill Stewart, Wendyl Stewart, Jack Burns, J.A. Saxon and Dick Howie.

### Frances Bass Wierman

Frances Bass Wierman died Jan. 5, 2005.

She was born June 21, 1918 at Caddo, Okla.

She is survived by a daughter, Bob Ann Wierman; grandsons, Robert Thornton, Adam Marshall and Andrew Thornton; great-grandchildren, Hannah Thornton and David Thornton.

Mrs. Wierman was a native of Caddo, and a longtime resident of Norman, Okla. She served as housemother for the ATO fraternity at the University of Oklahoma for 23 years. She was an avid genealogist and loved reading about Indian history especially Chickasaw history.

## Resolutions, continued from page 7

the first day of April, 2003, and ending March 31, 2006.

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

No votes: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 22-020

Oil and Gas Lease in Haskell County

(Tribal Tract - S.T. 23)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Williams Production Mid-Continent Company, P.O. Box 3102, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$217.93 per acre for a total bonus of \$544.83, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$136.21 on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided one half (1/2) mineral interest in and to the E/2 SE/4 SE/4 SW/4 of Section 12, Township 8 North, Range 18 East, Haskell County, Oklahoma, containing, 5.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$7.50, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1.88 per annum, and a royalty rate

of 18.75 %.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

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

General Resolution Number 22-021

Revocable Permit No. G09-1544 in McCurtain County

Explanation: This resolution approves Revocable Permit No. G09-1544 in favor of James T. Wax on property described as: Beginning at the NW Corner of NW/4 SW/4 of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, McCurtain County, Oklahoma, containing 22.50 acres, more or less, in favor of James T. Wax, Post Office Box 77, Gillham, Arkansas 71841, Oklahoma, containing 22.50 acres, more or less, for the purpose of trespass only as an adjoining property owner, in the amount of \$35.00 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$8.75 per annum, for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2007.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

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

Permanent Resolution Number 22-008

Amendments to Title 2, Article I of the Chickasaw Nation Code of Laws

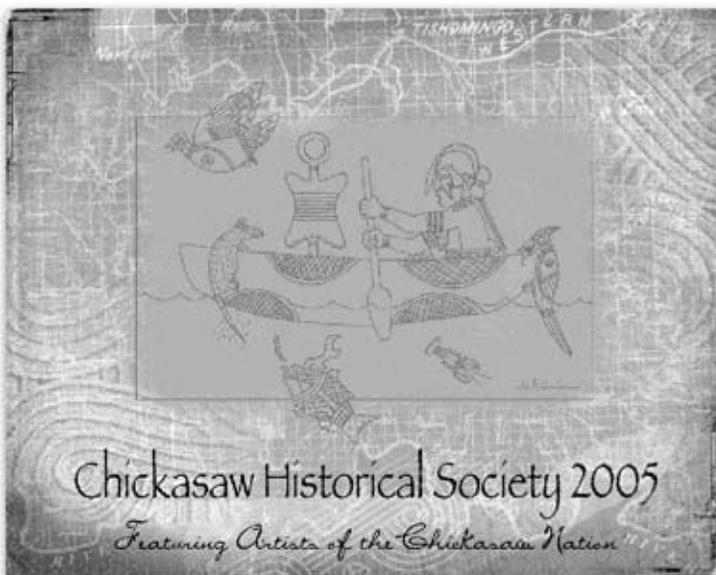
Explanation: There is a need for further revision of the language contained within Title II, Article I of the Code of the Chickasaw Nation to facilitate the operations of the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Steve Woods, Chairman Legislative Committee

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

## 2005 Chickasaw Artist Calendar



Cover art titled "Earth Diver" by Joshua Hinson

### Featured Artists Include:

Susie Johnston  
Jeannie Barbour  
Joshua Hinson  
James Blackburn  
Regina Walker  
Harold Stick  
Jerry Underwood  
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