



Gov. Bill Anoatubby led the dedication ceremonies July 19 in Ada for the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Front row, from left, Melvin Burris, Pickens District legislator Connie Barker, Pickens District legislator Shana Tate Hammond, Pickens District legislator Linda Briggs, Director of Office of Environmental Health and Engineering for IHS Admiral Gary Hartz, Chickasaw Chief Justice Barbara Smith, Chickasaw Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, Pontotoc District legislator Holly Easterling, Choctaw Chief Gregory Pyle, 2007 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Inductee Pauline Brown, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Indian Health Service Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Pontotoc District legislator Mary Jo Green and Tishomingo District Legislator Steven Woods. Back row, from left, Panola District legislator Beth Alexander, former IHS Director Dr. Charles Grim, former Oklahoma IHS Area Director John Daugherty, Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development Administrator Wayne Scribner, Pontotoc District legislator Dean McManus (partially obscured), Pontotoc District Legislator Katie Case and IHS Oklahoma City Area Director Rear Adm. Kevin Meeks.

Marcy Gray

New tribal medical center dedicated July 19 in Ada

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by more than 1,000 tribal officials, citizens, employees and guests in a dedication ceremony 11:30 a.m., Monday, July 19 for the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

The 370,000 square-foot state-of-the-art health care facility is almost triple the size of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. Features include a 72-bed hospital, level

3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, diabetes care center, dental clinic, diagnostic imaging center, women's health center, administrative offices, tribal health programs as well as a centrally located "town center" bridging the centers of patient care.

"This facility will enable us to better meet the needs of Chickasaws and other Native Americans," said Gov. Anoatubby. "When we ask Chicka-

saws about their priorities, health care is at the top of the list. This medical center is designed and equipped to empower our staff to offer the highest level of health care."

Unique to the new medical center is the region's only 256-slice Computed Tomography (CT) scan. The equipment will provide early detection of heart blockages. The imaging department will also provide

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Green, Briggs, Colbert retained; runoff in Panola



Tim Colbert



Mark Colbert



Mary Jo Green



Linda Briggs



Beth Alexander



Beryl Sears

Green and Linda Briggs won re-election while a runoff election will be required for Panola District, Seat 1.

Incumbent Supreme Court Justice Mark Holmes Colbert retained his seat.

Incumbent Beth Alexander, Achille, will face Beryl F. Sears, Hendrix, in a runoff election for the Panola District seat.

Mrs. Green, of Ada, was re-elected to Pontotoc District,

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder announced the results of the 2010 tribal election July 27.

Tribal legislators Mary Jo

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Crowd enjoys July 24 opening of Chickasaw Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - Visitors experienced the best of Chickasaw culture during the July 24 opening day of the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The cultural center opening was the culmination of a decades-long dream for Chickasaw people.

"Chickasaws of all ages and from all walks of life helped make this dream a reality," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This beautiful place reflects the vision, imagination and spirit

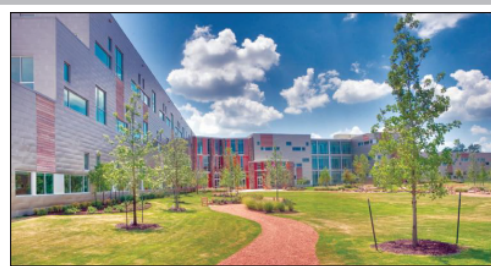
of the Chickasaw people. It is a magnificent place where Chickasaw people embrace the culture and heritage tjat binds us together as a people. It also provides an incredible venue where we are able share our culture with others."

Binod Manandhar, of Kathmandu, Nepal, said his visit to the cultural center was a "true learning experience."

"The exhibits were very in-

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mammography, ultrasound, bone scan, CT scan and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) services.

"Technology is the cornerstone of this new facility," Bill Lance, tribal Division of Commerce administrator and former tribal Division of Health administrator. "We have all of the latest digital technologies available for patient care. For example, the 256-slice CT scan technology is so good that we may be able to prevent patients from undergoing a very invasive cardiac procedure."

Over time, the \$145 million medical center will add about 250 new jobs to the Ada area, including physicians, nurses and support staff, thanks to the unique joint venture partnership with the U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS). Awarded in 2007, the program enables the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health to fully staff the new

medical center.

"We are extremely pleased to be the first hospital replacement facility to receive the Joint Venture Funding Construction Award," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This program will provide up to \$25 million per year for staffing and operation costs for the next 20 years. This will be of great benefit to the Chickasaw Nation, but more importantly, our patients will reap tremendous rewards from our investment in this facility."

IHS Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux described the new medical center as an "incredibly important milestone in Chickasaw and Indian Health Service history."

"Altogether, this joint venture between the IHS and the Chickasaw Nation is a model," Dr. Roubideaux said. "It is the model how to build a beautiful hospital, how tribes can leverage their resources for much

needed facilities to provide and maintain the health of the citizens.

"I am so pleased we have this beautiful new medical center. It's a testament to the success and forward thinking and planning of the Chickasaw Nation."

A great respect and appreciation for nature and Chickasaw culture can be seen throughout the picturesque 230-acre campus, designed for tranquility and healing, according to Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health.

"If you think about our culture, it's important from our very young to our elders. What we have right now is a place to take care of people across their lifespan," said Dr. Parker. "I had the opportunity in June of 1980 to go to the opening of Carl Albert Indian Health facility. Now we're doing it again, and this is

a much better facility."

The transition into the new facility took place in late July. Patients with appointments scheduled after July 31 will be seen at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. This location change is only for clinics located on the CAIHF campus, including Family Practice. Appointments at Chickasaw Nation satellite clinics in Purcell, Durant, Ardmore and Tishomingo will not change.

If you utilize the Pharmacy Refill Center to pick up prescriptions, you will begin picking up your medications at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Pharmacy after July 30. The Pharmacy Refill Center will not be open to the public after this date. Also, MAPS prescriptions can only be filled Monday-Friday. Please remember to call in all prescriptions 24 hours in advance.

Patients residing within the

Chickasaw Nation can also have their prescriptions delivered through the Transportation Services Program. The program also provides medical transportation and requires 24-hour advance notice (72-hour notice for out-of-service area appointments). Appointments can be made between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. by calling (580) 310-6453 or 1-800-492-2115.

All main phone numbers, as well as clinic listings, will remain the same.

"Everything we do is central to the patient because we are here to serve the patients," said Dr. Parker. "We are here to make their lives better. This new facility will help us achieve that goal."

For additional information about the facility move, please call (580) 421-4556 or visit www.chickasaw.net/chickasawnationmedicalcenter.

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Joint venture provides high return on tribal investment

ADA, Okla. - A unique Indian Health Service program could provide a return of more than three times the investment the Chickasaw Nation has made in its new medical center.

Through the Joint Venture Construction Program, the Chickasaw Nation will receive up to \$500 million in additional funds from the IHS for staffing and operational costs of the new \$145 million Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

"We are extremely pleased to be the first hospital replacement facility to receive the Joint Venture Construction Award," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This program will provide up to \$25 million per year for staffing and operation costs for the

next 20 years. This will be of great benefit to the Chickasaw Nation, but more importantly, our patients will reap tremendous rewards from our investment in this facility."

The Joint Venture construction program was established to develop partnerships between tribes and the IHS.

Under the competitive program, tribes who acquire or construct a tribally-owned health care facility may be selected to participate.

In exchange for purchasing or constructing a health care facility with tribal funds, the IHS provides funding for certain staffing and operational costs. The Chickasaw Nation was selected Oct. 17, 2007 to

receive the additional funding under the program.

Selection for the award was a highly competitive process, with 71 tribes voicing interest. The Chickasaw Nation was selected for inclusion in the program based on plans to construct the state-of-the-art health facility which recently opened in Ada.

"We worked diligently to develop a plan that would provide benefits for everyone involved," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This plan provides a state-of-the-art facility for our patients without requiring a large initial budget expenditure from the Indian Health Service. It also provides a higher level of funding for staffing over time, which will

be a great benefit to our patients."

Bill Lance was administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health at the time of the joint venture selection.

"The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is the first inpatient facility to be selected for the joint venture program," said Mr. Lance. "It is also the largest joint venture award in the history of the program."

The new, 370,000 square-foot Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is almost triple the size of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. Approximately 150 additional employees have been hired to staff the new facility.

Over time, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health expects

to add a total of approximately 250 new positions, including physicians, nurses and other workers, to staff the facility.

Joint Venture funds will enable the tribal Division of Health to fully staff the new facility much more quickly than would have been possible otherwise.

Features of the new facility include a 72-bed hospital, level 3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, diabetes care center, dental clinic, pharmacy refill center, diagnostic imaging center and women's health center, all located on a single campus.

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It's a new, exciting era in health care at the Chickasaw Nation

July 19, 2010 has become an important date in Chickasaw history.

On that day we gathered at our new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Before hundreds of Chickasaws, friends and fellow community members we dedicated our medical center to the healthy lives of Chickasaws and all Indian people who take advantage of our facilities.

The building that has been built is truly amazing. It is beautiful, functional, superbly equipped and staffed, and exceptionally well-designed. We can all be proud of the new medical center.

But the real beauty of this new asset is what it, and the professionals who work inside it, will be able to do for the health of our people.

We who serve you in tribal administration have known for some years that health care has been, and continues to be, the number one priority of Chickasaw citizens. That fact has been emphasized and re-emphasized, and we have heeded your call.

In 2003, we began the initial strategic planning



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for a total remodeling of the current Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. We knew we required more space, and we needed to make better use of our space. We also knew the important services that needed significant expansion, and what specialists and support personnel should be added.

As we delved deeper into the remodeling concept, it became clear that we should also consider an alternative project - a completely new medical center on a new site.

We eventually reached the conclusion that the very best, most efficient and most effective way to deliver health care to our people was to start from the ground up. We selected a beautiful 240-acre site on Ada's far south side. Ground was broken on Nov. 9, 2007 and the facility is now complete.

As you are no doubt aware, health care costs in the U.S. have for a number of years risen at a rapid rate. Whether an entity is providing health care to

Indian patients, or to the general American population, costs have gone up. Most providers have reduced services, personnel or both in an effort to remain sol-

vent.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we are accessing funds through a joint venture construction program with the U.S. Indian Health Service. Tribes selected for this unique program are among those who build new hospitals, clinics or other health care facilities.

Because of our tribe's selection into this program, our tribal Division of Health will receive several million dollars this fiscal year - and more in years to come - all dedicated to staffing and operational expenses. This inflow of resources is obviously very important as we ramp up new and enhanced health care programs, and as we add physicians, nurses, technicians, technologists and support staff.

It's impossible for me to communicate to you what a huge benefit this new medical center is for all of us. From the incredible new imaging department, complete with CT scanners and MRI, to our greatly expanded dental department, to our women's clinic, patient rooms, operating suites and all the rest, this undertaking is designed to save lives, and to help Chickasaws live healthy, fulfilling lives.

Many thanks to you for all your support as we have together undertaken this vitally important project. If you have not already visited the medical center, I feel confident you are going to like the facility - and love the health care - your tribe has prepared for you.

Nominations sought for Heritage Preservation Awards

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2010 Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Awards for authors documenting Chickasaw history and culture.

"Our goal is to encourage and inspire authors to expand the scope of knowledge of our tribe's history, heritage and culture," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

Authors of previously unpublished doctoral dissertations, master's theses, articles, and book manuscripts dealing with some aspect of Chickasaw heritage are eligible for the awards.

The following awards are being offered:

Best Unpublished Article Prize: Publication in *the Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture* and lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$1,000 Research Stipend.

Best M.A. Thesis Prize: Visiting Scholar Fellowship and lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 Research Stipend.

Best Ph.D. Dissertation

Prize: Visiting Scholar Fellowship and lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 Research Stipend.

Best Unpublished Manuscript Prize: The Holisso Award

Publication by the Chickasaw Press and Lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 Research Stipend.

The awards will be presented

to winners during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival Arts and Culture Awards ceremony.

To be eligible for consideration, works in each category must deal specifically with some aspect of Chickasaw history and culture. Moreover, the works must be documented, either through the use of foot-

notes, endnotes or a listing of sources.

Nominations must include two copies of the book manuscript, dissertation, thesis, or unpublished article being nominated.

Entries should be submitted to Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Administrator of the Division of History and Culture, 520

East Arlington, Ada, OK 74820. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, Sept. 3.

Current employees are not eligible for awards.

For information, call (580) 436-7265.

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Neal McCaleb to emcee August 19 Chickasaw Hall of Fame ceremonies



Margaret Roach
Wheeler



Colbert Franklin
Hackler



Chief Miko
Piomingo

GOLDSBY, Okla. - An award-winning textile artist, a music educator, and a protector of tribal sovereignty will be inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 19, at Riverwind Casino in Goldsby.

Neal McCaleb will serve as emcee for the event and Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

"Each of these individuals has made significant contributions to the Chickasaw Nation and to the larger community," said Gov. Anoatubby. "It is our privilege to honor these individuals who have dedicated their lives to educating and serving others."

Mr. McCaleb, a Chickasaw, is a former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs, and former Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation.

An award-winning weaver, fiber expert, textile artist and designer, Margaret Roach Wheeler; longtime Oklahoma music educator Colbert Franklin Hackler; and tribal chief, diplomat and statesman Miko Piomingo will be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Reservation Information

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 525 guests. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reservations are now being accepted. To make reservations, contact Nick Martinez at 580-310-7903 or email nick.martinez@chickasaw.net.

Hall of Fame inductees will make a red carpet entrance at 6 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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

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formative and interesting. I learned a lot about the Native American culture, traditions and origin," said Mr. Manandhar, who is in Oklahoma visiting relatives.

He added that he was "very impressed by the grand physical structures and facilities, especially the Traditional Village."

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture, said the center offered several ways to embrace Chickasaw culture.

"The key to the Traditional Village and the Culture Center is not just to see things, but to do things," said Dr. Cobb-Greetham. "For example, on any given day, visitors can learn about genealogy, history, stomp dancing, cultivating indigenous plants, stickball, arts and crafts, and the list goes on."

Jeremy Wallace, who serves as a cultural instructor at the center, said that passing the culture along to the younger generation is very important.

"Anytime I have the opportunity to present my culture, I want to show the world that we are Chickasaw," said Mr. Wallace. "We're here to express the importance of Chickasaw culture and how it keeps our tribe alive."

"The feeling I get out of it when I sing and dance is a very spiritual feeling. I feel the spiritual well being of my ancestors. It's almost like they move with you. You can feel the presence of our ancestors here with us."

Dr. Cobb-Greetham said the Cultural Center tells the Chickasaw story from the ancient past to the present day.

"The Chickasaw Cultural Center is unexpected. It is like nothing else that people have ever seen," said Dr. Cobb-Greetham. "The Spirit Forest represents our most ancient sense of ourselves."

In the Spirit Forest, technology and theatrical effects

mimic the natural sights and sounds of a forest to tell the ancient Chickasaw story. What is perhaps most striking when visitors enter the forest



is the degree of realism of the physical components.

But the physical elements of the forest are only the beginning. Designers of the forest have concealed projectors, theatrical lighting, infrared motion detectors, timers, speakers and other advanced technological equipment within various elements of the forest.

Stories of ancient ancestors, mounds and artifacts and the separation of the Chickasaw

and Choctaw Nations are continued in separate galleries.

The interactive Removal area tells the story of the Chickasaw journey from the Southeastern

homelands to Indian Territory.

A variety of language learning stations are placed throughout the Exhibit Center. Touch a picture of an object, hear the Chickasaw word aloud and repeat the word into a microphone.

Then hear your own voice speaking the Chickasaw word.

A large-format theater featuring a 40'x 60' screen and seating 350 viewers serves as a venue to tell the Chickasaw story.

"Pearl," the true story of a Chickasaw girl who became the youngest licensed pilot in the U.S. in 1928, is currently being featured.

Produced by the Chickasaw Nation, "Pearl" focuses on the

tumultuous teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott, the daughter of a successful businessman in Marlow, Oklahoma. Pearl witnessed the world around her change from prosperity in the late 1920s into the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s.

Mr. Manandhar said he enjoyed the film.

"The movie provided a clear picture of what life in rural Oklahoma must have been like in that era," he said.

Joe Busch, from Oklahoma City said "commitment" was the first thing that came to mind when he entered the cultural center.

"It is all equally impressive and illustrates the pride of the Chickasaw Nation," said Mr. Busch.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center hours of operation:

Tuesday - Saturday

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

(through Labor Day)

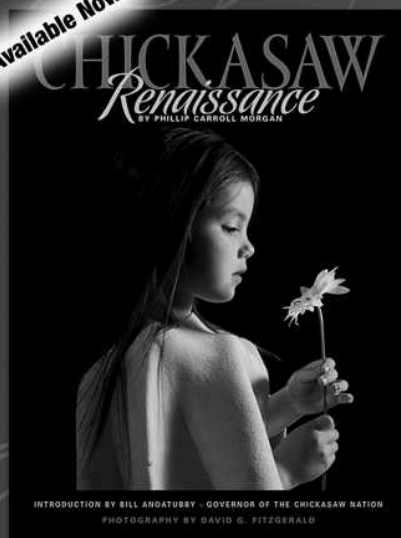
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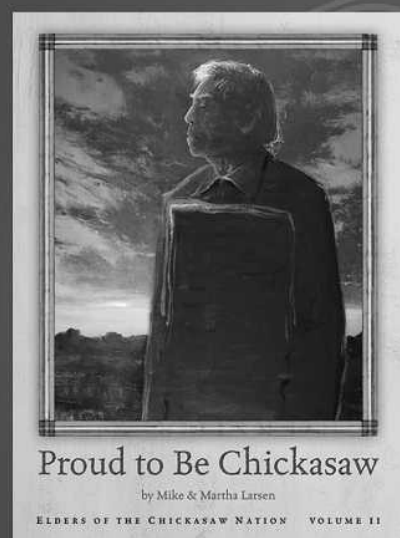
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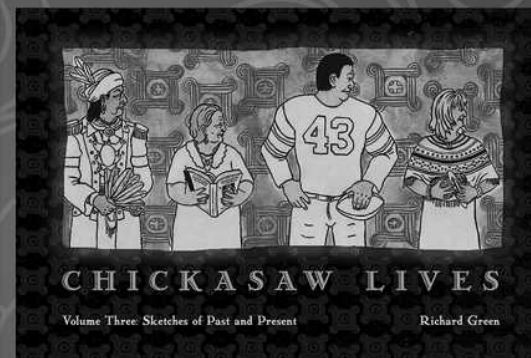
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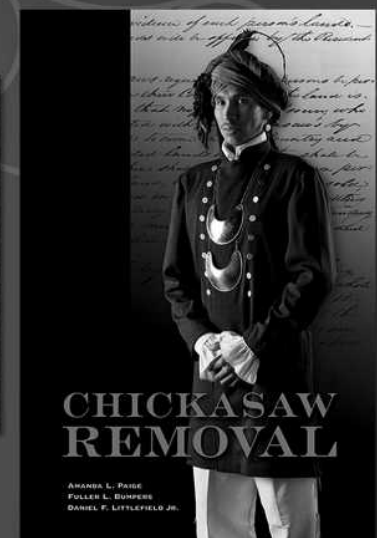
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Submarine chaser kept Nazi subs at bay

Seaman First Class Robert Nichols, U.S.N., manned the wheel of the submarine chaser prowling the surface of the inky Atlantic hours before dawn at the height of World War II. Below decks, the crew slumbered deeply, breathing in time with the low, monotonous hum of the ship's massive marine engine.

As the hours of another uneventful night crept by, Nichols peered sleepily toward an indistinguishable horizon where the calm sea and the still, black sky became one. Suddenly, a huge black object exploded out of the water not 50 feet off the bow.

Instinctively, Nichols hit the alarm for general quarters. His heart began racing, then leapt into his throat as he realized he was at the wheel without a gun. Seconds later, Nichols heard a loud "whoosh," as the huge black whale exhaled mightily before slipping back into the sea.

His heart dropped back into his chest as he realized he would live to see the dawn.

That brief moment of excitement was one of several which punctuated hours, weeks and months of tedious duty as a crew member aboard the 83-foot wooden boat. Armed with depth charges, 20 millimeter submachine gun and launching racks of rocket-propelled 74-pound shells, the sub chaser was prepared to play a vital role in what had become the Navy's number one priority.

Mr. Nichols was part of an 18-man crew on the boat which patrolled the waters from Nassau, Cuba, and the Cayman Islands up to the Gulf of Mexico, to help deter the German U-boats menacing U.S. shores.

There were more German submarines off the East Coast of the U.S. than many people realized at the time. German U-boats were attacking merchant ships, sinking valuable cargo and even landing spies on the eastern coast of U.S. states from Maine to Florida.

Historians note that in the summer of 1942, enemy submarines sank more ships and took more lives than were lost at Pearl Harbor.

On the night before he began his duty in December, 1942, Mr. Nichols saw nine ships burning off the shore of Palm Beach, Florida.

"That was just from one viewpoint there at Palm Beach," said Mr. Nichols. "They could come in there and hit and run, hit and run. That's a big ocean. There are a lot of places to hide. I think a lot of people didn't even realize they were over here."

For almost three years, Mr. Nichols spent most of his days on the water, ever vigilant for the submarines which had menaced the East Coast of the United States during the early part of the war.

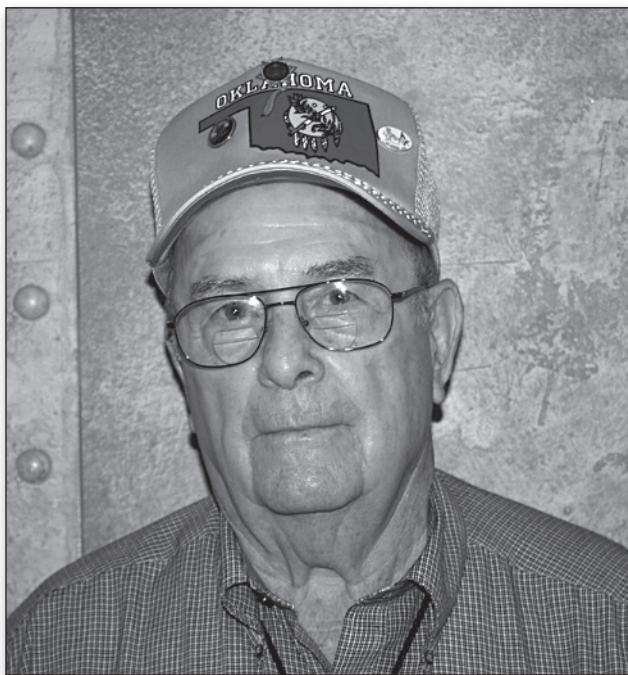
German submarines would often harass the sailing vessels of Cayman Islanders.

"They would stop them and would take most of their drinking water and most of their diesel, but not all of it," said Nichols. "They wouldn't sink them."

At one point, one of the German submarine crews became a little too bold for their own good.

"One time at Cayman Islands the Germans had a beer party on the beach," said Mr. Nichols. "They left a fire there and everything. As soon as they saw the fire the watchers called, we started in after them."

They eventually caught the submarine and sank it off the coast of Bimini.



Robert Nichols

"I guess it's still there, he didn't make it out," said Mr. Nichols. "Our skipper said the only way you can



Robert Nichols spent more than 30 months on this submarine chaser.

confirm a kill is if a body came floating up. They'd throw up boards and clothes and oil slick and try to fool you, but our sonar would pick them up."

During the three years Mr. Nichols was assigned to the sub chaser, such encounters were not common. But the deterrent effect could not be denied.

On one occasion, the sub chaser circled a British cargo ship which had lost a rudder.

"They were just sitting ducks out there," he said. "We circled that thing for 24 hours, going around and around it to keep subs off of it."

Patrol missions would last up to a month, with the crew stopping only to refuel at offshore fuel barges.

"We didn't see anything but water, water, water," said Mr. Nichols, adding that during most patrols they felt lucky if they were able to spot land with their binoculars. "You were just out there for day after day after day and 83 foot is not much room for 18 men."

At times, supplies ran short.

"We had to take the supplies off a life raft one time," he said. "All we had was a can of peaches. That's all we had to eat between all of us for two days. But we knew help was coming. We just didn't know when."

Mr. Nichols knew others were serving in much

harsher conditions.

"A lot of the guys had it a lot worse than we did, especially the soldier boys," he said. "We almost always had a dry place to sleep. We didn't get to eat real good sometimes. If we couldn't catch a fish, we didn't eat," he added with a laugh.

In 1942, Mr. Nichols was working at the former Norman (OK) Naval Air Technical Training Center, but he was determined to play a more active role in the war, because "you can't win the war here in Norman."

He and a friend joined the Coast Guard Nov. 19, 1942. After five weeks of boot camp in St. Augustine, Fla. he was shipped to Palm Beach, Florida, where he was assigned to a crew taking inventory of the Biltmore Hotel.

During the inventory, the crew discovered a printing press. Because Mr. Nichols had previous experience in a newspaper office, he was able to get the press in working order.

His efforts earned him the opportunity to take a safe job ashore, but that was an opportunity he did not want to take.

"Well, I got a third class printer's rating, and there's none of them aboard ship," he said. "So, I had to get busted back to get transferred out. I got transferred to Miami."

The next morning he was assigned to duty aboard the submarine chaser.

During nearly three years as a crew member on the submarine chaser, Mr. Nichols was part of a successful effort to significantly reduce the effectiveness of submarine warfare near U.S. shores.

"In one way, it didn't seem to be helping the war any at all. Then in another way, somebody had to be out there," he said. "If we weren't there, they could have come in - just like they were sinking those nine ships - they could have come in and done what they wanted to do."

But they were there. And because of that, Mr. Nichols never again saw a ship burning on the ocean as a result of a submarine attack.

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Project under way to preserve stories of Chickasaw veterans

The story of Robert Nichols is one of many that will be included in a project designed to preserve the stories of Chickasaw veterans. Hundreds of Chickasaw men and women have served honorably in the U.S. armed forces during World War I, War II and the Korean War. The stories of these veterans are important to the history of the Chickasaw Nation and should be preserved.

We are gathering information and conducting interviews as part of a project to preserve the individual stories of Chickasaw veterans. A booth will be set up on the grounds of the Historic Chickasaw Capitol Saturday, Oct. 2 following Annual Meeting to provide more information about the project.

If you have information about Chickasaws who served in World War I, World War II or Korea, please contact Tony Choate at (580) 310-6451 or email tony.choate@chickasaw.net.

Turn to your tribe for help during back-to-school days

Greetings! My, how quickly time flies! In just a couple of hot August weeks, school will be reconvening here in Ada, much to the dismay of kids everywhere who wish the summer could go on and on forever. I am always excited, for my own children, when the school year is over and they can take a break from homework, papers, testing, and all the other unpleasant (but imperative) things that go along with getting an education. But 12 weeks into that break, I am more than ready for a return to organization and daily schedules, normal waking and sleeping hours and the regular routine that comes along with structured school days. My oldest will be a high school senior this fall and I am dumbfounded as to how he can possibly be entering the last year of his secondary education when it seems like just yesterday I was sending him off to Kindergarten.



**HOLLY
EASTERLING**
Chairman,
Chickasaw
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Parents with high school seniors have a lot of work to do in helping their child prepare for what comes next. A lot of decisions need to be made and if higher education is the immediate goal, preparations in that regard must start immediately (if not sooner!). The choice of college or university, admission requirements, cost, available financial aid, etc., all start coming into play. A choice of major may determine if one higher education institution makes more

sense than another. So many questions that need answers and consideration of your child's readiness and needs should be at the forefront of it all. Isn't it great to know the Chickasaw Nation is here to help you?

If you haven't discovered Education Service's website, please take time to do this. Go to <http://www.chickasaweducationservices.com> and you will find a wealth of information there. Not only does it contain information about tribal education programs and scholarship opportunities, it also can help you learn about available federal financial aid, the steps in applying for college, student handbooks and, of course, the applications you will need to apply for tribal scholarships. It is also THE source for important deadlines and updates from the Division of Education.

As school days near, here are a few of important dates to remember. Fall scholarship and grant applications administered through the Division of Education are due September 1 (forms available via website above). Scholarship applications administered through the Chickasaw Foundation (<http://www.chickasawfoundation.org>) are due August 16. Clothing grant applications for school-age children should be available August 1 via the Chickasaw Nation website (<http://www.chickasaw.net>) under Youth Services Clothing Grant.

Hoping you enjoy the final days of summer, especially if you are a student!

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Openings hosted at hospital, Chickasaw Cultural Center

August is one of the hottest months of the year in Oklahoma, but that has not slowed down the activities of the Nation or its people. Last month the new Chickasaw Cultural Center was opened.

To accommodate senior citizens, an Elders' day was held. Senior Citizens from across the Chickasaw Nation were transported to Sulphur, Oklahoma to experience the Cultural Center first hand. Lunch was provided, tours were given and demonstrations on a variety of cultural crafts were held. To give citizens a respite from the heat, a short informative film about our Chickasaw history was provided in the Anoli' Theater. Portions of the Cultural Center are not quite complete, such as the history and archives building.



**BETH
ALEXANDER**

Chickasaw
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When all is finished, citizens from all walks of life will be able to tour our Center, conduct genealogy research and learn of our Chickasaw heritage.

Another grand opening just experienced by the Nation: the new hospital.

A ribbon cutting was held at the new facility the nineteenth of July. There were several citizens and dignitaries on hand. Tours highlighting portions of the new hospital were given through out the day. Next time you are in the Ada area, stop in and check out the new hospital. Make sure to wear your walking shoes; the facility is said to contain 8 miles of hallways and stairwells! What a way to get in shape.

Make plans now for attending the annual Chickasaw Festival

to be held in late September. Check the website - www.chickasaw.net for details.

Remember, a trail is easier to follow than to blaze a new one. Blaze the Chickasaw Trails for your family and generations to come. Let them walk in your steps and experience their Chickasaw heritage so they too will pass it on.

Special thank you to all the staff and workers who have put in endless hours to make these openings a success. It could not have happened without you!

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me...

Restore to me the joy of Thy Salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit."

Psalms 51:10&12

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Joyce Nichols, Chester Nichols, Larry Skinner, Katrinka Skinner, Bernice Sweeny, Leg. Beth Alexander, Neva Hodge, Hearl Mead, Flora Mead. Senior Elders from the Achille Senior Center, eating lunch at the new Cultural Center.

Indian diabetes care is worth fighting for

What is the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee and what do they do?

In 1979, Congress established the Indian Health Service Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention. The organization was developed to address the growing diabetes epidemic among American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The Division has developed and mobilized an extensive network through out the IHS areas to conduct diabetes treatment and prevention programs. They also provide diabetes data collection and analysis, training, technical support and research translation.

In the last three decades, the Division has developed the IHS Standards of Care for Diabetes, established numerous model diabetes programs, developed and disseminated the Indian Health Diabetes Best Practices and has been recognized internationally.



**CONNIE
BARKER**

Chickasaw
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In 1997, Congress created The Special Diabetes Programs for Indians as part of the Balanced Budget Act. This was in recognition of the enormous impact of diabetes in American Indian and Native Alaskan communities.

The program is a \$150 million per year grant program that is funded by congressional legislation and administered by the Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention. The funds are then distributed to IHS tribal and urban health programs, serving almost all federally recognized

tribes, for diabetes treatment and prevention.

In 1998, the Director of Indian Health Services created The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee ("TLDC"). The TLDC is made up of 18 total members, but has only 12 voting members: one elected or appointed tribal official and alternate from each of the 12 Indian Health Service Areas; one representative from the IHS; and one representative and alternate from the National Indian Health Board, National Congress of American Indians; Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee; Direct Service Tribes; and the National Council of Urban Indian Health.

The purpose of the TLDC is to serve as an advisory body to the IHS Director. TLDC provides advice and recommendations on policy and issues concerning diabetes and related chronic diseases in Indian Country. TLDC also plays a key role in ensuring that the Indian Health Service consults with tribes before making important decisions on diabetes treatment and prevention.

One of the TLDC's recommendations to the IHS director is to re-authorize congressional funding for an additional five-year term with the hopes of making the program a permanently funded project.

It is an honor for me to represent the Chickasaw Nation on the TLDC. I can tell you first hand that all the TLDC members have a vision of, one day, all American Indians and Native Alaskans living a diabetes free life through healthy lifestyles and preserving cultural traditions and values.

Connie Barker, Pickens District
Tribal Legislator and TLDC Member

Medical center, Cultural Center are fantastic!

Hello, Everyone!
Family reunions are wonderful and ours met all expectations as approximately 200 people were in attendance. We were blessed with rain-cooled weather without the rain as it went around us. I loved my five-year-old great-granddaughter exclaiming over and over "And all these people are my cousins?" She had a great time getting acquainted again with her "cousins" as did all present. If your family has reunions, GO!, and if you are not presently in the habit of having them, think about beginning the tradition. You'll be glad you did.

My school has all-school reunions in the fall and while I don't always go to that (it gets close to Festival time) I am going to make an effort this year. Those are great fun, too, and it's always wonderful to see old friends.



LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

And speaking of old friends, start planning now for the Festival the first week in October at Tishomingo. That reunion is better every single year!

The public opening of the Cultural Center was July 24 and the Center is a magnificent gift not only to Chickasaws everywhere but to everyone. It so wonderfully depicts who we are and where we've been. Very soon construction will begin on the hotel/spa in Sulphur which will provide a wonderful place to stay while there for visiting the Center.

So many exciting events! July 19 was the ribbon-cutting opening of our state-of-the-art new hospital. Very large, very, very, nice, and we are so thankful for it. The other day a friend who is administrator of another hospital said it made his mouth water it is so fabulous!

Construction will begin soon on a new, large clinic at Tishomingo. Much needed, it will be a welcome addition to our health care services. Construction is ongoing at the Ardmore Clinic and soon work will begin on the large addition to be made there.

It is my hope that summertime is not mistreating you too badly. Take care and protect yourself as needed. God bless you as you travel about!

Linda Briggs

Energy assistance program open to Chickasaw elders

Hello Everyone,
Thank you to all who participated in our recent tribal elections. If you voted, thank you! If you volunteered to work on a campaign or volunteered to be a watcher for a candidate, thank you! Campaigning in Oklahoma in the summer is hot!

Almost everything, in Oklahoma, in the summer is hot! Thank goodness for the Elderly Energy Assistance Program. This program provides one-time assistance for summer cooling and one-time assistance for winter heating. Utilities covered may include gas, water, electricity or deposits. The months of summer eligibility are June, July August and through September 15.

Applications can be made online at www.chickasaw.net/elders or in person at any area office by Chickasaws living within the Chickasaw Nation. Chickasaws at large can also apply online at www.chickasaw.net/sal or by calling the Oklahoma City Area Office. The phone number for the OKC Area Office is (405) 767-8971.



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Applicants are required to be at least 60 years of age. Applicants are also required to have copies of their Chickasaw Citizenship, CDIB and Social Security cards, proof of residency, proof of income and most current utility bill with a balance.

Remember, you have to apply each time you need assistance. Applying in one season does not automatically qualify you for the next season.

In closing, I just want to say that we have a beautiful new medical facility, and I want to commend all the people who worked so diligently to make it reality. As wonderful as it is, however, it is just a building. It takes people to fulfill the mission of the new hospital, and I want to echo the prayer offered by Pauline Brown at the ribbon cutting for the new hospital. Pauline prayed for compassionate, respectful, and caring treatment of our people by doctors, nurses and any and all personnel having to do with any aspect of a patient's visit to the hospital. Amen.

Respectfully,
Katie

Our young Chickasaw artists are making a splash

Hi everyone,
I am continually amazed at the artistic talent I see expressed by our youth!

The Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Division does a fantastic job helping our young people discover their talents by giving them a venue to improve and display their work. Last month, I was privileged to be in attendance at a reception to honor the opening of a new exhibit entitled "Visions of the Young Chickasaw Artists." This exhibit is located in the Jacobsen House Native Art Center in Norman, Oklahoma, and will continue through September 24.

All forms of visual art were displayed. Those in attendance at the reception were treated to wonderful entertainment performed by several of the young artists. It was great to see so many people on a Friday evening turn out to support and encourage our young Chickasaw artists.



NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy is another way the Arts and Humanities Division helps our young people discover their talents. The academy is conducted on the campus of East Central University and usually serves approximately 150 young people, ages eight to 19, for two busy, fantastic weeks in July. The students come from many places around the United States to study and explore many forms of art and work

with world-class instructors in each field.

At the end of the academy, a festival allows the public to see the wonderful works of art created during this time. This year my granddaughter, Mikaela, was finally old enough to participate in the Academy. Every student who has participated in the Summer Arts Academy, whom I have spoken with over the years, has been so excited about getting to be a part of such a wonderful experience. These are just a couple of ways the Arts and Humanities Division support our Chickasaw youth.

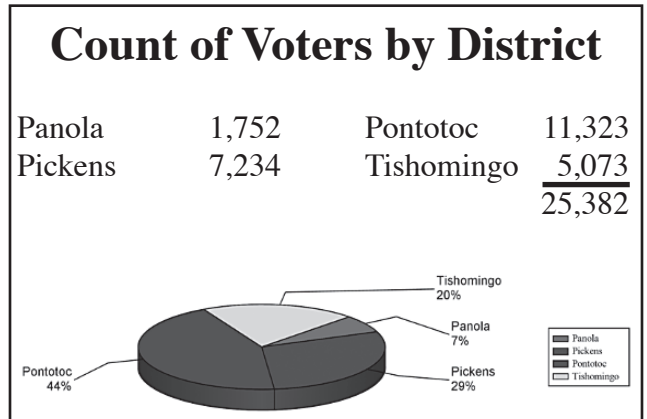
We are very fortunate in the Chickasaw Nation to have such wonderful programs available for our young people. While learning more about our history and culture, they can be exploring new things and discovering hidden talents. I hope to see many of you soon at upcoming events.

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

Sincerely,
Nancy
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Clothing grants, assistance open now for application

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee!

This summer has certainly been exciting. Of course, the annual elections are exciting and the opening of the Cultural Center was very moving. Opening the new Chickasaw Medical Center, the largest Indian health facility in the U.S., was wonderful!

Just because schools are out in the summer does not mean that the Nation shuts the door on education for those few months. You may not be aware that the Nation sponsors Boys and Girls Clubs in Tishomingo, Sulphur and Ada. Activities at these clubs keep our youth very busy along with the many camps held by different departments of the Nation.



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature

The Division of Education holds the following camps: Space Academy and Advanced Space Academy; Aviation and Science Academy; Entrepreneurship Academy and Chikasha Saya Camp (co-sponsored by Youth and Family Services), which is an environmental and Chickasaw heritage and culture experience for students ages 10 to 14.

The Division of Youth and Family Services holds the following activities: Golf Camp and two golf tournaments for youth; Tennis Camp; Champions Football Camp; Champions Cheerleading Camp; Youth Basketball Clinics; and Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp). The Judicial Department holds Yakni Moma Alhpisa - Justice for a Nation Court Camp. Now that is a lot of opportunities for our youth in the summer months!

It is that time of year to be submitting applications for the clothing grants for school-aged children through Youth and Family Services. There are so many applications that will be turned in that they should be done as quickly as possible to avoid the rush. It takes time to process all the applications and I don't envy the employees with that task!

In closing, may God's blessings be on each of you Chickasaws where ever you are. I have spoken with many of you who are outside the Nation. It is truly a joy to hear from you.

Please contact me through my email address mary.j.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Thank you.

Apihchi Ikbi program is building our young leaders

I recently toured the new, state-of-the-art Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. When you walk through the doors, your immediate reaction is, "Wow!" We are so fortunate to have access to a facility this grand. It demonstrates the Chickasaw Nation's commitment to improve the health care of our citizens.

The new medical center boasts a 256-slice CT scanner, an open MRI, an obstetrics unit, ICU, medical/surgical area, health clinic, healing gardens, gift shop and much more. If you ever have to spend time at the medical center, you will enjoy the beautiful Chickasaw artwork displayed throughout the building. Even the terrazzo flooring is patterned after Chickasaw beadwork.



SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature

On a different note, I'd like to thank the Chickashsha Apihchi Ikbi youth leadership group for attending our July legislative session. Prior to their visit, I didn't know much about the program. I'm very excited that we have this available to help our young Chickasaws become better leaders and learn what it means to be a leader.

I'd like to extend an invitation to all Chickasaws to attend our monthly general session. It is held the third Friday of each month at 9 a.m. in the new legislative building located at 801 N. Mississippi in Ada.

God Bless,
Shana Tate Hammond

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ELECTION RESULTS

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Seat 5. With 62 percent of the vote, she defeated challengers Mark Johnson, Ada, and Todd Griffith, Newcastle.

In the Pickens District, Seat 3 race, Mrs. Briggs, of Marietta, retained her seat with 61 percent of vote. She was challenged by Mike Watson and Daniel Worcester, both of Ardmore.

Tishomingo District, Seat 2 incumbent legislator Timothy K. Colbert of Sulphur was unchallenged.

Sitting Chickasaw Nation Justice Mark Colbert, of Ardmore, received 71 percent of the vote. He was challenged by Jeremy D. Oliver, of Wynnewood.

Ballots for the runoff election will be mailed to Panola District voters Aug. 16. Those ballots will be due back to the election secretary by 10:30 a.m., Aug. 31.

Elected officials will take the oath of office 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 1.

For more information, call Mrs. Loder at (888) 661-0137.

Pontotoc District

Mary Jo Green	1,943 or 62 %	Winner
Mark Johnson	814 or 26 %	
Todd Griffith	361 or 12%	

Pickens District

Linda Briggs	1,280 or 61 %	Winner
Mike Watson	542 or 26 %	
Daniel Worcester	262 or 13%	

Panola District

Beth Alexander	336 or 48%	Runoff
Beryl F. Sears	312 or 44%	Runoff
Ellen Flowers	54 or 8%	

Supreme Court

Mark Holmes Colbert	4,835 or 71%	Winner
Jeremy D. Oliver	2,014 or 29 %	

Elders' Day set Sept. 10

The Chickasaw Nation Elders' Day is scheduled 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10 at Kullihoma.

The Elders' Day honors the tribal elders and provides them with opportunities to share their knowledge about the Chickasaw culture and traditions.

Kullihoma is located seven miles east of Ada, Okla., on State Highway 1.

Alternate location in case of inclement weather is Chickasaw Community Center located at 700 N. Mississippi in Ada, Okla.

The event is sponsored by the Cultural Resources Department of the tribal Division of History and Culture. For more information, contact the department at (580) 332-8685.



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Cultural classes offered for OKC metro area Chickasaws



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NORMAN, Okla. - A variety of Chickasaw cultural classes, from bow making to pottery, are offered at the Chokka Kilmpi Family Resource Center, 3200 Marshall Ave., in Norman.

The classes give Chickasaw citizens who live in the Oklahoma City metro area the opportunity to participate in a family-oriented, cultural activity, according to Kymberly Haslett, Family Resource Center cultural coordinator.

A language program is also planned for the fall. There is no charge to participate in the classes.

Classes planned for the fall

include sewing, bow making, pottery, ankle loom and a beaded collar class.

The classes continue what has been a successful summer of activities and programs.

"We had 31 people at a recent basket class," Ms. Haslett said. "The participants are coming from all around the Oklahoma City area."

Recently, a weekly class for Chickasaw youth ages six through 13 was offered. Children worked on crafts, studied the Chickasaw language and made nutritious snacks during the summer months.

For more information about

upcoming classes, contact Ms. Hazlett at (405) 767-8948 or email Kymberly.Hazlett@chickasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

'Ancient to Abstract' exhibit scheduled at McSwain Gallery

The McSwain Theatre Art Gallery will showcase the works of artist Tracie "Tuck" Davis in September.

"Ancient to Abstract" exhibit runs Sept. 3 - 27.

Everyone is encouraged to attend an opening reception scheduled 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3.

The Gallery is located on the second floor of the McSwain Theatre, 130 W. Main in Ada, Okla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday - Friday.

For more information, contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

About the Chokka Kilmpi Family Resource Center

The Chokka Kilmpi Family Resource Center's mission is to provide cultural, language and educational activities to support Chickasaw identity and wellness.

Services emphasize positive

activities and family life, prevention and early intervention, building relationships and relationship skills which aid in healing, strengthening and sustaining families

Assistance, heritage preservation programs get strong funding

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

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

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens

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

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

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2010

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$8.7 million for the month and \$107.4 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$8.3 million for the month and \$65.2 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for June totaled \$75.0 million and \$673.9 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$22.2 million for the month and \$208.5 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$51.5 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2010, the tribal government funds had \$113 million in

cash and investments. Of this amount, \$17.7 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$140 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2010

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 4,740,151	673,973,413	678,713,564
Total funds available	102,716,642	(102,716,642)	-
	107,456,793	571,256,771	678,713,564
Expenditures			
General government	5,899,296		5,899,296
Legislature	1,448,644		1,448,644
Judiciary	887,850		887,850
Education	12,162,231		12,162,231
Heritage Preservation	8,272,221		8,272,221
Health	12,131,258		12,131,258
Youth and Family Services	6,319,277		6,319,277
Nutrition Programs	3,458,590		3,458,590
Regulatory	4,942,728		4,942,728
Assistance Programs	9,739,797		9,739,796
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		381,189,013	381,189,013
Other businesses' expense		138,503,644	138,503,644
Total expenditures	65,261,890	519,692,657	584,954,547
Increase in net assets	42,194,903	51,564,114	93,759,017
Beginning net assets	370,632,051	493,106,043	863,738,094
Ending net assets	\$ 412,826,954	544,670,157	957,497,111

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2010

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 113,680,495	140,928,441	254,608,936
Receivables	40,714,000	36,500,966	77,214,966
Inventory		5,139,571	5,139,571
Prepaid expenses		12,304,729	12,304,729
Other Assets		20,426,106	20,426,106
Fixed assets	259,328,937	516,294,699	775,623,635
Less payables	(896,477)	(186,924,355)	(187,820,832)
Net Assets	\$ 412,826,954	544,670,157	957,497,111

School to Work students share training with course in fire safety



James Reynolds presents fire safety training at the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility on June 25.

Two Chickasaw Nation School to Work Program students provided fire safety trainings to more than 400 tribal employees recently.

James Reynolds and Kyle Moore are both seniors at East Central University in Ada, Okla., majoring in environmental health. As part of their on-the-job training program, they work at the Office of Environmental Health located at 1520 North Country Club Road in Ada.

The training sessions were part of the required annual training and were conducted at the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility as well as at the satellite clinics in Durant, Ardmore, Purcell and Tishomingo in June and July.

The training sessions, Mr. Reynolds said, were a "real life experience."

"I used to be deathly scared of getting in front of people and talking," the 32-year-old Houston native said.

But with practice, he said, he has overcome that fear. He has also given presentations on hand washing and blood-borne pathogens at Headstart clinics.

Mr. Reynolds was also glad that he could use his education and training to "give back" to the tribe.

"The School to Work program has been a real blessing," he said. "The opportunities you get are amazing - especially with the on-the-job training. Students get to work in the field that they are actually going into."

Mr. Moore agreed.

"Being employed for the past year in an area associated with my degree has made me a strong contender for employment," he said. "Not many people have the ability to graduate from college and have a full year of experience working in their field."

Mr. Moore, who graduated last month, said he was certain that the experience obtained through his on-the-job-training will enable him to find a job soon.

Mr. Reynolds graduates in December and plans a career in health and safety.

About School to Work Program

The School to Work Program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students earn their education while maintaining employment through an On-the-Job Training program.

Students attend class and work in internship programs, typically in an area associated with their field of study. Students are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for their efforts.

For more information, contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada or Don Mose at (580) 222-2839 in Ardmore.

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Work of young Chickasaw design and marketing students showcased at McSwain



Micah Hart



Addison Manning



Michaela Milligan



Mercedes Milligan



Ryan Rico

ADA, Okla. - Works of five aspiring Chickasaw artists will be showcased at the McSwain Theatre Art Gallery in Ada Aug. 6 - 20.

Micah Hart, Addison Manning, Michaela Milligan, Mercedes Milligan and Ryan Rico are students of the design and marketing class sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

The eight-week course, led by Graphic Arts and Design Coordinator Rachel Westmoreland, provides the students with hands-on

experience in every level of the design and marketing process of their artwork, including conception, creation, promotion and distribution.

An opening reception for the "Design and Marketing Class Artists" exhibit is scheduled 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6.

The McSwain Theatre Art Gallery is located at 130 W. Main. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday - Friday.

For more information, contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Young Chickasaws express themselves through their art



Chickasaw artist Joel Hamdy's self-portrait is displayed at the "Visions of Young Chickasaw Artists" exhibit at The Jacobson House Native Art Center in Norman, Okla.

NORMAN, Okla. - Joel Hamdy's self portrait is "a big explosion of red and black."

"At that time, I was going through a really hard time in my life and red just seemed the color to express myself," the 19-year-old Dibble, Okla., native said.

Similarly, 13-year-old Michaela Milligan's artwork shows who she is and how she looks at things.

Her multi-colored mixed media piece "Musical Colors" symbolizes her love for bright neon colors, the Ada, Okla., native said.

Mr. Hamdy and Miss Milligan

are two of the 15 young Chickasaw artists, whose works are being shown at the Jacobson House Native Art Center, 609 Chautaugua Avenue in Norman.

"Visions of the Young Chickasaw Artists," presented by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, features drawings, paintings, photography, weaving, woodwork and beadwork.

Most of the artists are Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy students.

Conducted annually, the two-week academy provides



Mercedes Milligan, 15, with her acrylic painting of OSHTALI cover at the "Visions of Young Chickasaw Artists" exhibit at The Jacobson House Native Art Center.

an opportunity for students interested in the arts to gain valuable experience from highly qualified and professional instructors in several disciplines including acting, writing, dance, music composition, video production, textile design, visual and vocal arts. This year, the academy takes place July 19 - 31 on the campus of East Central University in Ada.

"We are very proud of our young artists," said Division Administrator Lona Barrick at the opening reception Friday, July 9. "Their artworks tell the stories of who we were, who we are and who we can be."

The exhibition continues through Sept. 24.

Beginning Friday, Aug. 13, works of the 2010 Summer Arts Academy students will be displayed at the exhibit.

Patron Kate Morgan said she was impressed by "the different attitudes that young people have about their work."

"Each one has chosen something that means something to them and they are basically pouring it out," said Mrs. Morgan, of Blanchard, Okla.

Another patron Kay Arnold, of Moore, Okla., encouraged others to support the young artists.

"All the artists that are here should be very successful in their lives as artists and it's worthwhile for people to come see this," Ms. Arnold said. "A lot of this is history and brings back some of the old crafts."



Chickasaw artist Amanda Shackleford's beaded collar is displayed at the "Visions of Young Chickasaw Artists" exhibit at The Jacobson House Native Art Center.

Academy students and features the Grammy-nominated string quartet, ETHEL.

The Art Center hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Me-way-seh Greenwood, 14, performs at the opening reception of the "Visions of Young Chickasaw Artists" exhibit at The Jacobson House Native Art Center in Norman, Okla., on July 9.



Kay Arnold, of Moore, Okla., looks at artwork displayed at the "Visions of Young Chickasaw Artists" exhibit at The Jacobson House Native Art Center in Norman, Okla.

History, geology, ecology

Kids learn about their Chickasaw heritage, the natural world at Chikasha Saya



More than 73 Chickasaw students and counselors attended Chikasha Saya (I am Chickasaw) Camp, conducted July 12-14 at Camp Goddard near Sulphur, Okla. The camp focuses on Chickasaw language and heritage and also provides lessons on history, geology and ecology.

Mike McKee

SULPHUR, Okla. - More than 70 Chickasaw children, ages 10 to 14, learned more about their culture and the world around them during the annual Chikasha Saya (I am Chickasaw) Camp, July 12-14 at Camp Goddard near Sulphur.

Chikasha Saya Camp is an all-encompassing camp that introduces Chickasaw youth

to Chickasaw language and heritage and also provides lessons on history, geology and ecology.

"This camp helps our young people truly understand what it means to be Chickasaw," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "As they begin to understand the importance of the relationship between our language and

culture and our historic connection with nature they are more able to appreciate our shared heritage."

During the three-day camp students participated in traditional demonstrations, including arrow making, singing Chickasaw hymns, learning the importance of corn in Chickasaw culture, and touring the new Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Campers also went on nature hikes along Arbuckle Lake where they were studied plants, trees and rock formations.

Swimming, a talent show and a tour of Goddard Children's Museum were also included.

While learning to scrape a deer hide at the museum, Loreal Harjo, 10, said she was having fun learning about her culture.

Loreal, from Seminole, Okla., said she learned many new Chickasaw words at the camp.

Daily lessons were presented on Chickasaw words for colors, numbers, animals and activities.

"When you are learning the Chickasaw language, you are learning one of the oldest continuously spoken languages in the world," Goddard Camp Director Wayne Edgar told the students.



Hailey Wilson learns to grind corn during Chikasha Saya Camp.

A Chickasaw language competition among campers was conducted the last day of camp.

Hailey Wilson, of Lone Grove, Okla., said she learned about all Native American cultures while attending Chikasha Saya Camp.

"I have pride in my culture and at this camp I can absorb what it would be like to be a Chickasaw in the past," she said.

Colton Wagoner, of Madill, Okla., discovered the many changes Chickasaw people have endured throughout history when he visited the Cultural Center.

"Our culture has been through several changes," he said.

For more information about Chickasaw Youth Camps, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Cuterra Love, Elijah Gibson and Melissa Herman check out a cougar pelt at the Goddard Children's Museum during Chikasha Saya Camp conducted last month.

This could be you!



Chickasaw Princesses from left, Jr. Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker, Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John and Miss Chickasaw Jessie Miller.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princess Program contact: Mary Hartley, Princess Program Coordinator, (580) 272-7710 or email mary.hartley@chickasaw.net

Youth learn what it takes to become an aviator

Aviation and Space camp full of science, math - and fun!

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw students recently attended the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy in Ada. The week-long camp was packed with fun and educational activities that incorporated science and math into the curriculum.

"We want students to understand what it is going to take to accomplish their goals and that math and science skills will help them along the way," said Sara Willie, science, technology and math program manager. "We make the math and science activities fun for the students, so most of the time they don't even realize they are learning."

The students learned about the history of aviation throughout the week. They constructed rockets, box kites, parachutes and airplane wings. These hands-on activities allowed the students to understand the mechanics of aviation.

In addition, the students took a field trip to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum and were taken on personal flights at Tulsa Riverside Airport. The personal flights were a great experience



From left, Patrick Cooke, of Ada, Okla., was the CNASA Super Top Gun winner; Anna Simmons, of Ada, was the CNASA Top Gun winner; and Sara Postoak, of Baytown, Texas, was the CNASA Junior Top Gun winner.

for the students, some of which had never flown before.

"I was really nervous to fly in a plane but once the plane was in the air and I looked down to see how beautiful it was, all the nerves went away," said Logan Amos, a student from Chickasha, Okla. "I came to this camp because I've always wanted to learn about aviation and I hope to be a pilot some-

day."

Students from across Oklahoma as well as Texas and Oregon came to Ada to attend the camp. De'Jean Andre' Clement and his two brothers traveled the farthest to attend. They endured a

14-hour flight from Germany, where their family is stationed on military assignment.

"We have attended the camp



Logan Amos, of Chickasha, Okla., prepares to take off on her first flight.

for the past two years and plan to come again next year," said Clement. "My favorite part of the camp was the shuttle simulator and learning about the design of an airplane."

The week wrapped up with an awards ceremony, which took place at the McSwain Theatre. The camp staff awarded students for their contributions and teamwork throughout the

week.

The CNASA program was established in 2003 and takes place each June. The academy is open to Chickasaw students grades five through 12. For more information about CNASA, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Sioux tour sod farm



Chickasaw Farms director Karla Windyboy, second from left, explains the tribal sod program to guests from the Rosebud Sioux Reservation, Rosebud, S.D., at the Davis, Okla., facility. From left are James Morrison, Windyboy, Dani Murphy, and Lauri Bordeaux. The group, along with two other tribal employees, visited Chickasaw facilities last month. The visitors are developing a commercial landscaping business and are contemplating a future commercial sod operation for their reservation in South Dakota. The farm recently welcomed 10 Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City students and faculty to tour the sod operation, state-of-the-art greenhouse and vegetable garden.

Archery Clinic



Archery Clinic was conducted July 6 and 7 for Chickasaw students ages eight to 11 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center Gym in Ada. Students pictured from left are Hailey Wilson, Ardmore, Okla.; Chole Imotichey, Ravia, Okla.; Tyla Carpenter, Stonewall, Okla.; Kobe Gabriel, Ada; John West, Ada; and Garrett Trett, Sulphur, Okla. Education mentors looking on as students practice archery techniques from left are Robert Pickens, Chene Lippard and Waylon Cotanny. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Brooke Tidwell, Public Affairs

Blackwell to lead federal effort to expand Indian Country broadband coverage

CNI official appointed FCC Director of Native Affairs and Policy

Geoffrey Blackwell, a Chickasaw citizen, was recently chosen to establish the Office of Native Affairs and Policy at the Federal Communications Commission.

As the Director of Native Affairs and Policy at the FCC, Mr. Blackwell will lead the Commission in its efforts to bring broadband access to Indian Country.

Mr. Blackwell said the "development of robust, tribal-centric broadband networks throughout Indian Country" will support "the important future of tribal sovereignty and self-determination--the tools by which tribes care for their communities."

"The FCC's National Broadband Plan recognized that broadband is the essential communications technology for the 21st Century, providing a pathway to jobs, education, healthcare, civic engagement, and community economic development," he said. "By virtually any measure, Indian Country lags far behind the rest of the nation in communications deployment, especially with broadband."

Mr. Blackwell's appointment was announced by FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski in June.

"It is essential that the FCC work closely with Native communities to address the unique communications

challenges they face," said Mr. Genachowski in a statement. "No one is better positioned to lead our efforts than Geoff. I look forward to working with him to ensure that all Americans, especially those living in Native communities, can enjoy the benefits of a modern communications infrastructure."

Always an advocate for the Native communities, Mr. Blackwell had earlier worked at the FCC as a senior attorney and liaison to tribal governments, where he counseled the Commission in matters involving tribal issues and federal Indian law as well as assisted in the drafting and implementation of FCC's 2000 Statement of Policy on Establishing a Government-to-Government Relationship with Indian Tribes.

"I feel fortunate to return to work at the FCC to help develop, coordinate and drive a Native agenda throughout the Commission," Mr. Blackwell said. "I return with the rich experiences and valuable perspectives gained during my five years of work with Chickasaw Nation Industries. This effort is particularly important during this crucial period in the development of the communications infrastructure policies that will be core to the future of Indian Country."



Geoffrey Blackwell

Prior to his appointment with the FCC, Mr. Blackwell was Director of Strategic Relations and Minority Business Development for Chickasaw Nation Industries.

"We are very pleased that Geoffrey has been named director of the office of Native Affairs and Policy," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "He has the experience, intelligence and leadership skills necessary to implement the FCC initiatives in a way which will provide tremendous benefits to Native Americans across the U.S."

In addition to his appointments with CNI and FCC, Mr. Blackwell's experience includes:

- Chairman of the Telecommunications Subcommittee of the National Congress of American Indians for five years.

- Board member and Commissioner for United States for the Indigenous Commission for Communications Technologies in the Americas (ICCTA).

- Board member of the National Small Business Association, the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, Native Public Media and the Acoma Business Board of Acoma Pueblo

- Law practice at Hale and Dorr LLP in Boston.

- U.S. Attorney's Office in Seattle.

- Office of Oklahoma Congressman David L. Boren in Washington, D.C.

- Office of Property Management, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma.

- U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee, staff of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye.

- Smithsonian Institution Office of Symposia and Seminars, Washington, D.C.

Born in Fort Defiance, Ariz., and raised in New Mexico and Oklahoma, Mr. Blackwell is a graduate of Tulsa Memorial High School. He received his bachelor's degree in government from Dartmouth College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Mr. Blackwell is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and is also of Chickasaw, Choctaw and Omaha heritage.

He is the son of Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to United States Charles Blackwell and former Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs M. Sharon Blackwell.

He lives in Rockville, Md., with his wife Dr. Mary Elizabeth Blackwell and two daughters, Megan and Jennifer.

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About Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI):

CNI is a federally chartered tribal business corporation wholly owned by the Chickasaw Nation. It was created in 1996 to promote the economic development and long-term financial viability of the Chickasaw Nation.

It does so by the development or acquisition of financially

sound, well-managed business entities that comprise the divisional structure of the corporation.

These divisions include manufacturing, construction, facility and property management, information technology and medical services.

Tribal Lighthorse officers compete in U.S. National SWAT Championships



Lighthorse SWAT team members include, front row, from left, Investigator Gary Dodd, patrolman Michael Holloway, Alyson Orr, and Sgt. Robby Williams. Back row, from left, Major George Jesse, patrolman, Justin Smith, Jeremy Spradlin, Brent Harper, Terry Laxton, Clint Sutton, Sgt. Phillip Wood and patrolman Andy Hill.

TULSA - Ten Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse police officers tested their skills on a national level while participating in the

U.S. National SWAT Championships.

The competition, conducted June 20-26 in Tulsa, included

teams from around the world, said Lighthorse Police Major George Jesse.

"There were three teams from other countries, Germany, Switzerland and Canada," said Maj. Jesse.

Lighthorse was the sole tribal police department to be represented in the competition.

Hundreds of officers competed in two main competitions: SWAT competition and sniper competition.

Lighthorse officers Robbie Williams and Phil Wood and officers Terry Laxton and Jeremy Spradlin represented Lighthorse in the team competition.

"Both competitions were intense. Officers have to be physically fit and mentally strong to compete at this level," said Maj. Jesse, who is team com-

mander.

Other SWAT team members competed in individual events.

Preparing for the competition required months of training, much of which was voluntary.

Being a member of the SWAT team is in addition to regular duties as a police officer and most training is done during off-time.

Maj. Jesse said the invitation-only competition was a good training exercise, and the team had been invited to participate again next year.

About SWAT

SWAT is an acronym developed for the first police tactical team, which was established by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1963. SWAT was developed to enhance the ability of police response to an increasingly violent and well-armed criminal element.

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Chickasaw UofA pitcher selected by Detroit Tigers

Jordan Pratt's lifelong dream of playing professional baseball has finally come true.

The 20-year-old Chickasaw from Harrison, Ark., was selected in the 16th round of Major League Baseball June draft by the Detroit Tigers.

"This is something I have wanted to do all my life," Jordan said. "I have been playing baseball since I was six."

He is now a member of the West Michigan Whitecaps, the Tigers' Long Season Single A Farm Team in Grand Rapids, Mich. Earlier he was assigned to Connecticut Tigers, Short Season Single A classification affiliate of the Tigers in Norwich, Conn.

Prior to his signing with the Tigers, Mr. Pratt was a pitcher for the Arkansas Razorbacks at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

A junior majoring in transportation and logistics, Mr.

Pratt has three semesters remaining at Arkansas. He said he will continue his classes when the season ends Sept. 6. He also said he hoped to complete his education in the next few years.

He also encouraged others to "chase the dream and work hard."

"You can do anything you put your mind to," he said.

Jeff Pratt, Jordan Pratt's father, said he was very proud of his son and his accomplishments.

"He has worked very hard in school to not only excel in baseball, but to also be on the Southeastern Conference Honor Roll while being an athlete," Jeff Pratt said.

Jordan Pratt was named on the 2010 Southeastern Conference (SEC) Spring Academic Honor Roll. Student athletes must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher to be

included in the Honor Roll.

He also said his family was "thankful to the Chickasaw Nation for the help that Jordan has received during college."

"The scholarships and the laptop that he received allowed him to put his entire self into school and baseball and not have to worry about working a job while attending college," he said.

Jordan Pratt received \$2,500 in scholarship funds toward his tuition and fees in the last two semesters from the tribe, Jordan said. He also received a brand new laptop in fall 2009 for maintaining a 3.5 grade point average.

Jordan Pratt's mother is Angie Pratt and he has two siblings, Austin and Jessica. He is a graduate of Harrison (AR) High School.

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Arkansas relief pitcher and Chickasaw citizen Jordan Pratt celebrates after working out of an eighth-inning jam recently in the Razorbacks 6-4 victory over Washington State at Baum Stadium in Fayetteville.

Photo Courtesy of Arkansas Democrat-Gazette / William Moore

Successful internship leads to employment for student

Marissa Eaves is a junior at East Central University in Ada, Okla. She recently took part in the Chickasaw Nation Internship Program and received a job offer after her internship was complete.

Ms. Eaves is majoring in early childhood education and her internship took place at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center. She was placed in the preschool room where she had the opportunity to work with children ranging from three to five years of age.

Interns have a variety of duties and responsibilities during their internship. This allows them to get hands-on experience in the field they are pursuing.

"My responsibilities as an intern consisted of watching and caring for the children's needs, safety and overall well-being while they were at the center," Ms. Eaves said. "The experience taught me to have more patience, how to become a leader around my co-workers and how to plan and organize for each day's curriculum."

Ms. Eaves' internship is sure to prepare her for the future.

"I wanted an internship so I could have more experience working with children in different situations and could be better prepared for when I become a teacher one day," she said.

After completing her internship, Ms. Eaves accepted a position as a teacher's assistant at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center.

"Marissa always shows up to work with a smile on her face," said head classroom teacher Jill Harper. "The children love her and I am confident she will be a great teacher some day."

Internships allow students to show an employer what an asset they are to a company and have the potential to lead to part-time or full-time job offers.

"My plans for the future are to continue my education and become a teacher," Ms. Eaves said. "The internship program provided me with knowledge and experience that will help my future career."

Through the internship program, the tribe provides each student with a six to eight week internship opportunity, bi-weekly pay, one round-trip air-

line ticket to the intern site and housing accommodations.

The internship program is conducted at different times throughout the year in locations determined by the Chickasaw Nation. Students apply and are selected from a selection committee and the education staff works with the student and employer to determine internship timelines and specifics.

To qualify for the program, applicants must complete an internship application and submit all documentation to the Chickasaw Nation Internship program coordinator. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 and be a full-time Chickasaw college student enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student.

For more information, contact the internship coordinator Chene Lippard at (580) 421-7711, chene.lippard@chickasaw.net or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Marissa Eaves teaching the days of the week to Mrs. Jill Harper's class.

BIRTHS



Joscelin Meg Anderson

Joscelin Meg Anderson was born June 29, 2010 at 9:04 a.m. She weighed 7.01 lbs., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Joscelin is the daughter of Sean James Anderson and Shana Hillriegel.

She is the granddaughter of Kimberly Ann Surface. She is the great-granddaughter of Donald Ray Emerson and the great-great-granddaughter of the late May Pearl Bragg.



Sophia Grace and Tristan Michael Bazay

Casie and Mike Bazay, of Porter, Okla., are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Sophia Grace Bazay**. Sophia was born April 13, 2010 at Saint Francis Hospital, Tulsa. She weighed 7 lbs., and measured 19 inches at birth.

Sophia's big brother, Tristan Michael, 3, is very proud of his little sister.

She is the granddaughter of Mary and Richard Emerson, of Porter, and Cheryl and Brian Bazay, of Phoenix.



Keira Jo Brantley

Keira Jo Brantley was born May 25, 2010 at 11:57 a.m. at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Thomas and Blair Brantley, of Ada, Okla.

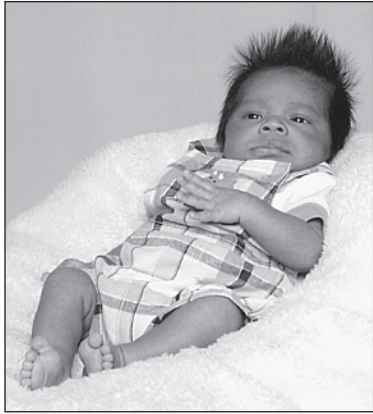
Proud grandparents are Mike and Brenda Brantley, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Terry and Jeanne Baulch, of Ada.



Aurora Rose Howell

Aurora Rose Howell was born May 11, 2010 at Roseville, Calif. She weighed 9 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth. She is the daughter of Leah Faith Hawkins and Michael Howell.

She is the granddaughter of Sherry Ann (John) Hawkins and Elijah Hawkins. She is the great-granddaughter of Jack John and great-great-granddaughter of Tecumseh John.



Eli Little Brother Seals

Eli Little Brother Seals was born February 24, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. Eli weighed 6 lbs., 14.4 oz and measured 19.4 inches at birth. He is the son of Antwan Seals and Shawna Burgess, of Ada, Okla., and joins a brother, Kobe Gabriel, 10.

He is the grandson of Irving and Marie Frazier, of Allen, Okla.

Eli is a direct descendant of Chickasaw original enrollee, Jeff Alexander.

BIRTHDAY



Ereyn Paige Taylor

Ereyn Paige Taylor celebrated her first birthday, April 27, 2010 with family and friends at her home. Ereyn is the daughter of Steve and Lou Taylor, of Ardmore, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Mary Taylor, of Ardmore and the late Woodrow Taylor, Russell and Hawaii Anotubby, of Ardmore and the late Diann Anotubby.

She is blessed with sisters, Amy Johnson, Stephanie, Selina, Chanena, Elizabeth and Piper Taylor, all of Ardmore.

Cardinals take Kiwanis championship



Cardinals Coaches are, back row from left, Michael Kane Worcester, Hershel Hamilton and Roy Worcester. Middle row from left, Stormie Vangilder, Colton Mosier, Daniel Hamilton, Hunter Condon, Quinton Nail and Jeremiah Worcester. Front row from left, Jackson Cross, Ashton Bierce, Braylen Gore, Amaury Brown. What a great season for the Cardinals team!! Cardinals season ended with 13 wins, 3 loses, 1 tie or draw. On June 12, 2010 Cardinals won Kiwanis Championship Tournament. All coaches say "Thank You to each parent for their time and hard work with the kids". Some people have asked Roy, "Are you coaching next year?" "Way To Go Cardinals Team!!!"

Pich family reunion in Missouri



On June 6 the Pich family - descendants of Grace Pich, whose mother was Florence Brown, a full-blood Chickasaw - gathered at Union, Missouri. The celebration was in honor of Rusty Pich and Ricki Pich's birthday. Five generations of Chickasaws are represented in the photo. The T-shirts were those handed out at this year's annual Chickasaw Governor's Conference, which was attended by several members of the Pich family.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens

regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would

like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Payton Whitehead

Payton Whitehead is Colbert valedictorian

A Chickasaw eighth-grader has recently been named valedictorian of his graduating class.

Payton Whitehead, who attends Colbert (OK) School, earned the valedictorian honor.

He is a member of the school basketball and baseball teams. He has competed in the Oklahoma American Indian Challenge Bowl, and on the Colbert eighth- and ninth-grade academic team.

He is a member of the Colbert Native American student organization and the Oklahoma Middle School Honor Society.

Payton is a member of the superintendent's honor roll, the gifted and talented program, and has achieved five years of perfect attendance.

He was selected "Athlete of the Month" and "Student of the Month." During graduation ceremonies, Payton was awarded the "Student of Today" award by the Colbert Masonic Lodge.

Payton enjoys hunting, fishing and raising peacocks with his pawpaw.

He is the son of John and Jonell Whitehead, of Colbert. He is the grandson of Joe and Glenda Hartwell, of Colbert, and Bernice Whitehead, of Durant, Okla.

Haskins, George to marry in October



Amanda Haskins and Loren George

Amanda Gail Haskins, of Yukon, Okla., and Loren Wilmer George, of White Haven, Penn., are exchanging wedding vows Oct. 17, 2010 at Pine River Ranch, Leavenworth, Wash.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Jeanette Brickkey and the granddaughter of Gail and Dale Brickey, of Yukon.

A 2005 graduate of Yukon High School, she is a currently working towards a degree in science at Pierce College, Puyallup, Wash. Her long-term goal is to become a dietitian. She recently left active duty in the U.S. Army and is now serving her country in the U.S. Army

Reserve.

The future bridegroom is the son of Wilmer George, of Pine Grove, Penn., and Dianne George, of White Haven.

A graduate of Crestwood High School, Mountaintop, Penn., he currently serves as a licensed practical nurse at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash.

He proposed to the bride-to-be Oct. 17, 2009 in front of friends and family while she was home on mid-tour leave from Iraq.

The couple will reside at Spanaway, Wash.

Jimmy Wynne promoted to Master Sergeant



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wynne with daughter Karissa, and, at right, Lt. Elmore.

Oklahoma National Guardsman Jimmy Jonglenlee Wynne has recently been promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant. The ceremony was July 17 at the Guard Regional Training Institute in Oklahoma City.

MSgt. Wynne, a Chickasaw, has served in the U.S. military

for over 16 years. He served as a U.S. Marine Corps crew chief during the Desert Storm operation.

In the U.S. Army National Guard, MSgt. Wynne has served in Operation Noble Eagle following 9/11, and assisted Hurricane Katrina victims.

He is a member of the Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council. He works as an instructor for the Federal Aviation Administration in Oklahoma City and attends the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

MSgt. Wynne and his wife, Jennifer, live in Bridge Creek, Okla. The couple has three children, Vivien, Jimmy Tishomingo and Karissa, and one granddaughter, Natalie.

MSgt. Wynne's parents are Jimmy and Willie Juanita Wynne, of Stratford, Okla.

His entire family is proud of everything he does for our country.

Ryan Rico artwork places at Red Earth



Ryan Rico, a Byng (OK) School student, recently took third place at Red Earth in Division 2, in the category of Paintings, Drawings and Graphics. Ryan is the son of Lori Rico, of Ada, and Juan Rico, of Norman, Okla.

NEWS FROM LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW



Lauren John
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chuk-ma! We have been very busy this summer. We have been to princess pageants, rode in the Red Earth and Creek Nation parades, performed at the World Sitting Volleyball games, Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound awards assembly, and we traveled with the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi to create a monument to mark the Chickasaw Trail of Tears crossing. We have met lots of new people and made new friends!

We have almost completed our reign and new princesses will be crowned in September. I will be sad to give my crown to another girl but I will remember the past year and be glad that I decided to run for

Little Miss Chickasaw!

It is fun being a princess and I hope that many other girls decide to run in the Chickasaw princess pageant. It may be a little scary but you can do it! Being a Chickasaw princess is a big responsibility and is hard work. Sometimes we get real tired but we have to keep on going. Ms. Mary Harley is a great coordinator and she will take good care of you.

I will continue to be a good Little Miss Chickasaw until I give my crown away. Thank you for inviting me, Jessie and Alexis to come to perform at your events. We loved every minute of it!

Yokoka! Lauren John, Little Miss Chickasaw

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Winter Shea Bass

Winter Shea Bass is a 2010 graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant. She is the daughter of Mark and Reatha Bass, of Ardmore, Okla., and the sister of Marcus Kane Bass. She is the granddaughter of the late Jerry Bill Bass, the late Francis Fern Bass and the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holbrook.

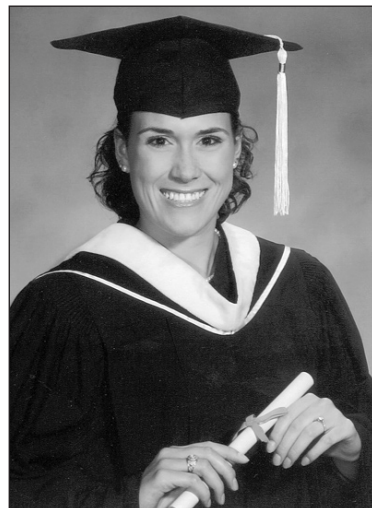
Winter graduated May 15 with a bachelor or arts degree in English education. Her honor's include Chickasaw Nation Holi-toplichichi Honor's distinction and a member of the Dean's Honor Roll. Winter was chosen for the Chickasaw Nation Internship Program two years in a row, interning at the National Indian Education Association at Washington, D.C. and at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Communications, Ada, Okla. She was very involved with the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, serving as intern overseeing the Women's Ministry.

She feels extremely blessed to be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and would like to thank the Division of Education for all of their support. She would also like to thank her parents and brother for their support and their belief in her.

Winter currently works as an education specialist in the Higher Education Department for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education.



Mallory Denise Wilmer



Mallory Denise Wilmer is a 2010 cum laude graduate of Texas A&M University. Ms. Wilmer received a bachelor's degree in history.

While at Texas AM she completed the requirements to earn a social studies composite secondary teacher certification and will begin her career this month with the Killeen (TX) Independent School District.

Ms. Wilmer is the daughter of Paul and Leslie Wilmer, of Round Rock, Texas. Her great-grandmother is Velma Petigew Brumley Patterson, of Duncan, Okla. She is a descendent of Gabrel and Lucy Brown, Lizzie Brown Petigrew, Sallie Carney Ford, Arch McCannon Petigrew and Willie Maggie Ford Brumley, all original enrollees.

Thank you to the Chickasaw Nation for all of the help and support that made this dream possible.

Amanda Shea Anderson

A Chickasaw student will begin pre-dentistry studies this fall.

Amanda Shea Anderson is a 2010 graduate of Allen County-Scottsville (KY) High School. She was a member of student council, BETA, DECA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, pep club and the tennis team. Amanda is an active youth member at First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky.

She was voted "most sophisticated" in her class and sang "There is a God" at June commencement.

Amanda has enrolled at Western Kentucky University.

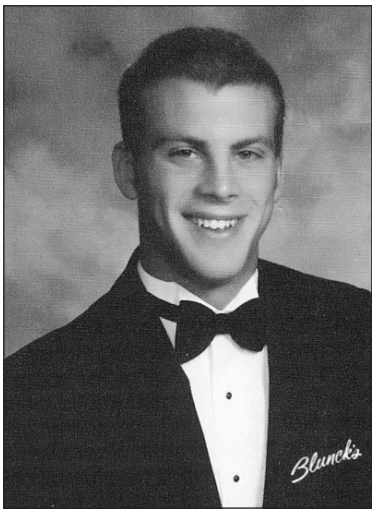
She is the daughter of Anthony and Teresa Anderson, of Scottsville, Ky. She is the granddaughter of Michael and Barbara Anderson, of Fillmore, Okla., and Gary and Margaret Martin, of Scottsville.

Her great-grandparents are the late Thelma Williams Harner Bone and Lewis Harner, and the late Glen and Betty Anderson.

Her uncle, Brian Anderson, is a Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department officer.



Taylor Scot Smith



A Chickasaw student and ballplayer has recently signed a letter of intent to play baseball in Kansas.

Taylor Scot Smith, a 2010 graduate of Fletcher (OK) High School, has signed with Neosho Community College, Chanute, Kan. Taylor plans to play baseball at Neosho for two years, then transfer to Oklahoma State University.

Taylor attended Fletcher schools through elementary, junior high and high school. He was a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the Principal's Honor Roll for six years, a 2009 Boys State delegate and a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club. He achieved perfect attendance for four years.

He also was named 2010 Male Athlete of the Year at Fletcher and received the Masonic Award. He was a member of the Fletcher baseball and basketball teams, and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

During his senior year, Taylor helped lead his baseball team to the Class A state championship. He was named to the Oklahoma Coaches' Association All-State Team and pitched for the West Small School Team.

Taylor is the son of Michelle and Coy Davis, and Jimmy Smith. He is the grandson of Mike and Sandy Berry and the great-grandson of the late Jack and Bessie Taylor.

Colbert Reunion set for Sept. 10

The Colbert Reunion is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. in Tuscumbia, Ala.

The Walk will be Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. The Tuscumbia Trolley will be

available to take people to the landing site at 8:30 a.m., leaving from Spring Park.

A tour of Tuscumbia Landing can be arranged by contacting

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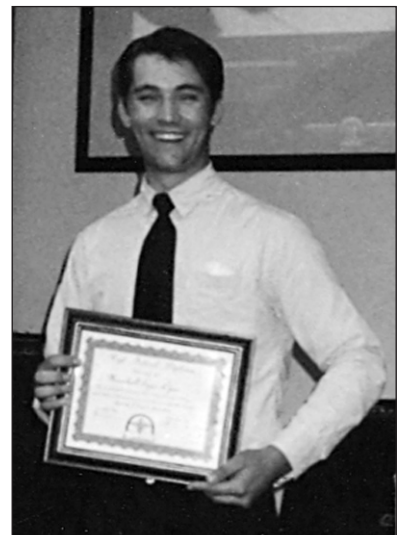
Marshall Egge-Ogas

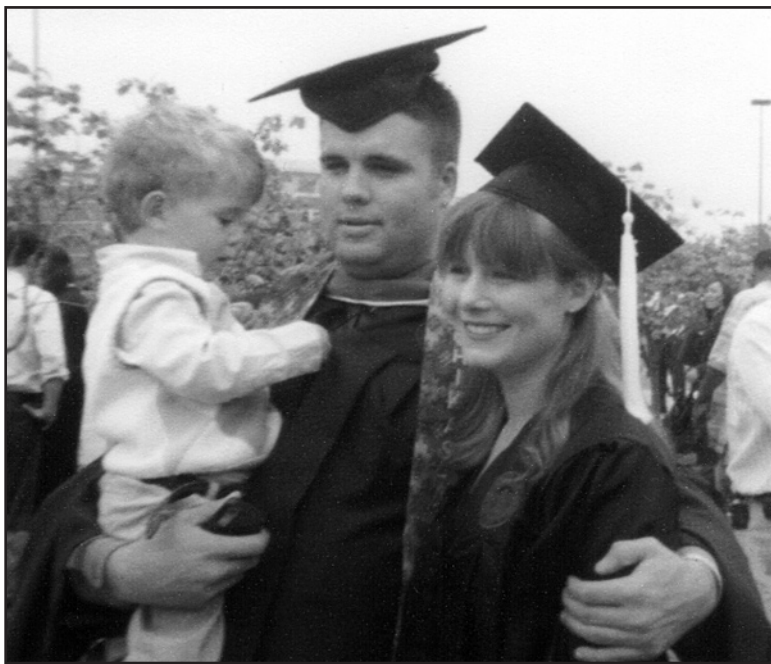
Marshall Egge-Ogas graduated from home school in a June 5, 2010 ceremony.

Marshall has been accepted to Rhema College, Tulsa, where he will begin classes in the fall. He will work in religious outreach.

He has traveled to India to help in the work of his church, and has helped build homes in Mexico.

He is the son of Mario and Callie Ogas, of Hanover, N.M. Marshall is a direct descendant of original enrollee Walter Jack.





Senior Airman Bryan Webb, Courtnie and Brayden Webb.

Senior Airman Webb graduates from OU

Bryan Webb is a 2010 graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He received a master's degree in Native American Studies and wore his Chickasaw Honors sash during the graduation ceremony.

His wife Courtnie also graduated with a bachelor's degree in education.

The couple has a two-year-old son, Brayden.

Mr. Webb is a Senior Airman stationed at Tinker Air Force Base. He is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan with the

U.S. Air Force Civil Engineering Squadron supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Webb is on military leave from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce. Prior to his deployment he will go to Wisconsin for a two-week combat specialist training.

Mr. Webb is the son of Susan Webb and Anthony Webb, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Mrs. Webb is the daughter of Carrie and Rusty Boden, of Arlington, Texas.

Academic All-Stater



Lynne Chatfield, director of the Chickasaw Nation Office of Supportive Programs, congratulates 2010 Academic All-Stater Buck Roberson of Byng (OK) High School during the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence Academic Awards Banquet in Tulsa. Buck, a 2010 graduate of Byng, was among 100 outstanding seniors from Oklahoma public schools who were honored as Academic All-Staters. He received an All-State scholarship sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation-Bill Anoatubby, Governor. The Academic Awards Banquet is presented annually by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, a non-profit organization that recognizes and encourages academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools. Gov. Anoatubby is a trustee of the Foundation for Excellence.

Tribe's KCNP offers eclectic programming

ADA, Okla. - More news, more music - more Chickasaw! KCNP, the Chickasaw Nation's community radio station, has recently added new programs and special features to its broadcast schedule.

Associated Press news briefs now run during weekday broadcasts from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the start of each hour. Weather updates, sports news and Chickasaw public affairs programs and interviews are also featured several times a day during the week.

Chickasaw language programs play every Monday at 6 p.m., Wednesday at 1 p.m., Friday at 7:30 a.m., Saturday at 10

a.m., and Sunday at 8 p.m.

For music fans, a variety of music genres not normally found on commercial radio is available every day on KCNP. Classic rock and roll, country and western, blues, jazz, big band and indigenous music from around the world are all part of the station's playlist.

KCNP is also the local station affiliate for "Native America Calling," a live call-in program

covering Native American interests and issues.

Produced by Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, a Native American-operated media organization, "Native America Calling" is heard by approximately

500,000 listeners each week. The show airs live on KCNP Monday - Friday from noon to 1 p.m.

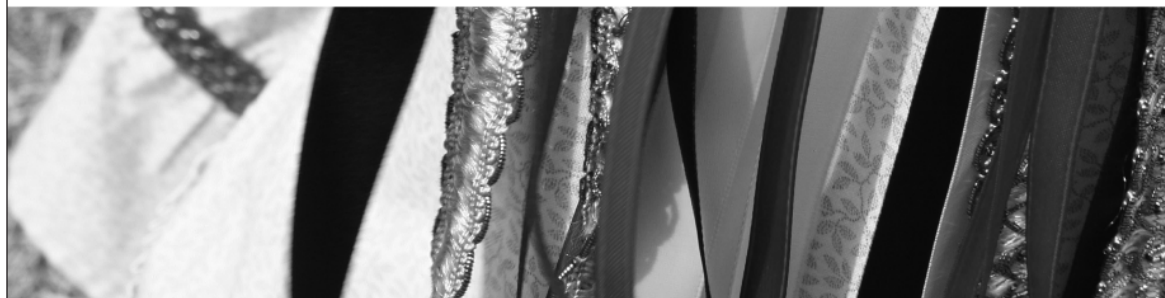
KCNP is on-air at 89.5 FM in the Ada and surrounding area, and online as a live-stream at www.kcnpradio.org.

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Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center Opening Day, July 24



Michael Musgrave, of Ada, left, and Lanny North.



From left, Chickasaw citizens and Newcastle, Okla., residents Zach Ramirez, Tyler Stephens and Drew Ramirez take a break from visiting the Cultural Center Saturday, July 24 in Sulphur, Okla.



Dixie Brewer demonstrates the art of pottery at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Grand Opening, July 24 in Sulphur.



Oklahoma City residents Scott Roberts and Jean Roberts visit with Ashley Wallace at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.



From left, Larry Archer, of Lone Grove, Okla.; eight-year-old Andrew Archer, of Forney, Texas; Maxine Priddy, of Sulphur, Okla.; and Debby Archer, of Lone Grove, at the Chickasaw Cultural grand opening Saturday, July 24 in Sulphur.



Chickasaw citizen Rachael Collins, of Tishomingo, Okla., reads about the Chickasaw Warrior during the grand opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, July 24.



Binod Manandhar, of Kathmandu, Nepal, visits the Traditional Village at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Saturday, July 24 in Sulphur, Okla.



Lanny North visits with students of the Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy during the grand opening of the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center.

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Dedication, July 19



Gov. Bill Anoatubby addresses the gathering during the dedication ceremony for the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Monday, July 19, in Ada. Behind Gov. Anoatubby are Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance and Division of Health administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker.



Tribal officials, citizens, employees and guests gather outside the new Medical Center for the ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, July 19.



People gathered in the medical center's town center area prior to the dedication ceremony Monday, July 19.



July 19 brought a bright and hot day for the dedication of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.



Chickasaw Nation employees help guests check in before the dedication ceremony at the new medical center Monday, July 19.



The diagnostic imaging area in the medical center.



Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker welcomes tribal officials, citizens, employees and guests to the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Monday, July 19. Seated from left, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Indian Health Service Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux and Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance.



A patient room at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

Mike McKee and Marcy Gray



Waiting area outside the dental clinic in the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.



KTLS sales executive Howard Stone accepts the American Legion's "Radio Station of the Year" Award July 10 in Oklahoma City

Legion names tribe's KTLS Radio 'Radio Station of the Year'

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chickasaw Nation-owned Ada radio station KTLS received the American Legion Radio Station of the Year Award July 10 at the American Legion state convention in Oklahoma City.

The Radio Station of the Year Award recognizes outstanding news coverage of local community programs with special emphasis on information relating to Oklahoma's veterans. The American Legion awards committee was unanimous in selecting KTLS Radio for this year's honor.

"We are incredibly honored to receive this award from such a benevolent and outstanding organization as the American Legion Department of Oklahoma," said KTLS Radio general manager Roger Harris. "We strive to honor our veterans through our programming and

news coverage, and this award means the world to all of us here at KTLS Radio."

"This award provides confirmation that the staff at KTLS is dedicated to meeting the needs of the community," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Recognition from the American Legion is very meaningful because they truly understand the significance of service to the community."

KTLS reaches listeners in Pontotoc, Coal, Seminole, Hughes, Pittsburg, Atoka, Johnston, Murray, Garvin and Pottawatomie counties in Oklahoma.

The American Legion Department of Oklahoma has a membership of 27,754 and has 279 posts across the state to serve veterans where they live.

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Events set for Child Support Awareness Month

Child Support Awareness Month is recognized nationally each year in August to celebrate child support professionals and parents who are committed to making a difference in the lives of children emotionally and financially.

Mark your calendars and bring your friends and family to celebrate during the events

sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services.

August 2
10 a.m. - Kick-off and Balloon Launch

Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family back parking lot - 231 Seabrook Road, Ada

August 14
9 a.m. - Walk in the Park

Wintersmith Park, Ada
August 21
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Family Fun Day

Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family back parking lot - 231 Seabrook Road, Ada

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Young Chickasaw cagers learn basketball fundamentals from college coaches, OU players



Seminole (OK) State College head women's basketball coach Rita Story-Schell shows shooting techniques to Whitney Christie, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Four University of Oklahoma basketball players, Cade Davis, Nick Thompson, Danielle Robinson and Jasmine Hartman, served as clinic coaches.

All four college athletes said they enjoyed working with the youth and teaching a game they love.

"Its always great to give back," Robinson said. "Its an honor to get invited. We enjoy teaching, we enjoy the kids' energy and it also refreshes the skills we have learned. We get a lot of joy out of building these relationships and being able to be a part of the kids' lives."

Davis, of Elk City, Okla., said he gets satisfaction from the smiles on the kids' faces.

"Its nice to get out in my home state and see kids wanting to learn to play and aspiring to be great basketball players," he said.

Thompson, a 6'9" player from Colorado Springs, said, "I used to be in their shoes. I just like coming out here and being with the kids. It makes me smile to see them learn the game."

Ken Frantz, East Central (OK) University women's coach; Terry Shannon, former ECU men's coach; Jeff Malloy, former Ada High School girls' coach; Christie Jennings,

Stonewall; Annie Lampkin, Davis; Rita Story-Schell, Seminole State women's basketball coach; and Laura Hamilton, North Rock Creek High School, Shawnee; and Bryon Lyon, Chickasaw Nation assistant director of tribal Youth Services, also served as coaches.

During the three-day, two-city clinic, players were coached on dribbling, shooting, rebounding, passing and defensive techniques.

New this year, girls and boys were coached in separate clinics.

Lessons on being a success on an off the court were also stressed.

Hartman reminded the group to put academics first.

During a question-and-answer session, the collegiate players encouraged the group to stay in school, work hard, pay attention in class and practice diligently.

Kanan Wisdom, 13, who attends Byng Junior High, said the clinic was "fun."

"I learn more about the game and I perfect my skills, such as dribbling better," he said.

Twelve-year-old Mariah Porter agreed with Kanan. "I learn more skills every year and the camp gets better every year."

Her favorite part of camp was shooting with Robinson, "and having her tell me how to do it better. It makes me feel good."

Carlee Horton, eight, said camp was "really cool."

"I like it a lot. It's fun learning how to shoot and other cool stuff," said Nevaeh Smith, of Latta.

Both clinics culminated with a scrimmage, a medal ceremony and an autograph session.

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Bre Eason, of Tishomingo, Okla., works on dribbling skills.



Harmon Lewis, of Lone Grove, Okla., practices dribbling.



Stewart McCuan, of Kingston, Okla., works on her shooting skills.

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OU national champion quarterback Josh Heupel leads annual camp

Day of Champions Football Camp welcomes nearly 100 youth for summer drills



University of Oklahoma quarterbacks coach Josh Heupel, demonstrates proper passing grip to Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne, of Blanchard, Okla., during Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football Camp. Mike McKee

ADA, Okla. - A competitive game of "Sooner Ball" was the highlight of the eighth annual Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football Camp, conducted July 8-10 at the Ada High Football Complex.

Ninety-six Chickasaw student athletes turned out to learn more about football from the professionals. The camp was led by University of Oklahoma quarterbacks coach

and 2000 Heisman Trophy runner-up Josh Heupel, his father Ken Heupel, a 41-year veteran coaching veteran, and a host of outstanding coaches.

Josh Heupel, who led OU to a national championship in 2000, said the camp improved each year camp staff returns to Ada.

"This camp stresses discipline, trust, respect and hard work, and now we have repeat

kids and they know the expectation of the camp," he said. "We enjoy being here."

The camp consists of two days of intense football drills at the Ada High Indoor Football facility, followed by a fun-filled day of "Sooner Ball" and an autograph session. A camper's parent, older sibling or guardian gets to participate in the final games.

"We are also finding ways to teach students how to be better citizens, and better in life by stressing hard work and the importance of determination and goal setting," said Ken Heupel.

Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne, of Blanchard, Okla., attended camp this year for the third time.

"Each time I attend I learn more about the game of football," said the 13-year-old Bridge Creek Junior High student.

Sooner Ball is Jimmy's favorite part of camp. He is not alone. Most all other participants polled said Sooner Ball was also their favorite.

Pauls Valley (OK) High School defensive end Kelvin Blister said he had picked up new tips and techniques all three times he had attended camp.

When asked about his favorite part of camp the 16-year-old said, "I like playing Sooner Ball a lot, it is fun."

"I didn't know many proper techniques and now I do," said Cale Crossley, a Newcastle,



Games are part of Day of Champions Football Camp.

Okla., third grader.

Cale's grandfather, Lee Crossley, observed the camp from the sidelines.

"This camp is great," he said. "He has never played before and this gives him a chance to learn the game before school starts."

Day of Champions coaches included Earle Mosley, Brian Miller, Matt Rice, John Norman, Matt Rice, Justin Iske, Waleed Gaines, Josh Brewer, Lee Blankenship, John Norman,

Matt Brand, Dustin Perry, Mike Woods, Joey Halzle and JD Harris.

Each coach on the roster has coaching or playing credentials from major universities, including the University of Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Baylor and University of Arizona.

For more information about Chickasaw Youth Camps, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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First ever Day of Champions Cheerleading Camp welcomes young cheerleaders



Taylor Porter, Mayo Moore, Baylee Warren, Shelby Pennington, Kaitlyn Tingle, Kyra Avilia and Melanie Hicks, from left, with University of Oklahoma cheerleaders Grant Gish, left, and Corey Chancellor at Day of Champions Cheer Camp.

Marcy Gray



Danya Hook, kneeling, and Sierra Coffman practice a stunt at Cheer Camp.



OU Cheerleaders Grant Gish and Corey Chancellor help campers Shelby Pennington, Baylee Warren and Mayo Moore, from left, build a pyramid.

ADA, Okla. - Cheers, chats and inspiration were the focus of the first-ever Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Cheerleading Camp, July 9 and 10 in Ada.

More than 50 energetic girls from schools across the area attended the camp. Due to unseasonable rain, the camp was conducted in the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center.

Dawn Heupel served as camp coordinator. She was accompa-

nied by a squad of current and former collegiate cheerleaders and football players.

"This camp is based on the same four principles as Day of Champions Football Camp; trust, respect, hard work and disciple," said Heupel.

Lessons on day one included learning basic drills and new chants.

The camp finale was a performance at Day of Champions Football Camp.

"All the parents and football players clapped for us after our half-time performance," Ada camper Cuterra Love, 11, said.

Shelby Smith, of Tishomingo, Okla., said she was excited to attend cheer camp.

"I like cheerleading - it's fun and athletic."

Besides cheers and chants, the camp also focuses on strength training and inspirational talks, which sets it apart from other cheer camps, said

Heupel.

Jake Parten, a former football player, related his life story as an example of setting goals and having determination and drive.

The cheer camp was a first Sierra Coffman, of Healdton, Okla.

"I have made a bunch of friends," she said.

Danya Hook, a student at Tishomingo, had a good time and learned new skills.

"I never knew I could learn so much in such a short time," the seventh grader said on the first day of camp.

Instructors at the camp included Haley Chandler, Corey Chancellor, Dorian Johnson, Grant Gish, Kat Jones, Ashten Lambring, Lyndsay Craig and Josh Brener.

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Football Camp autograph session



An autograph session was conducted during the final session of camp Saturday.

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Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council

On Saturday, August 28 we will celebrate our one-year anniversary as a new council!

Join us as we gather together for fun, games and conversation at the Frenchman's Bar Regional Park in Vancouver, Washington. Our reserved shelter's name is "Langsdorf Landing" (address listed below).

We'll be providing hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as games for the kids. Please bring snacks, salads, barbecued beans or other side dishes, desserts, beverages or any other entrée you might prefer.

Also, please take a minute and give us an idea of how many from your family will be

attending and what you might like to bring.

RSVP to either Kim: 503-819-3097 or Rena: 503-543-7401. On behalf of the Advisory Committee, thank you, and we hope to see you August 28!

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WHEN: Saturday, August 28 - 11:30 am

WHERE: Frenchman's Bar Regional Park - Langsdorf Landing Shelter

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North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Thirty-two people attended the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council July meet-

ing and several first-time visitors and new members were welcomed.

The speaker, Regina Cravatt Berna, Director of Museums and Historic Sites from the Chickasaw Nation, gave us a lot of information on some of the Chickasaw Historic sites. Many are in Oklahoma and can be visited.

Everyone brought snacks and several door prizes were given to the lucky winners.

We meet every month on the third Saturday at 2 p.m. Please join us for our next meeting Saturday, August 21 at the Bedford Boys Ranch, Bedford, Texas for valuable information and fellowship.

For more information contact John Atkins, chairman at (972) 271-0692 or injunjon2@verizon.net

Final day of Football Camp



Former University of Oklahoma national champion quarterback and current OU quarterbacks coach Josh Heupel addresses the young Chickasaw football players on the final day of camp. Heupel said the camp's goals go beyond football fundamentals and the training seeks to instill discipline, respect, trust, determination and goal setting within the participants.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ADA

Chickasaw Youth Marketing and Design Class Exhibit

August 6-20, (580) 272-5520

Child Support Awareness Walk in the Park
August 14, (580) 310-6620

Child Support Services Family Fun Day
August 21, (580) 310-6620

"Ancient to Abstract" Art Exhibit with Tracie Davis
September 3-24, (580) 272-5520

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

KULLIHOMA

Stomp Dance
August 27, (580) 332-8685

Elders Day

September 10, (580) 332-8685

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

NORMAN

Hall of Fame Banquet
August 19, (580) 310-7903 * advance registration
required

OKLAHOMA CITY

Visions of the Young Chickasaw art exhibit
Norman, August 13, (580) 272-5520

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Linda O'Hagen, 405-350-3311 or 405-409-3556

PURCELL

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

TISHOMINGO

Summer Film Series
August 13, (580) 371-3351

Annual Meeting and Festival
September 26-October 2

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA

Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly, 2nd Saturday
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-393-0696

NEW ENGLAND

New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday
Chris Rodke, 505-980-1368

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or 512-517-4404

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Quarterly, 2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m. (with CCC of Central Texas)
Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Tips to keep your kids safe in summer heat

Summer is in full swing and the temperature is rising. Each year, those rising temperatures bring an increase in the number of heat related deaths.

More than 30 children die every year after being left unattended in a vehicle, according to Safe Kids USA.

Children are easily affected by high temperature as their bodies heat up three to five times faster than adult bodies. Because the temperature inside a car can increase by 19 degrees in just 10 minutes, a child's body temperature can reach deadly rates in a matter

of minutes. Cracking a window is not an adequate defense.

Consider these tips from Safe Kids to ensure that no child loses his or her life due to hyperthermia.

Do not let children play in an unattended vehicle. Make sure they know a vehicle is not a place to play.

Make it a routine to check if there are children in the back seat of your car before getting out and locking the vehicle. This can be done by placing an item like a purse, briefcase or cell phone in the back seat or writing a note and placing it in

the vehicle where you can see so that you always check the back seat when you leave the vehicle.

Arrange for your childcare provider to call you if your child does not show up for childcare on time.

If you see a child inside an unattended vehicle, call the police.

If a child looks in distress due to heat get him out of the car immediately. Symptoms of hyperthermia include: hot, red and moist or dry skin, no sweating, a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse, nausea or acting strangely. If you notice these signs, cool the child immediately and call 911 or your local emergency number.

To learn more about how you can keep your child safe, visit <http://www.safekids.org/safety-basics/>

Safe Kids USA is a nationwide network of organizations working to prevent unintentional childhood injury, the leading cause of death and disability for children ages 1 to 14. Safe Kids USA is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations with a mission of preventing unintentional childhood injury.

CONTRIBUTED BY Caitlyn Dowdy, Summer Intern.

Descendants of deceased tribal citizens sought

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. (OILS) is attempting to locate the next of kin of the following deceased members, of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. OILS is seeking to provide information to the next of kin regarding the process to judicially determine heirship of the decedent. Oils is a non-profit legal services organization specializing in

Federal Indian Law. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of the next of kin please contact OILS at 1-800-658-1497.

This is not a Chickasaw Nation program. It is initiated and operated by OILS.

Many Indian estates have been in probate for decades. This program seeks to clear up those cases and locate kin.

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Hix Souse
Homer C Alberson
Lillie M (Walker) Craigo
Guy McElroy
David Rochester
Eugene Duke
Walton Duke
Olene F (Perry) Impson
Ruth Harrell
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Dorothy M Jones
Pamela Beck
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Mary Gibbs
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Yvonne Bringing Good
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Salina (Alberson) Brown
Horace Apala
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Laird Wayne Rochelle
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Virgie Watson
Simon Williams
Nancy J Johnson
Leona Colbert
Elsie (Walker) Hawkins
Angie J Williams
Lucy (Colbert) Hawkins
Jose (Stout) Harjo
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Geraldine Stanley
Leona (James) Hayes
Cora Moody
Nona Claye
Carloine Johnson
Robert Tyson
Russell Stick

Back-to-School ReUse Collection Drive

It's time to get ready to go back to school!

Before the school bell rings, clean out your kids' rooms and come to the Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center for our Back-to-School ReUse Collection Drive.

Make a little more space in your home and make a big difference in our community!

Bring your children's outgrown clothes and shoes, used backpacks, lunchboxes and anything else that can be reused. Keep these "old" items out of landfills - give them a new life! The ReUse Center is



free of charge and open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center accepts most reusable items except hazardous

materials or items with possible safety concerns such as car seats, baby beds and mattresses. For more information, visit the ReUse Center at 2205 North Broadway or call (580) 272-5451.

CONTRIBUTED BY Joshua Rogers, Public Affairs

Free 'shredding day' set for Sept. 1 at East Central's Norris Field

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will offer free document shredding Wednesday, September 1 at East Central University from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will take place at Norris Field on the ECU campus and is open to the public.

Residents and businesses are invited to bring their documents to be safely shredded.

Paper documents, records and old mail as well as small

media storage items such as cassette tapes, CDs, DVDs and floppy discs will be securely shredded on site and recycled.

Computers and electronic equipment will not be accepted for this event.

For more information, contact Mack Peterson with Environmental Services at (580) 272-5415.

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Upward Bound students hit the summer books

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound & Upward Bound Math\Science recently completed the classroom portion of the 2010 summer session.

Focusing on preparing for the upcoming academic year, students attended classes four days a week, for five weeks, in the subject areas of chemistry, physics, biology, zoology, calculus, algebra, algebra 2, geometry, trigonometry, geography, English literature, English composition, computer science, desktop publishing, and life skills.

Students participated in many cultural, educational and fun activities. On June 18, students attended the 2010 Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City where they watched the parade ceremony and dance competition. Upward Bound All Sports Day was at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma on June 25. CFUB students competed against other Upward Bound programs in a number of games and activities. After a day full of competition, CFUB won the overall event and took home the first place trophy.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math\Science (CFUBMS) continued with its weekly educational trips. On June 15, the students toured the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation located in Ardmore, Oklahoma where they learned first-hand how plant biol-

ogy, genomics, and other sciences play an important role in Oklahoma agriculture.

The following week, CFUBMS students visited the Chickasaw Nation Robotics Program. Lead Engineer Stan Townsend had students work on basic programming for NXT Robots. They were then given the task to program their robots to maneuver through an obstacle course and perform a task.

Students also visited the Garold Wayne Exotic Animal Park located in Wynnewood. They received a behind-the-scenes look at the care and maintenance of the animals along with a guided tour of the park.

The academic portion of the summer session was concluded with an Awards Banquet in the Murray State College Ballroom.

Tiara Blue, a former CFUB student, was the keynote speaker. Ms. Blue, a recent graduate from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Journalism, stressed the importance CFUB played in her success as a college student and also gave students some "tips" she learned along the way.

The banquet closed with the presentation of the Citizenship Award, to Ms. Felicia Morales, and the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Year Award to Ms. Cheyenne Wright.

The Lord's Prayer was performed by the Chickasaw Princesses Jessie Miller, Alexis Walker and Lauren John.

Students are eagerly anticipating the final part of the summer session - the outdoor classroom experience during the year-end trip. They take their academics on the road and spend a week visiting and touring some unforgettable places.

This year the sophomores will be visiting Dallas; the juniors will head to Colorado Springs; the seniors will travel south to the Galveston and Houston and the Bridge students will fly to our Nation's Capitol, Washington, D.C.



Top students for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound summer session classes included, back row, Andrea McFeeters, Patricia Lafevers, Journie Gray, Holden Roberts, Scarlett Madden and Jon Sprouse. Front row, Tina Stringer, Kristina Sullivan, Sandi Hopson, Ryan Coleman, Laura Putman and Morgan Rudd.



Chickasaw Foundation executive director, Johnna R. Walker with Student of the Year Cheyenne Wright, left, and Felicia Morales, Citizenship Award.

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For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Cheyenne Wright named Foundation Student of the Year

Ms. Cheyenne Wright, a recent graduate of Velma-Alma (OK) High School, has been selected Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) Student of the Year. She has been an active participant in the CFUB program since she was a freshman.



Cheyenne Wright

Cheyenne was in the honors program for American history, biology, world history and Spanish, and was actively involved with Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4H, holding the positions of

president and vice-president in FFA and vice-president with 4H. She participated as the drum major for the Velma-Alma band and softball team captain in 2009.

Cheyenne takes part in community service activities as the leader of her church nursery and by helping her dad raise money for the volunteer fire department where he works.

She volunteered for the Chickasaw Foundation's annu-

al t-ball tournament as well as the Chickasaw Nation's annual Children's Fair.

Cheyenne plans to attend Murray State (OK) College and pursue a double major of child development and biology.

While attending college she would like to work for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and share the knowledge she has gained to other students.

Upon graduation she plans to become a second grade teacher.

Overton Cheadle, Mitch Sperry scholarships announced by Chickasaw Foundation

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of the Overton M. "Buck" Cheadle Memorial Scholarship and the Mitch Sperry Memorial Law Scholarship.

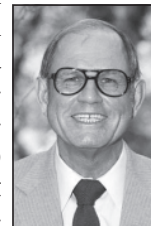
The Overton M. "Buck" Cheadle Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a full-time, undergraduate Chickasaw student who is attending East Central University. The student must major in a field which will

lead to a teaching or coaching career.

The Mitch Sperry Memorial Law Scholarship will be awarded to a full-time Chickasaw student with a 3.0 or higher grade point average. The student must be an undergraduate or law student attending a four-year accredited college or university majoring in law, pre-law, legal studies, paralegal or any major associated with law.



Mitch Sperry



Overton "Buck" Cheadle

Upward Bound Students win Championship at Cameron University



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students celebrating their championship win at All Sports Day at Cameron University, Lawton, OK.

Foundation scholarship application on the web; submission deadline is August 16

The Chickasaw Foundation's 2010-2011 scholarship application is available at www.chickasawfoundation.org.

You may also call the Foundation office at (580) 421-9030 for any information regarding

scholarships or to be placed on the mailing list.

The deadline for submission, by mail or hand-delivery to the Chickasaw Foundation office, is August 16.

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Tribal Health Division workers honored by IHS

Eight Chickasaw Nation Division of Health employees were among the several health care professionals honored at the 7th Annual Oklahoma City Area Director's Indian Health Service Awards July 22.

The award honors health care workers who have made exceptional contributions in their areas of work at Indian Health Service as well as tribes and urban clinics.

"It's not just your accomplishments that we are trying to honor today," said IHS Oklahoma City Area Director Rear Adm. Kevin Meeks. "We are honoring the spirit of those accomplishments and your motivation for making those contributions to the health of the people we serve."

Sheryl Goodson received the prestigious Area Director's Excellence Tribal Award. The award recognizes the individuals with special efforts and contributions that go beyond the regular duty.

As the director of medical support services, Mrs. Goodson oversees medical support services, medical staff, ancillary recruiting and management of Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) grant as well as the satellite clinics in Ardmore, Durant, Purcell and Tishomingo. She has also led the remodel projects for Tishomingo and Ardmore clinics as well as the move to the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

"I enjoy my job and I love to help people," Mrs. Goodson said. "To be nominated by the Chickasaw Nation and recognized by other tribes is a tremendous honor. I am very proud to work with such a great organization."

Dr. Tina Cooper received the IHS Merit Award. This award recognizes individuals, who demonstrate significant, substantial and measurable contributions to their organization.

"I was quite humbled to receive the tribal merit award. It was much appreciated to be recognized for doing what I am employed to do - care for patients," Dr. Cooper said. "It is for our patients that I gladly accept it and will continue to strive to give excellent health care."

Within the past 10 years,



Front row, from left, tribal Division of Health director of medical support services Sheryl Goodson; Special Assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown; Division of Health physician Dr. Tina Cooper; medical support services manager Melissa Edgar; and clinical nurse Virginia Elrod. Back row, from left, pharmacy technician Kelly Tate; Tishomingo Clinic manager Mike Hightower; and Ambulatory Services Director Alex Billings.

Dr. Cooper, a Chickasaw citizen, has served as the principal investigator for Oklahoma NARCH, co-chairperson of Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees, Chickasaw Nation representative for the IHS Oklahoma Area Joint Conference Committee and medical director at the Compassion Outreach Center. She was also chief of staff from 2000-2002.

Winners of the Tribal Peer Recognition Awards were Virginia Elrod, Melissa Edgar, Barbara Earles, Kelly Tate and Mike Hightower.

Ms. Elrod, a clinic nurse in Ardmore for more than six years, is very knowledgeable about the Chickasaw Nation programs and services and is always willing to help patients and co-workers.

Mrs. Edgar is the manager for medical support services and has been with the tribal Division of Health for 10 years. She is recognized for her work ethic and integrity.

Mrs. Earles has served as the coder for the Durant clinic for six years. Her knowledge of electronic health record,

resource and patient management system and coding is vital in capturing third party reimbursement.

Ms. Tate is a pharmacy technician at the Purcell clinic. Over the past year, she served as the only technician in the clinic. She has been a dedicated employee for four years.

Mr. Hightower has diligently served as the lab manager at Tishomingo clinic for 21

years. He continues to work to improve the efficiency of his department.

Awards were also presented to employees exhibiting long standing service to IHS, tribal and urban clinics. Toney Buck received the 30-year service award.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

Full-time positions open at Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

The Chickasaw Nation Health System has full-time, immediate openings within the tribal boundaries for qualified medical personnel in the following specialties:

- 1 General Surgeon, Ada
 - Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant, Ardmore
- For details on any of the professional positions listed above, please contact:

Ronnie Shaw, Professional Recruiter
Chickasaw Nation Health System
(580) 272-7272 ronnie.shaw@chickasaw.net

Beth Campbell, Staff Recruiter
Chickasaw Nation Health System
(580) 272-7320 beth.campbell@chickasaw.net

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Located in the main lobby of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) is a free online health information center for patients, family members and staff. The center is equipped with computers and one kiosk with Internet access to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) databases. The goal of CHIC is to assist patients in making informed health choices, and to encourage patients to actively participate in their health care. The NLM website has information on medical diagnosis, medications, prevention, the latest medical research and published medical articles. Also included is information on the "Speak Up" Program which is a national campaign to encourage patients to be informed and take an active role in communicating with their health care team.

Visit www.chicresources.net

Chickasaws, others donate to replenish local blood supply

Elizabeth Burris isn't "a big fan of needles," but she still donates blood regularly.

"Anything I can do to help out is always a good thing," she said. "My mother always gave and she always taught me to give."

The 30-year-old Chickasaw citizen was among more than 90 people who donated blood recently at the Ada All-American Blood Drive.

Jointly organized by Chickasaw Nation's

Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, People's Electric Co-

operative, Valley View Regional Hospital and Oklahoma Blood Institute, the drive aimed to replenish the local blood reserve. Traditionally, there is decline in blood donations during summer as donors get involved in

various seasonal activities and overlook blood donation.

The drive collected 102 units of red cells, which will potentially help 306 patients in need, according to Shana Wood, Blood Program Consultant at OBI.

Each donor at the drive received a "Feel Wild - Donate Blood" t-shirt, two admission vouchers to the Oklahoma City Zoo and two admission vouchers to an Oklahoma City RedHawks game.

Another Chickasaw donating blood at the drive was Joanna Jarrett.

The 38-year-old Ada native said she realized the importance of blood donation. Last April, her mother spent three weeks in the hospital and received five pints of blood.

So she was at the drive to

"give back," she said.

She encouraged others to do the same and had a word of advice for people scared of needles.

"It does not hurt," she said. "If you are scared, look the other way."

Interested individuals can donate blood with OBI, which maintains donor centers in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Lawton, Enid, Ardmore, Ada and Ponca City. OBI also operates the Texas Blood Institute in Wichita Falls. For more information or to make an appointment call (405) 419-1300, toll free at (877)-340-8777, or visit www.obi.org.

For information on scheduled blood drives at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center located at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd. in Ada, Okla., please contact Debbie Jackson at (580) 421-4587.

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Loetta Sanders, of Ada, Okla., prepares to donate blood at the Ada All-American Blood Drive July 2 at People's Electric Cooperative headquarters located at 1600 North Country Club Road in Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation WIC workers honored for role in SPIRIT development

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) continues to lead in the WIC community.

The program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has been providing nutrition education and supplemental food packages for the proper development of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five, for the last 32 years.

Kadynce Hamilton, 3, and Nathias Hamilton, 1, are two of the 3,900 participants the program serves every month.

Their mother, Cara Fox, said the program had helped her kids "gain weight and remain healthy," especially with the supplemental food package.

A WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, whole grains, canned fish, peanut butter, beans/peas as well as fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables.

In 2007, the Chickasaw Nation expanded its contributions to the WIC program by leading a group of 13 Indian Tribal Organizations within the states of Oklahoma and New Mexico in the development and implementation of the Successful Partners In Reaching Innova-

tive Technology (SPIRIT) software system.

The state-of-the-art certification system is used to determine eligibility and nutritional risk of the applicant, according to WIC Program Manager Debi Tipton. The system has a robust data collection ability and allows WIC employees to easily modify the WIC foods offered (within regulation) to meet the needs of participants. Also, the paperless, web-based system enables participants to easily transfer from one clinic to another.

The system is currently being used by the 13 Tribal WIC agencies in the SPIRIT group as well as three State WIC Agencies in Arkansas, Missouri and Montana. The system is scheduled to be transferred to two additional states in the upcoming months.

In October, the system will be adding Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to its features.

"WIC families will be issued a plastic EBT card, which they will take to the store to purchase their WIC foods," said WIC Nutritionist Melody Schrank. "Families will be able to buy as little or as much of their WIC foods as they want

with each trip to the store, and at most stores they will not have to separate their WIC foods."

For the above mentioned contributions to the advancement of the SPIRIT system and WIC community, Mrs. Tipton and Mrs. Schrank along with Joy Standridge, deputy director of nutrition services, were honored with National WIC Association 2010 Leadership Award Tuesday, May 4, at the national conference banquet in Milwaukee.

"For the past three years, this team has dedicated itself to a rigorous schedule of enhancing and perfecting the SPIRIT system," said Nutrition Services Director Melinda Newport. "The WIC community will continue to benefit from their stellar efforts to produce a state-of-the-art, web-based, WIC automation system, for many years to come."

Chickasaw Nation WIC clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan.

For more information, please call (580) 436-7255 or toll free number 1-888-436-7255.

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Front row, from left, Eddy Longoria, Southwest Region WIC Director; Melody Schrank, WIC Nutritionist; Debi Tipton, WIC Program Manager; Joy Standridge, Deputy Director of Nutrition Services; Ron Vogel, Administrator of Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services and back row, Melinda Newport, Director of Nutrition Services, at the national conference banquet in Milwaukee, on May 4. Photo provided.

About Successful Partners In Reaching Innovative Technology (SPIRIT):

SPIRIT is one of the three State Agency Model (SAM) consortia selected to develop information systems in WIC State agencies.

It is comprised of 13 Indian Tribal Organizations within the states of Oklahoma and New Mexico, with the Chickasaw Nation as the lead State agency.

Other members are: Muscogee Creek Nation, Wichita Cad-do Delaware (WCD) Enterprises,

Otoe-Missouria, Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of Oklahoma, Osage Nation and Choctaw Nation from Oklahoma; and Acoma Canoncito & Laguna Hospital (ACL), Zuni Pueblo, Santo Domingo Pueblo, Five Sandoval Pueblos, Eight Northern Pueblos, and San Felipe Pueblo from New Mexico. For more information, visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/stateinformation/systems/SAMProject/overview.htm>.

Sandwich, carrots, grapes and milk make a difference

Chickasaw Nation nutrition program feeds kids during summer



Front row, from left, Savannah Bratton, 2, Destiny James, 9, and Austin Bratton, 3, and back row, Paige Piper, 4, hold their free lunches provided by the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department at Ada's Glenwood Park.

ADA, Okla. - Ann Piper brings her young daughters, nephew and niece to Glenwood Park on Ada's west side around noon at least three days a week.

At the park, each child receives a free lunch, provided by the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department.

"This definitely helps," Mrs. Piper said. "The milk alone is a lot."

The department, in participation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program, is providing free nutritious meals to children between the ages of one and 18 at 14 feeding sites in Ada, Ardmore and Tishomingo.

The meals are also provided

at Chickasaw Nation youth camps and clinics, Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Program at Murray State College and several area Church events and Bible schools.

"The program puts nutrient rich food in the hands of the children during the summer months when school is not in session and children are at risk nutritionally," said program coordinator Debbie Zachary.

A typical meal consists of a turkey, ham or roast beef sandwich on whole wheat bread, baby carrots, grapes and milk.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said that this program filled a "vital need" for hundreds of children.

"Proper nutrition is essen-



Seven-year-old Julio Zumano receives his free lunch provided by the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department from Nutrition Services Dietetic Intern Alison McClery at Ada's Glenwood Park.

tial to the physical and mental development of our children," said Gov. Anoatubby. "That need for good food to fuel the bodies and minds of our children is just as important in the summer months as it is during the school year."

A recent report from the Food Research and Action Center highlights the importance of the program. According to the report, only one in six low-income students, who depended on the National School Lunch Program while school was in session, had access to summer meals in 2009.

The report also states that, Oklahoma's summer nutrition participation rate ranks last nationally with the state manag-

ing to reach only one out of 20 low-income children in 2009.

Mrs. Zachary said the tribe, which has been providing the program to Oklahoma children since 2006, seeks to increase the participation with its first ever daily feeding site in Glenwood Park.

The feeding site serves lunch from noon to 1 p.m. every weekday through Aug. 6. All other locations serve breakfast, lunch or snack at specified dates only.

"This has been a very successful venture with attendance reaching over 100 children per day at times," Mrs. Zachary said of the tribal endeavor at Glenwood Park. "This is a wonderful example of the Summer Feeding Program at its best."

With the daily feeding site, Mrs. Zachary said that the participation in this year's Sum-

mer Food Program is expected to exceed the little over 10,000 meals the department served last summer. The department has already served 7,675 meals in June.

The Chickasaw Nation Summer Food Program is also looking forward to increasing the number of sites and areas served next summer by working with local organizations.

Mrs. Zachary said there were many ways to operate a feeding site and there were also a large variety of locations that had sponsored sites such as local churches, libraries, parks and neighborhoods. She also encouraged people to volunteer in preparing and giving out meals to children.

"As the general community becomes more aware of the opportunities to sponsor a site and that assistance is available through the Chickasaw Nation Summer Food Program, more hungry children will receive nutritious meals," she said. "We just need more people with a heart for feeding hungry children."

For more information on the program as well as dates and times for the feeding locations, please contact Debbie Zachary at (580) 272-5368.

About Food Research and Action Center (FRAC):

FRAC is a non-profit organization working for more effective public and private policies to eradicate domestic hunger and under nutrition. To learn more about the report and the organization, visit www.frac.org.

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Native American research conference set for OKC

The Oklahoma Native Research Centers for Health (ONARCH) will present a Native American research conference Aug. 17 - 18, at Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

"Pathways to Wellness - Native American Research Partnerships" will feature presentations from researchers funded by Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) as well as tribal health representatives and other researchers involved in Native American medical research.

Some of the NARCH funded research topics to be presented at the conference include Rheumatoid Disease in Native Americans, Native American Cultural Competency in Research and Community Based Participatory Research.

NARCH student development project members from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center will also present posters at the event.

The conference will also be a venue for panel discussions on issues related to research with Native Americans.

For more information, contact Belle Harjo at (580) 310-7945 or belle.harjo@chickasaw.net.

About Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH):

The Native American Research Centers for Health is jointly supported by the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS). NARCH helps develop opportunities for conducting research, research training and faculty development to meet the needs of the Native American and Alaska Native communities and supports partnerships between the communities and the institutions that conduct intensive academic-level biomedical, behavioral and health services research. As a developmental process, the tribes and tribal organizations are able to build a research infrastructure, including a core component for capacity building and the possibility of reducing the many health disparities prevalent in Native American and Alaska Native communities. For more information, please visit <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Research/narch.cfm>.

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Letter to Editor

To the Editor:

The immigration issue is a divisive one no doubt, but those who disagree with enforcement (or the need) of the new Arizona SB1070 law need to put themselves in our shoes for a few miles. I am very passionate about this issue and I believe it should be one of the central and seminal issues of the 21st century for all Native Americans. By not protecting the US border and allowing this issue to continue to drain the public tax flow, once again the US Federal Government and most States have betrayed their promises to all Native Americans to protect what is left of our lands and our heritage.

I am Chickasaw, and I firmly believe that the real issue is about legal vs. illegal, a simple concept. Perhaps if our ancestors five centuries years ago had taken a firmer stance about unwelcome immigrants, then the Chickasaw might still be living in our own homeland

speaking our own language.

Instead, we welcomed the interloper in the name of peace and goodness; and that set of immigrants took over and displaced us and our heritage. I am obviously being somewhat sarcastic and maybe bitter, and it is an idea which is far too late to implement, but the analogy to the situation on our US southern borders is very real and relevant today.

The schools in Arizona are broke. I have zero sympathy anymore for this group of immigrants. I don't care where they come from. If you are here for 15 years and have not bothered to go get a green card, and at least try to learn the language...*then go home*. Either become a US citizen and learn the language, pay your fair share of taxes and fees...*or go home!*

On the very next Phoenix CBS local news report, they interviewed several illegal immigrants in Phoenix who were down at the INS office, wait-

ing in line to apply for a VISA or workers VISA. And they all spoke some English! That's the people we welcome in Arizona, and always have. Come in the front door and be welcomed.

I implore all fellow Native Americans to seriously consider the impacts and implications of this current immigration debate. If the Federal Government continues to allow this assault into our lands and even consider an amnesty to millions of illegal aliens already here; then this is nothing more than another lie and failure of the government to uphold centuries of promises to native peoples. The last remnants of our lands and our sovereignty are threatened. If any group of People in the United States has a right and a duty to stand up and say "No More!" it is us! Chukma!

Jerry V Jack, MA MPA
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A Profile of Jason Watson

Seeking the role of Peacemaker

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

One

Jason Watson is proud to call himself a Chickasaw, Texan and American. But he identifies with any group that's being discriminated against or abused because of who they are.

He yearns to work in settings where the persecutors and persecuted, or other contentious or warring parties, need light, not heat, to find their way to peaceful accommodations. In a word, he hopes to become a peacemaker.

If you're picturing a bright-eyed do-gooder or a sanctimonious, cheerless soul, that's not Jason. He has an engaging personality, a wry sense of humor and loves to tease, joke and laugh. His interpersonal skills are exceptionally well-honed by native ability, and through excellent educational training and rich cultural experiences, especially his two years in the Peace Corps in the former Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan.

In short, Jason takes his educational and career experiences seriously, but not himself. To illustrate that point, he quotes a diplomat who said, "blessed are the peacemakers for they will never be out of work." Even though his garrulous personality could be a vehicle for displays of ego, he knows that peacemakers have to check their egos at the door. He is also mindful that it wasn't all that long ago that his behavior default was goofing off and partying.

To get to know this 31-year-old graduate student, I met him in Denver this past April and accompanied him on a five hour drive to Sioux country in South Dakota where he would participate in an innovative retreat sponsored by Seeking Common Ground (SCG).

Jason is interning with this non-profit Denver-based organization as part of his graduate education requirements at the University of Denver (DU). Later, this fall he should receive two master's degrees from DU, one in international studies and the other in a complementary but separate discipline, conflict resolution. Then, he hopes to become a diplomat, either by joining the U.S. Foreign Service or work for an NGO (non-governmental agency).

Jason would become the modern version of the Chickasaw fani minko who kept the "pipes of peace" between nations, according to English trader Thomas Nairne in 1708. The translation of fani minko, squirrel king, appealed to Jason's sense of humor. He smiled and said, "squirrel king, hunh?"

Two

Jason Watson knew little of Chickasaw history and culture growing up. One reason was that his great grandfather moved from the Sulphur area to north Texas and his descendants grew up in Sanger or Denton. Jason told me he learned about the separation of the Chickasaws and the Choctaws in the migration story from reading a Chickasaw comic book a few years ago. He took it to his maternal grandparents, Paul and Madeline Brown Reed, and asked, somewhat incredulously, "Is this true?" He figured they would know because they were both full-blood Chickasaws. Furthermore, his grandmother still understands Chickasaw and has recently been improving her ability to speak it by tutoring one of Jason's cousins in the language.

Despite his lack of traditional cultural knowledge, he recently realized, that growing up, he often saw things "the Chickasaw way" because his grandparents,

whom he loved and trusted implicitly, interpreted and processed much of the world for him. Jason recalls: "They would say, 'They're not like us,' or 'That's the way we do it.'"

In such ways, they shared raising Jason with his parents, Steven Watson, who is non-Indian, and their daughter Julie Watson Reed. This shared responsibility was a traditional tribal practice (though Jason wasn't aware of it). Another factor in the shared responsibility was his parents' divorce during his teenage years. Jason believes this estrangement damaged his relationship with both parents. Coming at a time when he was filled with normal teen-age insecurities, he was almost bound to experience sweeping changes in behavior. He went from being an honor student to a poor one. His priorities were to excel socially and in school sports. He did just enough schoolwork to remain eligible to play.

Jason never lacked for friends, but some of these friendships led to trouble. When he was about 15, he was charged with minor in possession of alcohol, and later his behavior spun out of control on some alcohol fueled mission in his Honda Accord. He hit an exit ramp in Denton at nearly 100 m.p.h.--nearly crashing into a police car he never saw.

This time he was arrested and when the police called his mother, she refused to pick him up. He sat in the drunk tank for two days until her parents could persuade her to bail out her son.

A month later his grandparents told Jason that he would live with them. His mother said she had had it with his misbehavior. He almost stopped during schoolwork and finished next to last in class standing at Sanger High School.

What next? Fortunately for Jason, he had been going steady with probably the smartest and most popular girl in the class, Courtney Boland. For some reason she hadn't ditched him and, unbeknown to Jason, when she filed out her admission application to attend Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) in Shawnee, she filled out one for him, too. Then, despite his low class standing and an understandably low SAT score, she convinced the dean to give Jason a chance. In league with her were his grandparents, the Reeds. They agreed to pay a portion of his college fees and persuaded their church to also contribute to Jason's college fund and arranged for his clothing grant from the Chickasaw Nation.

He spent a year at OBU mainly in the company of other jocks and completed the year with a grade point average of 1.2. After he and Courtney broke up, he did what any young man would do. He headed to California to become an actor.

He enrolled in three courses at a community college, acting, political science and astronomy. He laughs today when he remembers that but at the time no one could have convinced him that his idea was crazy.

Good fortune again smiled on Jason. He got to know several Swedish exchange students and began learning from their experiences and observations about Swedish and American societies. "That was the first time I ever interacted with a foreigner to any extent and in the next weeks it got to where I was living almost in a Swedish world," Jason says. It was an awakening. It's time to get some direction. And I realized that my Swedish friends indirectly gave that direction to me."



Chickasaw Jason Watson stands next to the model of the Crazy Horse Monument in South Dakota's Black Hills. The real monument is visible behind him.

Three

He returned to Denton in 1999 and persuaded a dean at the University of North Texas to admit him on probation. He majored in international studies. Within his first year he was on the Dean's Honor Roll, a fact his grandparents reported to *The Chickasaw Times*. He says he was wearing an Aloha shirt in the accompanying picture.

For his required internship, his advisor, Stephen Poe suggested a non-profit in Dallas, the Center for the Survivors of Torture. The clients were people mainly seeking asylum in the U.S. from countries in Africa.

One part of his job was reading their (often translated) written narratives into a tape recorder for the director who was going blind. "The *description* of the torture that these people suffered was rough in itself," Jason says. "Hard to imagine that a human being could think up and perform these types of torture. And then keep in mind it's the military or the government that's doing this to their own citizens. I'd ask the director, why isn't anybody doing anything about this? He told me this is just what happens. He said, 'We deal with what these powerful people do. We can't affect their policies. All we can do is try to make these people whole again.'"

In 2003, as he neared completing his bachelor's degree in international studies, his girlfriend at the time wanted to join Peace Corps. He helped her fill out the application and he became intrigued enough to do Internet research on the government agency with such a stellar reputation. He read a couple of books by former Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) and saw that Peace Corps certainly had advantages for someone like him.

His advisor and mentor, Stephen Poe, also encouraged him to apply. The girlfriend was rejected, but Jason was accepted. He graduated from UNT in August 2003 and less than a month later was meeting his new family in Uzbekistan.

Four

When he arrived in Uzbekistan, Jason was one of about 175 PCVs working primarily in health or education in the country that is roughly the size of California. The nation is surrounded by other republics of the former Soviet Union but shares a portion of its

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southern border with Afghanistan. The government is headed by the same man who ran the country for the Soviet Union, and not coincidentally, continues his autocratic ways. Jason's assignment was to assist the small city of Kungrad modernize the teaching of English as a second language.

These teachers had always been subject to an authoritarian regime. But in his first meeting with the English teachers, he told them he wanted their input, that he was no expert. This enabled his Uzbek counterpart, a long-time autocratic English supervisor, to assert herself as a steadfast opponent to changes in curriculum and content that weren't based on rote memorization and repeated drills.

To effect meaningful change, Jason decided to co-teach classes, the better to get his ideas across to his colleagues. Introducing change with no hope for sustainability, he thought, was an exercise in futility. His co-teachers liked his ideas and saw students improve in understanding and speaking English. But other teachers hewed the supervisor's straight and narrow approach. As a result, the faculty divided into two factions.

Still, he had friends and learned enough Uzbek to be understood in most common situations. He was reasonably content despite the relative lack of success modernizing the English program; he had no important regrets and he had learned a great deal about Uzbek society and about himself. On the latter, he realized that he wanted to go to law school to study international law. Meanwhile, he was determined to focus predominately on his final months (of two years) in Uzbekistan. But at the end-of-school party, in June 2005, with just two months to go, he got a telephone call that turned his world upside down.

It was a breathless Peace Corps official telling him to get to Tashkent, the capital city, as soon as possible: "Pack what you can, you're not going back. And don't tell anyone anything. Just leave."

Almost reeling, he returned to the party and told his best friend, Bahkram, what he had just learned. Bahkram, a fellow teacher, volunteered to go in a taxi with Jason to the airport, two hours distant.

None of the Uzbekistan PCVs learned any details until they were back in the U.S. Details even now are sketchy, but apparently Uzbek soldiers in Andijan surrounded anti-government protesters and with little or no provocation the army opened fire on men, women and children. The government admitted 187 were killed, but the protestors claimed 800 were murdered. The entire country was shut down for at least a week. The PCVs in the area were evacuated first and the remainder like Jason were evacuated to the U.S. in the days to come.

Five

A few months later, Jason was admitted to the University of Denver law school. He had applied there because the university also had an excellent graduate program in international studies. He did well in law school, but his enthusiasm waned during the second semester not so much because of the coursework but because of what he had learned from those actually involved in international law. "I was disappointed to find out that just about everything they did was litigation. I felt like my strengths and interests were as a field guy, someone who is out trying to resolve conflicts through negotiation and mediation. At that point, I realized I didn't need to spend two more years and \$100,000 to get a law degree. So, I dropped out of law school and turned my full interest to international studies.

As a graduate student in early 2009, Jason partici-

pated in a three-month internship at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. As background, he explained that the city is the capital of Israel and is controlled very rigidly by the Israeli government. The city is basically divided into east and west Jerusalem. The Israelis mainly live in the modern west but with some heavily fortified enclaves of Orthodox Jews in the east where Palestinians live. The east is Third World, small, crowded, with narrow roads. Each side believes the other has no business being there. Some believe this passionately and Jerusalem has been a target of and haven to terrorists and suicide bombers. As a result, everyone goes through detection devices before entering even commercial establishments. Repeatedly throughout his stay, Jason heard discussions about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict end abruptly with the refrain, "it's complicated."

Field trips left him with indelible images. One involved a Palestinian family standing expressionless, amid their belongings next to the smoldering concrete house that had just been demolished by Israeli tanks. The Palestinian family had been warned by Israeli authorities that this would happen because they didn't have a permit to occupy that location. It didn't matter seem to matter that the family had lived there for many years. A sizeable crowd of Palestinians gathered. They were shaking their heads, and a man said to no one in particular: "What gives them the right to do this?"

The Red Cross arrived and gave the family a tent, blankets, food and a generator. It looked like SOP (standard operating procedure) and indeed it was. Before he left, Jason saw the family moving their mattresses into the tent.

Six

Back home at the University of Denver (DU), Jason realized that to improve his chances of entering international diplomacy, he needed more than a master's degree in international studies. And conveniently for him, DU had what he needed: a master's degree offered by its Institute of Conflict Resolution. Aside from the coursework (a minimum of 12 courses required), the Institute offered a number of opportunities for the required practicum. One that caught his eye was the Denver-based non-profit, Seeking Common Ground (SCG). He attended a presentation on SCG by its executive director, Erin Breeze, and heard what he thought seemed like a non-profit that had been developed for him. SCG's options included work in leadership development and peacemaking programs in Jerusalem and the Badlands Project involving cultural sensitivity training between teens from the Oglala Sioux Pine Ridge Reservation and Rapid City, South Dakota.

Breeze recalled that Jason was very articulate about his interest in Native American issues. And the fact, she noted, that he is a Chickasaw, was in Peace Corps, and had spent three months in Jerusalem with DU were big pluses. We agreed that day that he would do his practicum with us. We were thrilled to have him."

If that last "big plus"—having been in Jerusalem—seems out of place, it's not, because the Badlands participants spend 10 days or so in Jerusalem as a cross-cultural experience that should have special meaning to parties with a history of bad relationships. Just in the past year, Breeze told me, some Rapid City teens had been shooting BB guns at Native American people they perceived to be homeless in Rapid City. She told me that was one of several similar instances reported in recent years. That's why Page Baker, the former superintendent of the Badlands National Park in South Dakota approached SCG for help in design-

ing a program fostering cross-community positive relationships.

Participants met initially in 2009. The retreat I observed was this past April. The Rapid City kids and teenage members of the Denver PEACE contingent all attended, but only one of the three teens expected from Pine Ridge showed up. In all, 12 participants were female and one was male. At 31, Jason was older than any of the Badlands staff and at six feet two inches, he towered over them all.

There were activities designed to facilitate good communication and cooperation. There were field trips to the Crazy Horse Monument and Mount Rushmore, where a staff member raised a question about the appropriateness of essentially defacing the Black Hills to honor great men. Jason worried privately that the participants lacked adequate background and perspective to process the matter except as a feeling of right or wrong. But as the Badlands intern, he decided to hold his tongue.

When the group visited the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre, he again worried that the background information was inadequate. In 1890, more than 300 Lakota men, women and children were slain by members of the U.S. 7th Cavalry Regiment. At the site was only an account of the massacre in about 150 words and zero interpretive information. The group was disappointed, but I thought the Oglala Sioux figured they didn't owe tourists anything else.

On a bluff overlooking the site was a cemetery containing the mass grave of 146 victims of the massacre and numerous individual graves. In the gift shop of the Red Cloud Indian School, Jason brought his grandmother a small carved *loksi'* (turtle) and I swapped contact information with the director of the Heritage Center about a possible exhibit exchange.

That night, two SCG staff, Or an Israeli, and Amani a Palestinian, told the group how it was growing up in their respective parts of Jerusalem. Until they met through Seeking Common Ground, Or and Amani would have been enemies even as their ancestors had feared, hated and killed one another. But now they were friends. Both were articulate young women and because the experiences they related were almost inconceivable to most Americans teens, Jason noted that this group of teens paid rapt attention.

This session showed Seeking Common Ground in the best light. It also was good preparation for the group's trip to Jerusalem this summer. In June, Jason and the others spent 11 days in Israel. Now, as he finishes his final coursework, he will prepare for the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service examination. "The foreign service may be the best way to achieve a career in diplomacy, but it's not the only way to assist nations or people in conflict. My primary interest is finding ways to keep people from killing each other by keeping conflict at a minimum and to keep violent conflict from escalating into war."

I got a look at his skills at DU one night. Jason was taking a course in mediation and he was required to stage a mock mediation. Further, it had to be recorded so his professor could see how he and his co-mediator did. Two of Jason's former DU law school classmates played the roles of a defensive rug merchant and an angry rug buyer who felt he had been swindled.

"Our role as mediators is to facilitate communication and resolve the dispute," Jason told them. "We're impartial, we're not your therapists and we keep everything you say in here confidential. We're going to draft a solution that's win-win." The combatants

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
June 18, 2010**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Holly Easterling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Holly Easterling, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Members absent: Scott Colbert, Shana Hammond

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

Guests present: Jeff O'Dell, Kirk Perry, Jerry Imotichey, Mike Watson, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Richard Green, Michael L. Wingo, Jennifer Owens, Rita Loder, Dana Lance

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 21, 2010

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of May 21, 2010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2010 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 27-005, Amendments to Title 2 and Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, (Legislative Department Travel)

This resolution amends Title 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that a travel policy for Legislative travel can be approved and adopted by the Legislative Committee. It also provides that the forms and processes necessary for Legislative Department travel will comport with those utilized by the Chickasaw Nation Division of the Treasury. The resolution deletes language from Title 16, Section 16-204 so that the Special Advisory Committee does not have the responsibility of approving travel requests. This resolution is needed so that a proper travel policy for the Legislative travel can be adopted by the Legislature sitting as the Legislative Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR27-005.

Mrs. Alexander proposed an amendment to the resolution under Section 16-204 D, to increase the number of committee members from three to four, mandate a monthly report of the committee's decisions, and in case of a tie vote the procedures outlined in Section 16-108 A 5 be followed. Committee members would consist of a representative from each district.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the above amendment.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert

3 yes votes

Members voting no: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

8 no votes

The motion to amend PR27-005 failed.

A vote was taken to approve PR27-005.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

9 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

2 no votes

The motion to approve PR27-005 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 27-034, Tribute to Overton M. "Buck" Cheadle

This resolution recognizes and acknowledges with great appreciation and admiration Mr. Overton M. "Buck" Cheadle and his work. Mr. Cheadle was a teacher, coach and counselor in many high schools and East Central University where he was the Indian Counselor for ten years, retiring in 1984. Mr. Cheadle served

the Chickasaw Nation in many capacities: he was appointed to the Tribal Council from 1975 - 1979 and elected as Tribal Legislator from 1979 - 1986. Beginning in 1990, he worked on education programs and numerous Chickasaw boards and committees until his death, including the Hospital Governing Board, Chickasaw Foundation Board of Directors and the Chickasaw Historical Society Board of Directors. His thoughtful consideration and interest in tribal projects have added to the enrichment and betterment of the Chickasaw Nation, its citizens and Indian people. He was inducted into the Iowa State Coaches Hall of Fame, Chilocco Indian School Hall of Fame, Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame and the Iowa Hall of Pride where he was declared an Iowa Hero.

Further, this resolution approves a donation in the amount of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) from the unobligated budgetary funds of the Legislative Department to the Chickasaw Foundation, in the name of Overton M. "Buck" Cheadle, to be awarded by the Chickasaw Foundation as scholarships for Chickasaw undergraduate students at East Central University majoring in any subject that leads to a career in teaching or coaching.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-034.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-034 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 27-026, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, Clay Jack

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Clay Jack to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Jack will fill a new seat on the Board of Directors thereby increasing the number of directors from three to four. Mr. Jack will fill an unexpired three-year term ending on May 1, 2013.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to bring GR27-026 from the table.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to take GR27-026 from the table carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR27-026.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-026 carried unanimously.

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, Frank Johnson, Jr.

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Frank Johnson, Jr. to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Johnson will fill a new seat on the Board of Directors thereby increasing the number of directors from four to five. Mr. Johnson will fill an unexpired three-year term ending on April 15, 2013.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to bring GR27-027 from the table.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to take GR27-027 from the table carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-027.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-027 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-030, Gubernatorial Reappointment-Chickasaw Nation Election Commission Ms. Rose Jefferson

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Rose

Jefferson to another term of office on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR27-030.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-030 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-031, Gubernatorial Reappointment-Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Mr. Jerry D. Malaney

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Jerry D. Malaney to another term of office on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR27-031.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-031 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 27-032, Utility Easement in McClain County

This resolution authorizes and approves a grant of a right-of-way easement for a 14.4/24.9 kilovolt electric transmission line. This easement would be located along the bank of the South Canadian River, on a parcel of land jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. At the current time the tract in question is unimproved land and is not leased. This parcel has a great deal of heavy brush and undergrowth. This easement would allow the placement of a transmission line to be utilized to supply additional electricity to the Riverwind Casino. Without this easement Oklahoma Electric Cooperative will have to find alternative means of supplying additional electricity to Riverwind.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-032.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-032 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-033, Right-Of-Way Easement in Marshall County and Repeal of Resolution GR 24-041

This resolution authorizes and approves a grant of a right-of-way easement to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (OG&E) for the purpose of constructing and maintaining fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electric current and communication messages. This easement would provide OG&E with the land necessary for this construction. Without this easement OG&E will not have sufficient space for the construction of their electric current and communication fixtures.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR27-033.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-033 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green reported on the summer youth programs then concluded her report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker
No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Easterling introduced the Legislature's summer youth workers, Melody Perry and Madeline Duty. Ms. McManus reported on the opening of the Chickasaw Culture Center.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding denial of dental care for elders, and regulations on issuing CDIB cards. Mr. Jerry Imotichey asked the Legislature to review the Election Rules on candidates' fees, and an issue regarding personnel. Mr. Robert Cheadle thanked the Legislature for the tribute to Overton "Buck"

Cheadle, through the Chickasaw Foundation.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

2009-2010 Tribal Legislature

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

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Chickasaw Citizen

JULY 2010 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 27-035**Approval of Development Budget Amendment****Tishomingo Health Center Replacement**

Explanation: The expanding service population far exceeds the existing capabilities of the current facility to provide adequate health services for the Indian population. A new and expanded facility is needed to provide the anticipated health service needs of our Indian community.

The selection of the Chickasaw Nation to participate in the IHS Joint Venture Construction program provides the opportunity to generate IHS resources to operate the new facility with the Nation providing the design, construction and equipment funding.

The project is to build a new health center facility to replace the existing Tishomingo Health center. The project will be approximately 54,175 square feet and will include expanded ambulatory medical care services, dental services, laboratory services, diagnostic imaging and behavioral services. The new facility will be located on the existing site of the current facility and will be a part of the planned Chickasaw Nation Campus of tribal services.

This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Tishomingo Health Center replacement, JVCP, Project Number CNHS-1003 in the amount of \$25,944,029.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Permanent Resolution Number 27-006**Amendments to Title 17, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code****(Chickasaw Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act)**

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 17, Chapter 2, Article A of the Chickasaw Nation Code to address the technical requirements made by the SMART Office, which is the U.S. Department of Justice agency that is responsible for the implementation of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-248). The original Chickasaw Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act was enacted on October 19, 2009, and subsequently there have been new requirements with which the Chickasaw Nation must comply. These amendments are essential in order for the Chickasaw Nation to properly register and manage sex offenders, thereby ensuring public safety.

Presented by: Court Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

No votes: Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 27-009**Amendments to Title 1, Section 1-406 of the Chickasaw Nation Code****(Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation)**

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 1, Section 1-406 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that former elected and appointed officials may display a likeness of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation on cemetery headstones and other personal memorials. The language of the resolution guards against the use of a likeness of the Great Seal for any purpose other than showing the former elected and appointed officials' pride in being Chickasaw.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Permanent Resolution Number 27-010**Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 10 Section 2-1003 of the Chickasaw Nation Code****(Compensation)**

Explanation: This resolution amends Section 2-1003 of the Chickasaw Code to increase the amount of compensation due to certain members of boards, commissions and authorities from ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour when the time required to perform the meetings or tasks of such members exceeds four (4) consecutive hours. The amendments also correct inaccurate citations and delete unnecessary language.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting

July 12, 2010

Present: Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Absent: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

July 12, 2010

Present: Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Finance Committee

July 6, 2010

Present: Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Absent: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, David Woerz

Health Care Committee

July 6, 2010

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Holly Easterling

Legislative Committee

July 6, 2010

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, David Woerz

JASON WATSON

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looked dubious.

Jason and his co-mediator wound their way through a thicket of confusing issues and contradictions between the parties. Passions flared periodically after both parties used inflammatory words, such as "extortion." Jason gently but firmly reminded them that they had to be respectful for the process to work. He suggested they work through the issues one by one.

The mediators recapped what was said periodically and requested that both parties provide confirmation. This circling back to ensure that everyone agreed was the key to the step-wise progress.

About 90 minutes later, they reached a tentative settlement, which would be drafted and signed.

While mediating between nations that have been warring for generations is obviously much more complicated, I felt like I got a glimpse of how progress might be achieved. I mentioned that to Jason. He said, "If diplomacy is the key and outside channels are the only way to solve the issues, these [mediation] skills are really important.

"One of the biggest obstacles to making progress in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the emotional component," he said. "It will

clear or divide a room in a second. There are things you have to look at, and things you have to put aside for the sake of accomplishing something. When the rug salesman and customer stopped lying to each other and exaggerating claims, they settled and went away, if not happy, at least satisfied."

The End

Readers may contact Richard Green at Richard.Green@Chickasaw.net or 405-947-5020.

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In memory

Michael Brown
June 27, 1959 – June 2, 2007

Missed by all your loved ones everyday is a lifetime without you

I wish I could see your smiling face and hear your voice

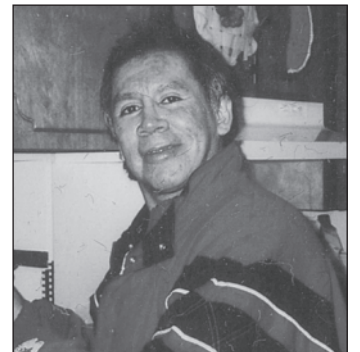
Comfort, that knowing you're in Heaven and with God

Heaven, is where you're at and where we'll all meet someday

At peace, we know you are and you no longer have to suffer

Eternally with God, we couldn't ask for anything better for you

Love is the feeling that will NEVER die, even if you are not here with us.
Mom, Brother, Sisters, Nieces and Nephews



Donald Ray Holbein

Funeral services for Donald Ray "Donny" Holbein, 50, of Ratliff City, Okla., were June 21, 2010 at Ratliff City First Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Cox and Rev. Ben Sanchez officiating. Entombment services followed in Ratliff City Cemetery.

Mr. Holbein was born Nov. 16, 1959 at Alice, Texas to Alec Holbein and Carole Kay (McNeal) Holbein.

He attended school at Hebronville, Texas where he attended church at St. James Episcopal Church. After graduating from school he began working for Halliburton and was employed for 17 years at Texas. He then moved to Ratliff City and met the love of his life, Tresa Kay Brown. At Ratliff City he worked as a building contractor for several years.

He always had a smile on his face and never met a stranger. He loved life and enjoyed fishing, camping and Ford trucks. He loved his family, friends, grandchildren, the love of his life, Tresa Kay Brown, and sons, Michael Sean Brown and Kevin Teafatiller.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alec Holbein.

He is survived by Tresa Kay Brown, of the home; a daughter, Krystal Murphy and husband, John, of South Carolina; sons, Stetson Holbein, of Laredo, Texas, Justin Holbein and Michael Holbein, both of South Carolina; other children whom were like his own include, Michael Brown and wife, Dana, of Ratliff City and Kevin Teafatiller and wife, Connie, of Fox, Okla.; his mother, Carole Kay Holbein, of Hebronville, Texas; a sister, Debra Salinas; brothers, Ricky Lee Holbein and Hans Holbein, all of Hebronville; 10 grandchildren, Tisha Brown, Ashton Brown, Dalton Caine Brown, Gavin Teafatiller, Kyle Teafatiller, Lyndsey Teafatiller, Ashleah Teafatiller, Eli Murphy, Mallory Murphy and Michael Holbein; and numerous other family and friends.

Pallbearers were Leslie Jones, David Schimdt, Mike Lee, Tommy Downy, Stan Schaffer, Dalton Paxon and Dave Proctor.

Our Papa went home in the early evening hours in the arms of our Mimi.

Papa you will be greatly missed, never forgotten and we will always love you.

Memorial donations may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation for Children c/o Alexander Funeral Home, P.O. Box 221, Ratliff City, OK 73481

James Wenonah Paul Gunning



James Wenonah Paul Gunning died May 2, 2010 at her home in Oklahoma City after a short illness.

Mrs. Gunning, or "Jim," as she was known to her family and to older friends, was born Nov. 16, 1913, at Pauls Valley, Okla., and was a great-granddaughter to that town's founder, Smith Paul. She was the last of the third generation of his direct descendants.

The Paul family home was in Pauls Valley, but they also owned a small farm near town, the Chickasaw allotment of her oldest brother, Willie. Her fondest childhood memories were of the time she spent at the farm, riding the horses, climbing trees, and catching fish in the creek, which ran through the property. At home in town the family kept a cow, a goat, and chickens. Her chores included milking the cow and the goat, and gathering kindling for the big wood stove her mother used for cooking.

One of the highlights of her childhood was spending her first year of junior high school at Bloomfield Academy for Chickasaw and Choctaw girls in Ardmore, Okla. She had a wonderful experience there, getting acquainted with other girls of Chickasaw heritage, and being free from the prejudice against Indians she had experienced at home. She was frustrated by the school's policy of forbidding the girls to speak their native language, but the girls taught her a few words on the sly. Her father, who spoke Chickasaw fluently also refused to teach her his native language, beyond counting to ten and a few simple words, thinking it was more important for her to fit in with the white culture.

The next year she decided to return to school at Pauls Valley. She said, "I probably should have stayed at Bloomfield, but I was just too home sick." In 1931, when she graduated from high school, times were tough. The Depression had begun, and

she had recently lost both her father and her oldest brother, but her brother Homer, by then a state senator, wanted his younger siblings to have a college education, so he arranged for room and board for her with her other brother Haskell, who had recently earned a law degree himself and worked for the state School Land Department. So at a time when women weren't expected to go to college, with barely enough money for food and clothing, she attended the University of Oklahoma and earned a degree in social work. Social work was a new field at the time, created by the need for workers to administer the funds appropriated by Congress for the relief of those hit hardest by the depression.

After her graduation in 1935, she was assigned to work out of Tahlequah, Okla., helping mostly Indian families in need due to the Depression.

In 1941 she married Donald D Gunning, and after the beginning of WWII she did volunteer work for the Oklahoma City Hospitality Club, working with children of poor families, and for the American Red Cross, where she used her training in social work to help decide which men to release from military service to return home to support their families.

In 1942, Mr. Gunning was hired by Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, Kan., and the Gunnings spent the rest of the war there. After the birth of her son Robin in 1942, she devoted herself to being a mother and a housewife. She remained active however in many civic and church projects.

After the death of her mother in 1962, she went back to work as a social worker, this time using her middle name of "Wenonah," the name of Hiawatha's mother, from Longfellow's epic poem, "The Song of Hiawatha." She worked for 13 more years for the Oklahoma State Welfare Department, starting at the Oklahoma County Office and working her way up to a position as consultant for the state director.

After her retirement from the welfare department in 1984, she was appointed to the Chickasaw Historical Society Board of Directors on the recommendation of her brother Haskell Paul, a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame. She served proudly as a member of the board until unable to attend meetings for health reasons in 2008.

It was impossible not to be impressed by Mrs. Gunning's pride in her family and heri-

tage, her enthusiasm for her beliefs, and her personal interest in everyone she met. In 2005, when she found out that a friend's adopted child had been taken from him by the state, she helped him make connections to appeal the decision. In 2007, at the age of 93, she found out her nephew needed a place to stay, she found him an apartment in Chickasaw Senior housing in Ada. Mrs. Gunning never stopped trying to help others.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald D Gunning.

She is survived by a son, Robin R. Gunning, M.D., of Denver; three grandchildren, Donald Gunning, Cheryl Pichette, and Therese Pichette of Spokane, Wash.; and 13 great grandchildren.

Murielene Cobb Potts



Murielene Cobb Potts died July 7, 2010. Services were July 9, 2010. Burial followed in Keel Cemetery near Lebanon, Okla.

Mrs. Cobb was born Oct. 3, 1930 to Trueman and Ida May (Dinah) Pratt Cobb.

After graduating from Madill (OK) High School she received her RN license from St. Anthony's School of Nursing in 1951. She married Frank Potts Dec. 26, 1952. In 1959 they moved to Albion, Mich., and later to Carmi, Ill., where they raised their family. After their retirement they moved back to Lebanon to live on the Cobb homeplace where they were active in the Baptist Church and the Lebanon community.

She was proud of her Chickasaw heritage and loved living on allotted land which belonged to her grandfather Robert Pratt and her great-grandmother, Millie Pickens Pratt McLish. She was the great-great-granddaughter of Edmond Pickens.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Potts, of Lebanon; four sons, George Potts, of Houston and his wife, Patricia and their daughter, Erin; Ed

Potts, of Durham, N.C., and his wife, Sandy; Steve Potts, of DePauw, Ind., and his wife, Rhonda and his daughter, Stephanie, of Dickinson, Texas; step-son, Joe Potts, of Lebanon, Okla., a foster son, David Coulombe, of Skokie, Ill.; four step-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandchild; a brother John Cobb and his wife, Pat, of Ardmore, Okla.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jimmy Phillips



Jimmy Phillips went to be with the Lord May 24, 2010. He was born March 22, 1964 at Lawton, Okla., to Jim and Betty Phillips.

He married Kim Holman June 28, 1991 at Ada, Okla.

He was a coach at Konawa School.

He is survived by his parents; wife; and two sons, Jarod and Justin.

He was the great-grandson of Bina Underwood Owens, an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation.

We will miss you so much Jimmy!

The family of Jimmy Phillips would like to thank Katie Case for the computer.

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday, Sept. 25	7:30 AM	Golf Tournament Registration	Winstar Golf Course
	9:00 AM	Golf Tournament Begins	Winstar Golf Course
"	9:00 AM	Traditional Corn Stalk Shoot	Kullihoma Softball Fields
Saturday, Sept. 25	9:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Registration	Tish H.S. Football Field
	9:00 AM	Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/J.C. Sports Complex
"	10:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Begins	Tish H.S. Football Field
Saturday, Sept. 25	10 AM to 2 PM	Chickasaw Senior Olympics	Pennington Park
Sept. 25	10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Margaret Roach Wheeler & Mike Larsen Art Exhibits	CCC Exhibit Hall
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Margaret Roach Wheeler & Mike Larsen Art Exhibits	CCC Exhibit Hall
Monday, Sept. 27	4 PM-8 PM	Cultural Evening	Cultural Center/Sulphur
Tuesday Sept. 28	9 AM to 3 PM	Cultural School Tours	
thru	"	Tours of Tishomingo Museums, Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds and West Side
Friday, Oct. 1	"	Youthful Celebration, Kids Activities Tent, Petting Zoo, Inflatables	Pennington Park
Tuesday, Sept. 28	6:00 PM	Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center
Thursday, Sept. 30	6:00 PM	Arts & Culture Awards	MSC Ballroom
"	Immed. Following	Artists Reception	MSC Ballroom
Friday, Oct. 1	8:00 PM- Until Finish	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena
	11:00 AM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds West Side
Saturday, Oct. 2	8:00 AM	Chickasaw Citizen Registration	MSC/Student Center
	9:00 AM	State of the Nation Address	MSC Fletcher Auditorium
	9:00 AM	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens and Mens)	Tishomingo/J.C. Sports Complex
	11:00 AM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM	Chickasaw Traditional Meal	MSC Lawn
	11:30 AM	Health Fair	MSC Lawn
	11:30 AM	Parade	Main Street Tishomingo
	11:30 AM to 5:30 PM	Petting Zoo, Kids Inflatables, Make and Take Tents,	Pennington Park
	11:30 AM to 5:30 PM	Stickball demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM-5:30 PM	Chickasaw Press Book Signing	Capitol Grounds West Side
	12:00 PM	Horseshoe Tournament Registration and Tournament Begin	Pennington Park
	12:00 PM-4:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	9:00 AM-5:30 PM	Arts and Crafts Vendors, Food Vendors	Pennington Park
	2:00 PM-5:00 PM	Band Day Extravaganza	Tishomingo High School
	2:00 PM-5:30 PM	Gospel Singing	Capitol Grounds West Side
	8:00 PM-Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena
	1:00 PM-6:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (open)	Sulphur
	1:00 PM-6:00 PM	Tours of the Chickasha Poya Exhibit Center	CCC Exhibit Center
	" "	Portraits of the Elders by Mike Larsen	CCC Aatifama Room
	" "	Mahota Woven Art/Designs by Margaret Roach Wheeler	" "
	" "	Restaurant Service	CCC Aampa' Café
	" "	Aaholitopli Honor Garden Tours	CCC Honor Garden
	" "	Tours of the Chikasha Inchokka' Village	CCC Traditional Village
	" "	Tours of the Holisso Research Center	CCC Holisso Center
	1:30 PM, 3:30 PM & 4:00 PM	Pearl, Behind the Scenes & Pearl	CCC Anoli Theatre
	2:15 PM, 3:15 PM, 4:15 PM	Storytelling	CCC Kochcha' Aabinili' Amphitheatre

MSC = Murray State College • JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex • THS = Tishomingo High School

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