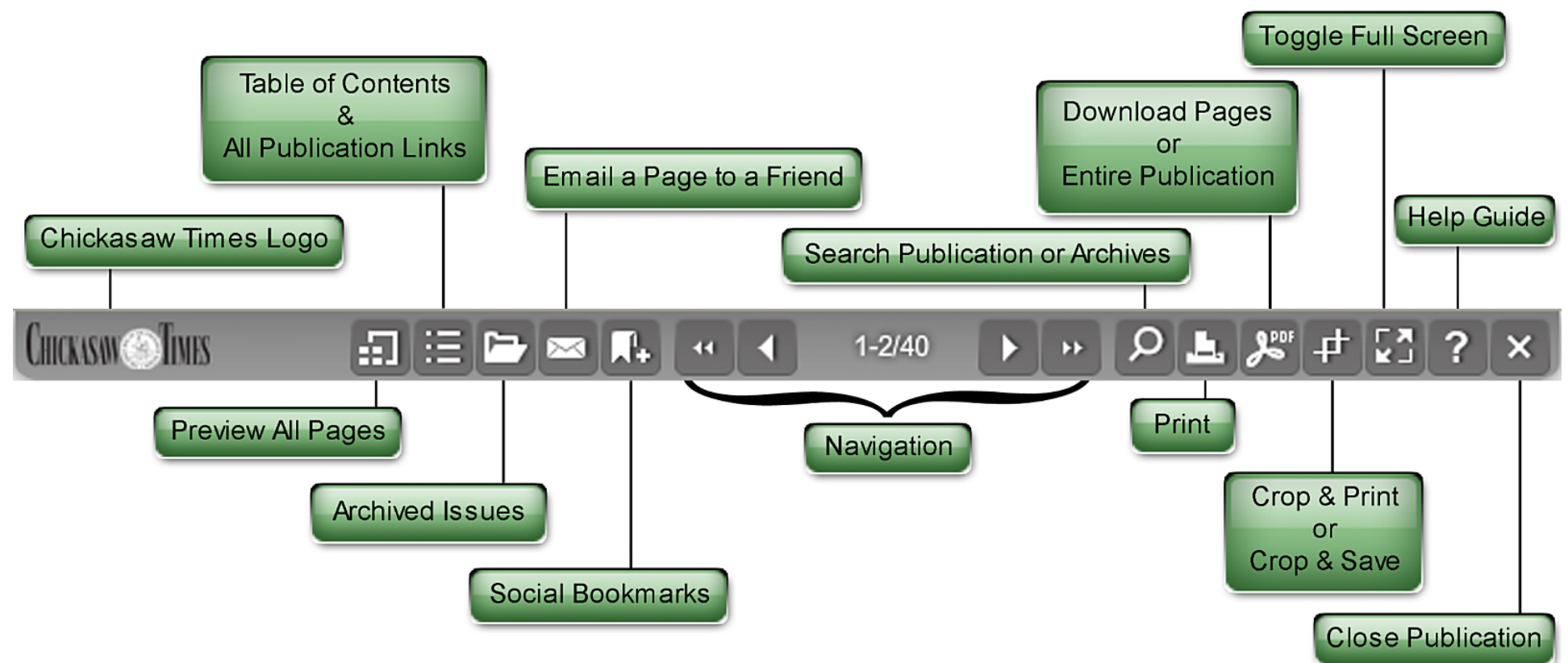


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Chickasaw Nation's 'Pearl' to be available on DVD



"Pearl," the award-winning feature-length film produced by the Chickasaw Nation, will be available on DVD in November.

The film focuses on the exceptional teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott, a Chickasaw girl who learned to fly at age 13 and was performing as a barnstormer and commercial pilot by age 14.

Governor Bill Anoatubby

said the story of the Chickasaw aviatrix was a natural for the tribe's first feature-length film project.

"Pearl was a dynamic, determined and caring individual who exemplified many of the finest qualities of Chickasaw people," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This film is an important part of our efforts to preserve Chickasaw history for future generations. It will help pre-

serve Pearl's legacy by enabling people to relive some of the significant moments in her life - moments which define what made her truly great."

"Pearl" features several Chickasaw cast members. Paden Brown, a Byng (OK) High School freshman, plays Arnetta, Pearl's little sister.

"Paden walked in and just nailed the audition," said casting director Chris Freihof. "She was the package. Paden is the real deal. This may be her first film, but I can bet it is not her last."

Pauline Brown, Chickasaw elder and culture preservationist, portrays Widow Harjo in the film.

"I think it's good that they got so many Chickasaws for the movie," she said. "It was set in Chickasaw country and Pearl was a great Chickasaw citizen."

Paulina Gee, three-year-old daughter of Chickasaw Nation Deputy Attorney General Debra Gee, was cast as Louise, Pearl's oldest daughter.

Debra Gee said she sent Paulina's picture to the casting crew and they thought she'd be a perfect fit.

"They told me she looked just like Louise as a toddler."

Other Chickasaws with

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Tribe recognized for unique contributions to diabetes care

The Chickasaw Nation has recently been recognized by the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center (OUHSC) for the tribe's partnerships in the fight against diabetes.

Dr. Curtis Harris, chief of endocrinology and Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center medical director, was awarded an honorary adjunct professorship. Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, tribal Division of Health administrator, accepted the certificate of appreciation on behalf of the tribe.

Among the tribe's many contributions, Dr. Harris said, was

its participation in the national Treatment Options for Type 2 Diabetes in Adolescents and Youth (TODAY) study.

Funded by the National Institutes of Health, the study is a research project examining diabetic adolescents and some treatment protocols.

"The Chickasaw tribe was the tribe that probably contributed the most patients and the most cooperation with the Diabetes Care Center and the University," Dr. Harris said.

In addition, the tribe has also funded a \$1 million chair at

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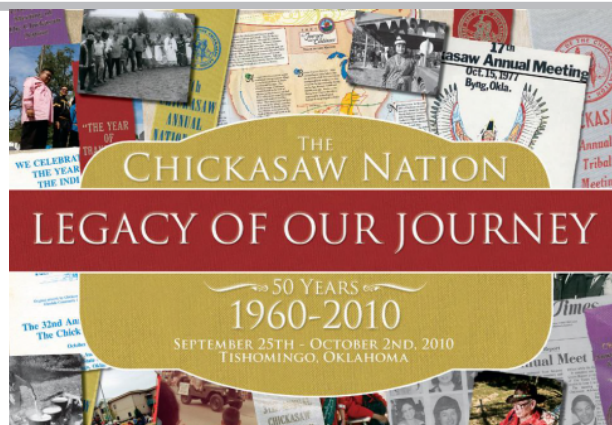
2011 Royalty crowned



Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel with 2010-2011 Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson, center, Chickasaw Junior Princess Taloa Underwood, left, and Little Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney. The new royalty were crowned during the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Sept. 28 in Ada.

Marcy Gray

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speaking parts in "Pearl" are Micah Hart (Older Georgie), former Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetatchi (Chickasaw Bride) and Dakota Brown (Chickasaw Friend).

The film has garnered many accolades from audiences and film industry insiders. "Pearl" was named the best overall film and best Native American film at the 2010 Trail Dance Film Festival. The film was also named a "Heartland Film Festival" official selection.

"Pearl" is one of only 13 feature films chosen for the distinction out of more than 600 submissions to Heartland,

which is well known as one of the largest family-oriented film festivals in the world.

"Pearl" also won a prestigious "Best of Show" award from "The Indie Fest," and swept the feature docudrama category at the "International Cherokee Film Festival."

The Dove Foundation recently awarded "Pearl" four "Doves," giving the film its "Family-Approved Seal" for all ages.

The film was also showcased at the 9th Annual deadCENTER Film Festival and the American Film Institute (AFI) International Film Festival.

The movie was filmed at various locations in Oklahoma, including the historic Harn Homestead, the El Reno Municipal Airport, the Jude and Jody Airport and several locations in and around Guthrie.

Harn Homestead in Oklahoma City served as a primary location during the four-week shoot. Located in the shadow of the Oklahoma State Capitol, Harn Homestead is an expansive outdoor museum which includes a farm, one-room school house and a Victorian home.

Robert Cheadle, who serves as the Chickasaw Nation Legislative Counsel,

worked closely with Pearl Scott during her time on the Chickasaw Legislature.

"I was very proud to be chosen for this film because it portrays a very important Chickasaw woman," he said. "Hopefully the film will inspire Chickasaw youth and let them know that they can make a difference."

Dozens of Chickasaw citizens, Chickasaw Nation employees and community members were featured as extras.

To be notified when DVDs are available, visit www.pearlthemovie.net and click on the Pearl DVD info button.

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Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Division of Health administrator, and Dr. Timothy Lyons, Harold Hamm Oklahoma Diabetes Center director.



Dr. Curtis Harris, left, Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center endocrinologist, and Dr. Kenneth Copeland, Jonas chair and chief of pediatric diabetes/endocrinology at OUHSC.

OUHSC. Dr. Timothy Lyons, director of Harold Hamm Oklahoma Diabetes Center at University of Oklahoma.

The Chickasaw Nation has developed "a fairly unique and interactive" partnership with OUHSC, Dr. Harris said. The tribe, he said, recommends projects that benefit its citizens.

"We are actually proposing projects, saying this is what the tribe needs and this is the kind of information that we would like to have," he said.

As part of his professorship, Dr. Harris will participate in research projects with OUHSC.

Dr. Harris received a master's degree in biochemistry and a medical degree

from the University of Washington before completing fellowship training in endocrinology at the University of Iowa.

He also received a juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma School of Law. He teaches medical ethics at Oklahoma State University School of Medicine and is the president of Oklahoma Medical Licensure Board. He recently completed tenure as board member of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

The Diabetes Care Center offers comprehensive diabetes care including intensive diabetes management, endocrinology and nephrology, foot clinic, dental hygiene services and dilated retinal photography. Additional services include di-

abetes management and prevention education programs, nutrition and exercise consultation, behavioral health consultation, nursing care, early intervention for high-risk kids clinic and diabetes research activities.

The Center is located on the second floor of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, 1921 Stonecipher Blvd., in Ada, Okla.

For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net or call (580) 421-4532 or (800) 851-9136.

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Our confidence in our tribal and national futures is well-placed

Our country faces many challenges as we enter the second decade of this new century.

Economically, the country has experienced very little growth over the past 10 years. The American stock market has been stagnant, job growth reversed course and highly-leveraged gambles on Wall Street created a melt-down from which we are still recovering.

On the education front, the country's generations-long advance stalled. In the past decade a growing percentage of Americans either dropped out of college or didn't enroll at all. Test scores and other measures of academic achievement slipped in many areas and funding for public education programs stalled or declined in virtually all states.

The cost of American health care continues to climb and has limited access to care for millions of Americans. Medicare and Medicaid programs have been curtailed due to the challenges of funding and the increases in costs from providers.

That's the bad news.



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

However, there is plenty to cheer about for both Chickasaws and the general American population.

Following the climactic economic events of 2008, the country has righted itself. Job growth must still gain a foothold, but American companies are once again recording profits, paying dividends and beginning to expand their work forces. The stock market has regained most of its nearly 50 per cent in lost value and confidence has returned to the American markets. The American economy is growing once again.

For the Chickasaw Nation, our tribal businesses are functioning at a high and efficient level. Our commercial net income has shown a healthy increase during 2010, and that is deeply gratifying. The dollars we earn in the marketplace are aggressively driving our investments in education, health care, housing, transportation and all the essential programs on which Chickasaws rely.

Our tribal education programs are booming – and achieving dramatic results. From our Head Start children to our post-graduate students, Chickasaw educa-

tion programs are greatly improving the lives of our people. We invest so heavily in education – elementary, secondary, college and vocational – because we know it provides the modern tools Chickasaws need for productive, fulfilling lives.

I am so very proud of the scores of young Chickasaws I meet who are completing their college degrees. These people are the foundation on which our tribal future rests – and it is a strong foundation.

We have also committed tremendous resources to our new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and our tribal health programs. Our new health care facility was designed from the ground up to serve Chickasaws and other Indian patients with the best equipment, technology and professionals in the country. The programs we have instituted in our health care agenda exist to best serve Chickasaws, provide them top quality medicine, and promote their continuing good health.

There are, no doubt, challenges ahead. However, it is appropriate to have faith in our country, and our tribe. The foundations on which the U.S. and the Chickasaw Nation are built are solid rock. There is a great “can do” spirit that exists. It is unique, and always gets good results.

We will hear the negative news through plenty of outlets. But our history tells us, if we work together, we will accomplish great things.

Equipment, facility upgrades enhance reliability

Tribal radio stations now at forefront of technology



Governor Bill Anoatubby, tribal legislators and South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprises (SCORE) employees cut the ribbon to commemorate the re-opening of SCORE's renovated Ada facility Sept. 13. Front row from left are tribal legislators Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Nancy Elliott; Gov. Anoatubby, Candy Matthews, SCORE general manager Roger Harris, tribal Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance and Amber Orr.

Mike McKee

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation-owned radio stations that make up South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprises (SCORE) are now more storm-

ready than ever.

Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by tribal legislators, local dignitaries and state radio industry professionals

Sept. 13 to celebrate an update to SCORE's equipment and facilities at SCORE headquarters, 1019 North Broadway.

Transmitting sites in Sasakwa, Lula and Byng are now equipped with back-up transmitters and generators.

“This improvement will significantly improve our stations' reliability during severe weather and ice storms,” said Roger Harris, SCORE general manager.

SCORE, owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation, consists of five local stations including KADA-AM, KADA-FM, KYKC-FM, KTLS-FM and KXFC-FM.

“Radio stations play a major role in rural America,” said Gov. Anoatubby. “They keep people entertained, informed and safe.

“With these improvements, staff and management of these stations can continue to do excellent work in informing south central Oklahoma.”

Broadcast in 12 Oklahoma counties, SCORE stations have

an audience of approximately 75,000 listeners.

The stations are routinely recognized by the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters, the Department of Human Services and the American Legion for outstanding service to the community.

Chickasaw White House Harvest Fest October 16

EMET, Okla. - The 2010 Harvest Fest is set for 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Chickasaw White House in Emet.

This free event is open to the public. Attendees will learn about the lifestyle of Chickasaw Governor Douglas Hancock Johnston and his family during the early 1900s after a good harvest.

“Harvest Fest is an event that recognizes a time of the year when crops were ‘in,’ fruits were canned, dried and put away for the winter season and families could relax and sort of celebrate,” said Glenda Galvan, Chickasaw White House site manager.

Remodeling of the Broadway building includes a bigger lobby, two on-air studios, a recording studio, new offices and accessibility.

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The early 1900s-themed event will feature Wild West vignettes, old time fiddling, carriages and buggy rides, an Old West “shoot out” as well as make-and-take art classes for children.

A chuck wagon lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m., on the grounds, and will also follow the early 1900s theme.

Tours of the White House will also be available throughout the day.

For more information, contact the Department of Museums and Historic Sites at (580) 436-2603.

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Kids hear message of success from athletes

Young Chickasaws enjoy Sooner game at OU Kids Day



Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, accepts an appreciation plaque on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation from University of Oklahoma president David Boren, right, and athletic director Joe Castiglione. The plaque, presented at halftime of the OU-Air Force game, recognizes the Chickasaw Nation's continuing support of OU athletics.

NORMAN, Okla. - Like many other junior high students, Jordyn Romine has hopes of someday becoming a doctor. His ultimate dream is to play football or basketball at the University of Oklahoma while studying medicine.

Last Saturday, Jordyn, a Chickasaw, was encouraged to follow his dreams and set his goals high when he



Macee Wyatt, Ada, and Jayson Hogland, Tuttle, at OU Kids Day, Sept. 18.

and 84 other Chickasaw students attended "OU Kids Day," Sept. 18.

"This special day helps fulfill our mission to enhance Chickasaw lives," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "It gives many of our young people their first opportunity to experience a collegiate game in person. Students were inspired by former players to work hard and set their goals high so the future will be without limitations."

Two legendary OU cornerbacks, Terry and Tony Peters, visited the students prior to the game and encouraged them to stay in school and work hard.

Terry played for the Sooners from 1974-77 and Tony played from 1973-74. Both played on the 1974-75 OU National Championship team.

"They told us to work hard and always be prepared, because you never know how hard your opponent has worked," Jordyn said. "They explained the result

of hard work could be as great as a college scholarship."

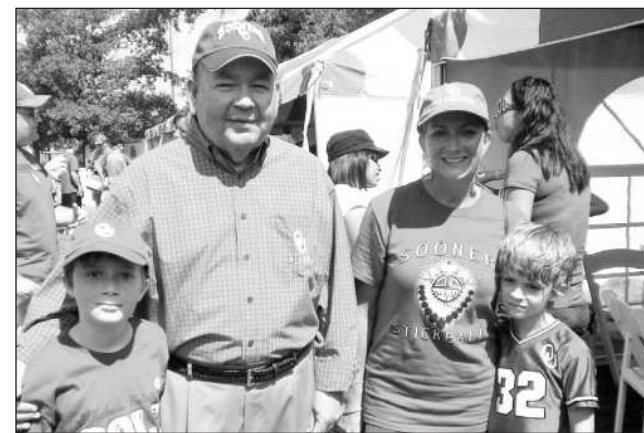
The group was joined for lunch by Gov. Anoatubby.

The students watched as the Chickasaw Nation was honored during half-time of the OU-Air Force game. The tribe was honored for its continuing support of OU athletics.

For many students, including Macee Wyatt, of Ada, and Toby Taliaferro and Cole Martin, both of Davis, Okla., it was the first time to attend a game and meet the Governor.

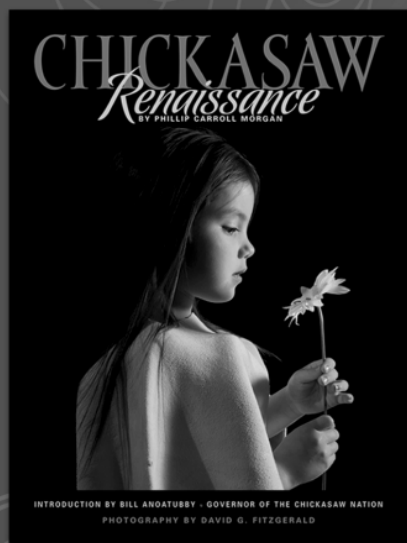
"I always watch the games of television, but I have never been to one," said Macee.

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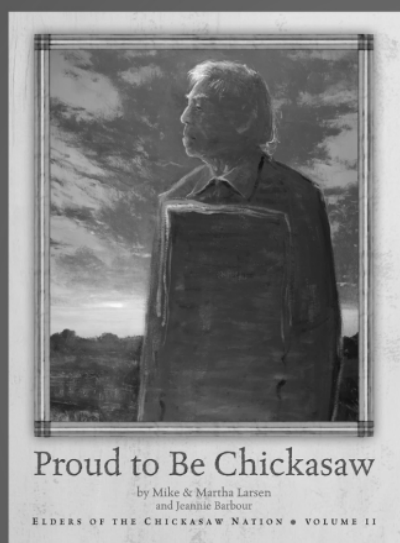


Levi, Jin and Tipton Gentry with Governor Bill Anoatubby before the University of Oklahoma/ Air Force game at Chickasaw Nation OU Kids Day, Sept. 18.

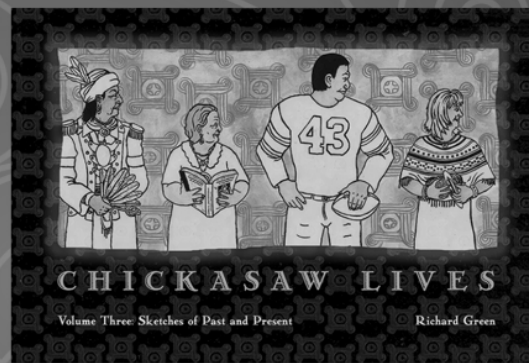
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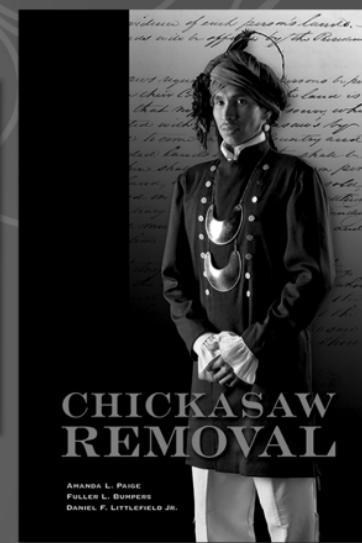
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Imotichey, Woods, Smith recognized

Chickasaw elders honored by AARP for dedication, service



Melvin Imotichey was one of three Chickasaw elders honored by AARP. Pictured from left are AARP Executive Vice President Hop Backus, AARP Oklahoma State Director Nancy Coffey, Mr. Imotichey, AARP Oklahoma Volunteer State President Marjorie Lyons and AARP National President-elect Robert Romasco.



Patricia Ann Woods was one of three Chickasaw elders honored by AARP. Pictured from left are AARP Executive Vice President Hop Backus, AARP Oklahoma State Director Nancy Coffey, Mrs. Woods, AARP Oklahoma Volunteer State President Marjorie Lyons and AARP National President-elect Robert Romasco.



Mary Smith was one of three Chickasaw elders honored by AARP. Pictured from left are AARP Executive Vice President Hop Backus, AARP Oklahoma State Director Nancy Coffey, Mrs. Smith, AARP Oklahoma Volunteer State President Marjorie Lyons and AARP National President-elect Robert Romasco.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Three Chickasaw elders were recognized at the 2010 AARP Indian Elder Honors.

Melvin Imotichey, Mary Smith and Patricia Woods were among 50 Native American senior citizens who were honored at the event. The honorees represented more than 30 tribes.

Mr. Imotichey, one of the few Native Americans who has coached on the college level, dedicated 35 years of his life working with boys. He ended his coaching career at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan. He has also worked for the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations.

He is an inductee into the Murray State (OK) College Athletic Hall of Fame and has been recognized as a National Junior College Athletic Association Coach of the Year.

Mr. Imotichey is often asked to share his message of overcoming adversity and the importance of education.

He continues the notion by serving as outreach and admissions counselor for the Cherokee Nation's Talking Leaves Job Corp. In this capacity, Mr. Imotichey encourages young people to improve their lives through

career technical and academic training.

"To see a young person go on to better themselves feels great and I'm thankful to still be doing that," he said.

Patricia Ann Woods began working with the Chickasaw Nation in 1972 as a Community Health Representative. She currently serves as administrator of the tribal Division of Program Operations.

Mrs. Woods is the only woman ever elected to serve as chairman of the National Indian Council on Aging, and was a member Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes for over 20 years.

Instrumental in securing federal funding for tribal senior citizens programs across the U.S., she was also a contributor in drafting the 1983 Chickasaw tribal constitution. She is a past recipient of the Betsy D. Smith award from the Oklahoma Task Force on Minority Aging and is a charter member of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging.

Mrs. Woods said her service has been rewarding, and a joy.

"It is a privilege to serve my tribe," she said. "To help in making a difference in so many people's lives

feels great. I have so much to be thankful for."

Mary Smith works for the Chickasaw Nation as resource manager for the tribe's Career Development Initiative. In her position, she monitors, counsels and assists Chickasaw adults by helping them find and keep jobs.

She regularly volunteers her time to teach native hymns to Chickasaw elders and the Chickasaw language to youth.

"All of the time is worth it," she said. "I'm doing it to benefit my people and to keep our culture alive."

AARP Oklahoma Volunteer State President Marjorie Lyons said the actions of the honorees had left a mark on their families, tribes, communities and the state.

"Whether they serve as tribal leaders, devoted themselves to cultural preservation or were simply a quiet source of strength to their families, this group embodies the qualities of AARP Founder Ethel Percy Andrus who lived by the motto 'To serve and not to be served,'" she said.

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Chickasaw Citizen

Tribal budget passed, new funding begins new year

A new year is here for the Chickasaw Nation. Tribal business runs on a fiscal timetable of October -September instead of the more widely familiar calendar year of January thru December. What does a new year mean for Chickasaw citizens? With the recent passage of the Tribal budget, programs will be receiving new funding for the upcoming year, therefore, providing continued services for citizens. We also have new Chickasaw Royalty and these young ladies will be representing the Nation at several functions. Elections from this summer are over and all elected officials of the Judicial and Legislative Branches have completed their Oath of Office. Now is the time for citizens to contact their representatives, ask questions and learn more about the Nation. Join a Chickasaw Community Council or even better, form a Chickasaw Community Council in your area.

By having a Council or attending one, citizens have the opportunity to ask questions, be informed on current tribal programs and fellowship with other Chickasaws in their area. Please call for more information on how to form a community council in your area. (580) 283-3409

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;
II Timothy 4:7



**BETH
ALEXANDER**

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Thank you



Yakoke!

I appreciate your vote of confidence and I look forward to serving you.

Beth Alexander
Panola District

Influenza is serious; be immunized!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines influenza or commonly called "the flu" as a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness and at times lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk to others. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. You maybe able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

How serious is the flu? Certain people are at greater risk for complications if they get the flu. This group includes older people, young children, pregnant women and people with certain health issues such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease. The CDC recently reported that last flu season, American Indians and Native Alaskans seemed to be at higher risk of flu complications.

People with chronic illnesses or diseases should contact their healthcare provider for early prevention and if you believe that you have the influenza virus already, stay home from work, school and other public gatherings.

Yearly flu vaccinations should begin as soon as vaccine is available and continue throughout the flu season which can last as late as May. Having access to the vaccine has become fairly easy over the past several years. Many major pharmacies offer the vaccine, employers make it available to co-workers, local health departments organize "drive thru flu shot clinics" where you never have to leave the convenience of your car, and Medicare and Medicaid reimburse healthcare facilities who give the vaccine.

With flu season fast approaching, now is the time to make your prevention plans. Call your physician, contact your local health department, or watch your local news listings for places and times where influenza vaccinations are being offered.

Thank you,
Connie Barker
Tribal Legislator Pickens District



**CONNIE
BARKER**

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Make application now for expected service needs

Hello Everyone,
I hope you and yours are doing well. As I write this article, we are all excited about and busily preparing for the Chickasaw Festival. By the time this edition of *the Chickasaw Times* gets to you, though, the festival will have happened and hopefully will be a treasure of good memories for us all.

This bit of lag time reminds me of a seasonal issue about which I want to remind everyone.

The Chickasaw Nation government and its businesses adhere to a fiscal year schedule that is different from a calendar year. Rather than recognizing January 1 as the beginning of a year and December 31 as the end of a year, the Chickasaw Nation's fiscal year begins October 1 and ends September 30 each year.

This means that annual funding for programs and services generally begins October 1 and ends September 30.

Most programs and services have a limited amount of funds to be spent in a fiscal year and grant their resources to citizens on a first-come, first-served basis.

In other words, the early bird gets the worm!

Therefore, applications for programs and services have the best chance to be granted and funded in the upcoming or same fiscal year as they are submitted, if applications are

completed and submitted on or before October 1, or as soon as possible after October 1.

What this means to individual Chickasaws is that you should, if at all possible, be applying now for programs and services you anticipate needing from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

Sometimes as we make applications for programs and services, we experience challenges. Should that happen to you, ask for help. Asking to speak to directors of the departments and administrators of divisions is certainly acceptable in your effort to receive programs and services. Community Health Representatives and family members can also sometimes help with the red tape. Be persistent in your effort to access Chickasaw Nation programs and services.

The most pure purpose of any government is to help and serve its people. To that end, you can help the Chickasaw Nation to serve its most pure purpose by accessing and benefiting from programs and services.

Respectfully,
Katie

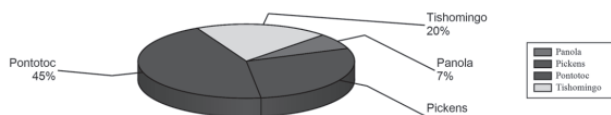
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Panola	1,744	Pontotoc	11,386
Pickens	7,252	Tishomingo	5,092
			<u>25,474</u>



Business idea? Call the Small Business Development Center

Hello Everyone,
 Fall is undoubtedly the best time of year here in the Chickasaw Nation. As the days get shorter and the temperatures get cooler, I feel a need to get outside and enjoy the beautiful colors of fall before they disappear. Fall is also one of the busiest times in the Chickasaw Nation, as we celebrate the end of one year with our Annual Meeting and Festival and look forward with high expectations to what the next year will bring. A new year brings hope that things can be better.

We are so blessed in the Chickasaw Nation to have such a variety of programs to enhance the lives of the Chickasaw people. One of the little known programs is the Small Business and Development Center. I receive calls occasionally from people who would like to start their own businesses, but they don't know where or how to begin. The Small Business and Development Center was created to assist Chickasaw small business owners and those who are considering starting a business by providing counseling, training and specialized services concerning the formation, financing, management and operation of small businesses.



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They can also provide personal credit evaluation and credit repair planning if necessary.

The Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center's staff is very knowledgeable and anxious to help. If you own a business or have considered starting your own business, I encourage you to call the Center to find out how they can help you. Their number is (580) 559-0774. They are also listed in the Program Guide.

I wish for you a great October and the opportunities to get outside and enjoy this time of year. Don't hesitate to call or e-mail me if I can help in anyway.

Sincerely,

Nancy

Nancy Elliott

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(580) 399-4374

Education programs are still 'on the grow!'

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee! The weather is turning cooler and Fall is in the air. The air just seems crisper and we see more jackets and sweaters. We all had a busy September preparing for the Chickasaw Festival and Annual Meeting.

For the Fall semester, the Early Childhood/Head Start program here in Ada has 260 children enrolled. Of those, 45% are Chickasaw. In August undergraduate students number 819 total with 304 inside the boundaries and 515 outside the boundaries.

For Textbook Grants, 790 have been awarded for the semester so far. This number increases every year. They are much needed because the cost of textbooks is such that without a grant, some students would not be able to afford textbooks. Also, 574 Clothing Grants have been awarded. In applying for Clothing Grants, students must have advanced a year or to the next grade level.



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A total of 267 students have enrolled for the GED classes. Fifty-four tested at fast track level.

The Science, Technology and Mathematics (STM) program will have a tent at the Chickasaw Festival this year and science experiments have been planned for the occasion. First Technology Challenge

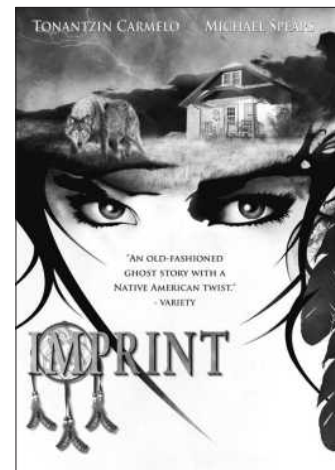
(FTC) team Y-Not Robots is the newest addition to the program. The team is comprised of nine students in the 9th and 10th grades and their first competition is December 3. First Lego League (FLL) teams Cybernuts and Blockheads held a successful kickoff meeting. The teams are made up of 26 Chickasaw students ages 9 - 14. Our Junior FLL teams have grown to four: Super Storm, Tiny Techs, Mini Mayhem and Witty Midgets. Junior FLL is for students aged 6 - 8. Five students aged 15 - 18 have signed up for the Metal Mayhem team already. Best of luck to all these teams as they enter competition!

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.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!

'Imprint' to be shown Oct. 7 at Holba' Kana'li Series

Holba' Kana'li Film Series takes a supernatural turn for the Halloween season with the showing of "Imprint."

Acclaimed Native American filmmaker Chris Eyre, known for the genre hit "Smoke Signals," tells the story of Shayla Stonefeather, an Indian attorney who once fled her cultural background and shunned the spiritual practices of her ancestors.



After prosecuting a Lakota teen in a controversial murder trial, Shayla returns to her family's South Dakota reservation for the first time in years to tend to her dying father.

Soon after her arrival, things take a dark and eerie turn. Shayla is greeted by spirits that present foreboding and unwanted visions, forcing her to reconsider her tribe's beliefs and way of life.

"Imprint" will be shown at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 7 at the tribe's McSwain Theatre in downtown Ada.

Tickets will be available at the door or can be ordered by visiting www.mcswaintheatre.com.

For more information, contact James Wallace, (580) 272-5520.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Haskell Indian Nations University Reunion set for Oct. 29-31 in Norman

NORMAN, Okla. - The annual reunion of alumni and friends of Haskell Indian Nations University is set for Oct. 29-31 in Norman.

Sponsored by the Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma, the Haskell Reunion 2010 will take place at the Holiday Inn Norman, 1000 N. Interstate Drive, Norman, Okla. The number to the Holiday Inn is (405) 364-2882.

For more information, contact Loretta Burgess at (918) 633-7030 or dushkut1951@yahoo.com

Oklahoma Haskell Alumni Association to host golf tournament Oct. 29

NORMAN, Okla. - The Oklahoma Haskell Alumni Association will be hosting the Reunion 2010 Golf Tournament in Norman on Friday, Oct. 29.

The tournament format will be a two-person scramble blind draw. The tournament will be played at Westwood Golf Course in Norman.

Entry fee is \$60 per player. Lunch and team drawings will begin at 11:30 a.m. Tee times will begin at 1 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the teams with the five lowest scores. Mulligans will be two for \$10.

Special contests will include closest to the pin and longest drive.

Please call Simon Mitchell at (405) 672-7923 or Dan Little Axe at (405) 413-8443 or (405) 329-5542.

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Engaging new volumes released by Chickasaw Press

An illustrative depiction of the pride and spirit of the Chickasaw people; an examination of the political turning points that led to Removal; and a contemporary look at the Chickasaw Nation will all be available from the Chickasaw Press this fall.



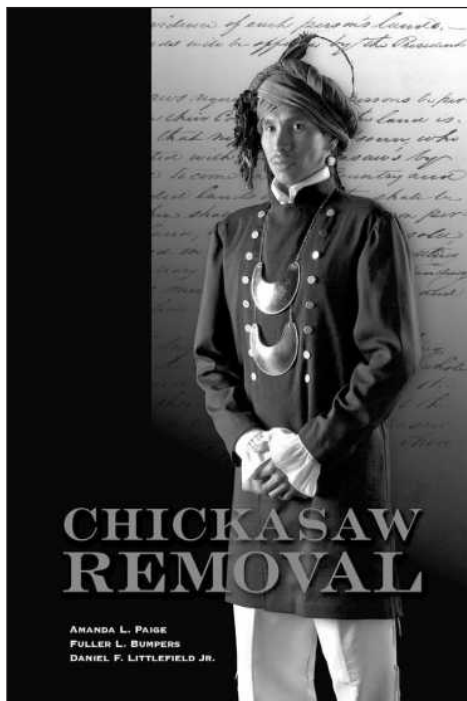
The Press has announced the release of its latest publications: **"Proud to be Chickasaw"** by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen, his wife Martha and Jeannie Barbour; **"Chickasaw Removal"** by Amanda L Paige, Fuller L. Bumpers and Daniel F. Littlefield Jr.; and **"Chickasaw Lives, Volume Three: Sketches of Past and Present"** by Richard Green.

"Proud to be Chickasaw" follows Mike and Martha Larsen's acclaimed "They Know Who They Are" in bringing readers a series of portraits paired with stories by Chickasaw elders.

Chickasaw historian and Chickasaw Press director Jeannie Barbour joined the Larsens in researching, interview-

ing and sketching 23 notable elders to produce a rich, lasting volume of art and reminiscences that portray how an unconquerable spirit lives among the Chickasaw people.

"Chickasaw Removal" highlights the tribe's experience during the tumultuous and often tragic period. The volume brings unprecedented detail to a defining era for Native Americans.



The book highlights the distinctive character of the tribe, the mounting political and social pressures faced by the Chickasaws until the people were forced to leave their ancestral homeland and endure the hardships of the "Trail of Tears."

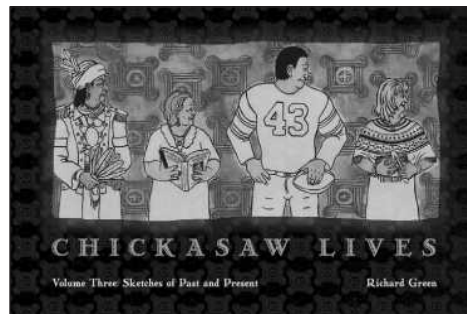
Paige, Bumpers and Littlefield also investigate frauds that plundered the tribe's wealth, miscalculations made by the U.S. government in its haste to seize the Chickasaws' land, and challenges

facing the tribe after their arrival in Indian Territory.

The authors worked for almost a decade, consulting volumes of research about the Removal era and Chickasaw history. Their work received the Holisso Award for Best Unpublished Manuscript at the 2009 Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards.

"Chickasaw Lives, Volume Three: Sketches of Past and Present" was written by tribal historian Richard Green. The third installment of the "Chickasaw Lives" includes both contemporary stories about tribal members and accounts from Chickasaw history.

In six sections, Green reveals 19th-century documents, visits former tribal village sites in present-day Mississippi, tells stories of acclaimed Chickasaws and details how Chickasaws are rescuing their language from near-extinction.

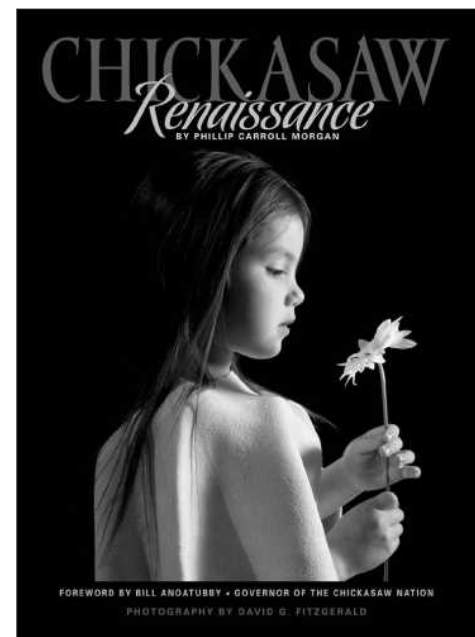


He also follows 18th-century English trader James Adair and recounts how, in 1731, the Chickasaws took in Natchez refugees despite the warnings of mighty France.

These and all Chickasaw Press publications will be featured at the Chickasaw Press display Oct. 2 at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival on the grounds of the historical capitol in Tishomingo.

Chickasaw writer Philip Carroll Morgan will also be on hand Oct. 2 to sign copies of "Chickasaw Renaissance."

"Chickasaw Renaissance" is the companion piece to the award winning "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable" published in 2006. It features photographs of living Chickasaw culture and personalities as well as the photos drawn from deep within archival vaults to create a combination of visual rhetoric and substantial historical scholarship that takes readers through Chickasaw history.



Part of the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture, the Chickasaw Press publishes non-fiction books on tribal history, traditions and culture.

All publications are available at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. and through the Chickasaw Press at www.chickasawpress.com.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Tips from the 'Ooey Gooley Lady'

Child care professionals learn play-based classroom techniques

ADA, Okla. - Approximately 170 child-care professionals attended the seventh annual Chickasaw Nation Child Care Conference September 18 at East Central University.

This year's conference theme was "Mardi Gras," an informational and motivational seminar for childcare professionals. Sessions included behavior management, transitions, music and movement, anger management, biting, literacy for infants and toddlers and more.

Keynote speaker was Lisa Murphy, founder and CEO of Ooey Gooley, Inc. As

the "Ooey Gooley Lady," Murphy presents more than 150 workshops annually to groups across the country. She discusses various topics related to early childhood education, specifically how to be more play-based in the classroom. Murphy has authored four books and uses humor and real-life anecdotes to engage her audiences.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Department, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.Chicksasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Brooke Tidwell, Public Affairs



Conference speaker Lisa Murphy conducts an Ooey Gooley art project during the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Conference September 18 at East Central University.

Chickasaw finds second calling with artistic reflections on history



Chickasaw artist Tracie Tuck Davis.



Chickasaw artist Tracie Tuck Davis, left, visits with Frieda Clark, special projects director for tribal Division of Arts and Humanities, at the opening reception of "Ancient to Abstract" art exhibit Friday, Sept. 3.

ADA, Okla. - For Tracie Tuck Davis, art is a reflection of knowledge and interpretation.

The Chickasaw artist enjoys learning about historical subjects and translating them onto canvas in a contemporary manner.

Her exhibit "Ancient to Abstract" at the McSwain Theatre Art Gallery, depicts ancient Native American symbols.

"I want our people to know this is

who we are, this is where we came from and these are our patterns," Mrs. Davis said.

The exhibit, featuring several oil and watercolor paintings as well as mixed media and granite pieces, was Sept. 3 through Sept. 24.

Descendant of the late Chickasaw enrollees Silas and Minnie Gibson, Mrs. Davis said her culture and heritage were very important to her.

She is studying Native American

women artists and their works and hopes to publish a book on the same subject.

"When I represent myself as an Indian woman artist, I have to look and see who has come before me," she said.

Mrs. Davis also said she "fell in love with art" 12 years ago and started taking art classes at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla.

"Art for me is a way of expressing myself that I couldn't get out in any other

way," she said.

Mrs. Davis has participated in several art shows including:

"Art Under the Oaks" at Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee, Okla.

"Our Place at the Table" a collaborative project of 11 Native American women.

"New Indian Traditions in Oklahoma Art" at Cameron University.

"Southeastern Art Show and Market" at Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo, Okla.

"Art of the Chickasaw Women Show" at East Central University in Ada.

"Student Art Show" at Simmons Center in Duncan, Okla.

Mrs. Davis is a certified public accountant and holds a master of business administration degree from Cameron University. She is currently working on a bachelor of fine arts.

Mrs. Davis and her husband John live in Lawton and have three children Tiffany, Jacob and Jessica.

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

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

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

'Wisdom Walkers' get moving, regain mobility

A few months ago, Chickasaw elder Yvonne Harper relied completely on her cane to walk. Today, she doesn't need it most of the time.

Mrs. Harper is one of many tribal senior citizens who has benefited from the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging's "Wisdom Walkers" program.

In a nation where a majority of the population is inactive and overweight, senior citizens are even less likely to lead active lifestyles. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, only 32% of American senior citizens exercise on a daily basis.

A sedentary lifestyle can lead to a host of problems for seniors. The National Safety Council lists falls as the leading cause of injury in older adults. Muscle weakness and walking problems are cited as the reason for these falls.

"I get around so much better since I've been exercising, Mrs. Harper said.

"I think it's a great thing for older people and encourage everyone to get out there and exercise."

Participating in water aerobics several times a week, Mrs. Harper has also dropped more than 35 pounds.

Wisdom Walkers manager Chad Castleberry began traveling to Chickasaw Nation senior centers last year to lead exercise classes three times a week.

"We started with chair exercises," he said, "but pretty soon, they didn't need the chairs anymore."

Since then, Wisdom Walkers participants have expanded their activities to include fishing trips, golfing, line dancing classes and activities using the Nintendo Wii.

"The more active they are, the more things they want to do," Castleberry said.

Wisdom Walkers has 14 certified trainers, several of them elders. Castleberry and Activity Coordinator Linda Landgraf even attended a Cooper Institute boot camp on circuit training to learn ways to lead elders in activity.

As the participation in the program grows, the elders are not only showing physical ben-

efits, but mental improvement as well.

Senior Information Director Stacy Wesberry said many of the seniors had been able to cut back on the number of medications they take as a result of the increased physical activity.

"They are excited about not taking as much medication," she said. "It gives many of them a sense of pride that they are more in control of their health."

Other benefits of exercise for older adults include improved joint flexibility, lower blood pressure and decreased risk of osteoporosis, diabetes and depression.

Recent research presented by the Alzheimer's Association suggests that an active lifestyle can help in preventing the disease and other mental deterioration.

A sense of community and friendly competition has also been inspired by the program.

Working with the Nintendo Wii has become so popular that an annual Wii Bowling Tournament involving all senior cen-



A group of Wisdom Walkers recently participated in the 'Amazing Race' at the 2010 Senior Olympics at Pennington Park, Tishomingo.

ters is in its second year.

"Elders from different sites will visit other area senior centers just to see how they are doing," Castleberry said. "The activities and trips involving multiple sites is a great way for them to encourage one another."

"Being in a group really helps

get you going," Mrs. Harper said. "I've led my friends around the pool by their hands because they were scared of the water at first.

"But its like I tell them - if we don't use it, we'll lose it."

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Men jump start careers with tribal boost

Tribal CDI program leads to valuable vocations for Chickasaws

Keep on trying and don't give up.

This is the message from the stories of Jay Wisdom and Stacy Imotichey.

These Chickasaw citizens have overcome adversities with determination, hard work and assistance from the Chickasaw Nation.

The Ada, Okla., residents started with Career Development Initiative (CDI) program after they lost their driver's licenses. The tribal program provides transitional employment for individuals with employment barriers, including minor criminal charges, lack of education, a driver's license, reliable transportation or adequate child care.

Considered full-time temporary workers, the employees work up to 40 hours a week at various Chickasaw Nation de-



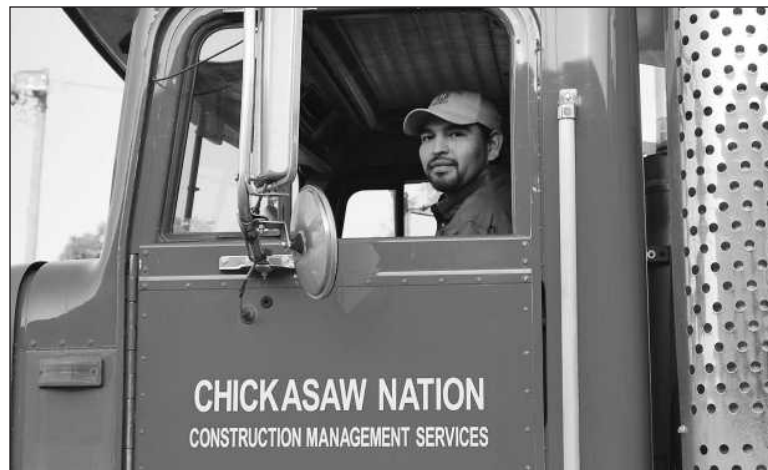
Stacy Imotichey

partments.

At CDI, Mr. Wisdom, 33, acquired a variety of experience.

"I learned different things and trades as we went to different jobs," he said.

During his employment with CDI, Mr. Wisdom was also able to obtain his driver's license.



Jay Wisdom

He also wanted to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and utilize his earlier training. He had successfully completed vocational training for heavy equipment operation at the Pontotoc Technology Center.

"I like driving the truck," he said. "This is what I went to school for."

After learning about his goal, CDI assisted him with the re-enrollment process at the Technology Center. He was accepted despite a full class and was placed in an apprenticeship program with Construction Management Services (CMS), a Chickasaw Nation Division

of Commerce department, in March 2010. He received his class A CDL in May.

Mr. Imotichey also apprenticed with CMS and said he learned carpentry and construction skills there.

"I had no formal training," Mr. Imotichey, 35, said. "I learned on the job."

Impressed by their work, CMS hired Mr. Wisdom and Mr. Imotichey as full-time employees in April, said CMS Senior Manager Glendel Hatton.

"They do really good job," he said.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Native American women experience the highest rate of violence of any group in the United States.

Reflecting on that statistic, the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention is observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month during October.

During the month, display booths with information about domestic violence facts, prevention and programs will be available at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

The observance is part of a national effort to raise awareness and help prevent domestic violence.

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and an

estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The cost of intimate partner abuse exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services, according to the Coalition.

For more information contact the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention at (580) 272-5580 or visit the offices located at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada, Okla., in the Youth and Family Services building.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About CDI

The program helps individuals in overcoming employment barrier and locating meaningful employment. Interested individuals can pick up an application at 17290 County Road 3570 in Ada. For more information, contact Ira Adams at 580-272-5085.



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To sign up for DVD release information, please visit www.PearlTheMovie.net

17-year-old Kaylea Arnett has 'greatest attitude'

Chickasaw diver continues Olympic quest at FINA Jr. World Championships

TUCSON, Ariz. - Chickasaw diver Kaylea Arnett earned a tenth-place finish in 3-meter springboard at the FINA World Junior Diving Championships Sept. 1-6 in Tucson. In the Sept. 3 preliminary round of 30 divers, she placed seventh. In the Sept. 4 finals round, lower scores on one dive dropped her to tenth place.

She was philosophical about the meet.

"The meet didn't go exactly as planned, but it's definitely a blessing just to be here, much less to be in the finals," Kaylea said. "So, I feel pretty lucky."

"There are good meets and there are bad meets. And what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. So, I've learned a lot from this trip and it's been really fun. And I hope to do very well in coming months."

Robert Gunter, coach of the Woodlands Diving Academy, was pleased with Kaylea's performance.

"It was rough today with all the wind, but she did a great job," said Mr. Gunter. "I know she wanted to do better, but

tenth in the world is not too shabby."

Kaylea, 17, has been competing at the national and international level since 2003. She won her ninth junior national title in July to qualify for the Tucson event.

"Kaylea's had a great summer," said Mr. Gunter.

"She had a rough year last year. She made an outstanding turnaround. Just had a great summer. She came to Junior Nationals and just surprised everybody by winning."

This is Kaylea's second appearance in a junior world championship event. In Sept. 2008, she traveled to Aachen, Germany where she and partner Michelle Cabassol won silver in synchronized diving. She placed 15th in 3-meter at that event.



Kaylea Arnett and coach Robert Gunter at the FINA Jr. World Championship in Tucson.

She has also won two gold medals and four bronze medals at the Junior Pan American Championships.

While Kaylea has heard her mother Terrie cheering her on from the stands during most of those events, Mrs. Arnett was not among the Tucson crowd. She was recovering from re-

cent chemotherapy treatments following breast cancer surgery.

"I've gone to a few meets by myself, but it's still different," said Kaylea. "My mom is a big part of my diving. She always helps and supports me and gets me through my diving, so I've always wanted to be there for her when she needs me, too."

"To have anyone support you is a big help, especially your family. I love her very much and she's always helped

throughout my life. My whole family is very supportive. I don't think I could ask for a better family."

Asked about her future plans, Kaylea said that she does best when she is "more relaxed."

"So, I'm kind of just riding the roller coaster," she said. "I don't know what's going to happen in the future, but I'm hoping for big things."

Coach Gunter said he expected Kaylea to have a great future in diving.

"Kaylea is probably one of the favorite kids I've ever coached," said Mr. Gunter, quickly adding that he has been coaching for 32 years. "She's got the greatest attitude, she's outstanding - an unbelievable pleasure to coach - and always surprising - in a great way."

"She is definitely not done. She's got a long way to go. She's really excited about going to school next year. She's got a lot of options after having such a great summer. It's really opened a lot of doors, so she's got a lot of options going to school next year."

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Results through 11 months show year-over-year growth

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 August 31, 2010

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$9.7 million for the month and \$130.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$8.7 million for the month and \$83.4 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for August totaled \$81.0 million and \$840.7 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$24.7 million for the month and \$262.8 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$81.9 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At August 31, 2010, the tribal gov-

ernment funds had \$116.8 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$18.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$184 million in cash and investments which is re-

served for accounts payable and business operations.

As of August 31, 2010, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1.077 billion compared to \$1.058 billion at July 31, 2010 or an increase of \$19 million.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2010

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 6,590,344	840,713,742	847,304,086
Total funds available	123,619,443	(123,619,443)	-
	130,209,787	717,094,299	847,304,086
Expenditures			
General government	7,402,621		7,402,621
Legislature	1,784,468		1,784,468
Judiciary	1,065,570		1,065,570
Education	16,907,918		16,907,918
Heritage Preservation	10,536,733		10,536,733
Health	14,729,599		14,729,599
Youth and Family Services	7,701,811		7,701,811
Nutrition Programs	4,450,663		4,450,663
Regulatory	6,320,291		6,320,291
Assistance Programs	12,520,142		12,520,142
Gaming expense		473,196,240	473,196,240
Other businesses' expense		161,931,902	161,931,902
Total expenditures	83,419,816	635,128,142	718,547,958
Increase in net assets	46,789,971	81,966,156	128,756,128
Beginning net assets	455,923,644	493,106,043	949,029,687
Ending net assets	\$ 502,713,615	575,072,199	1,077,785,814

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets August 31, 2010

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 116,838,154	184,461,582	301,299,736
Receivables	40,936,075	31,108,785	72,044,860
Inventory		5,245,341	5,245,341
Prepaid expenses		18,175,167	18,175,167
Other Assets		20,422,241	20,422,241
Fixed assets	345,330,451	501,132,110	846,462,561
Less payables	(391,065)	(185,473,027)	(185,864,092)
Net Assets	\$ 502,713,615	575,072,199	1,077,785,814

Experience, appreciation the real winners**Tribal Community Gardens workers haul in awards at County Fair**

ADA, Okla. - A bounty of blue ribbons adorned colorful produce, flowers and crafts at the Chickasaw Community Gardens recently.

The ribbons - awarded to Community Gardens staff members at the Pontotoc County Free Fair - are recognition for hard work and a job well done.

Keeping with tradition, the staff submitted several entries to the county fair, said Thalia Miller, Community Garden Program Director. The fair was September 1-3 in Ada.

For their hard work, the judges awarded the group a total of 11 blue ribbons, 4 red ribbons and 3 white ribbons for the individual entries.

The staff, which includes adults and five year-round youth workers, took peppers, watermelon, a flower arrangement, pumpkins, onions, tomatoes, a bird house, hand-crafted table, spring and summer honey, and green peas from the garden to the fair.

Pies, cakes and cookies were also entered into the competition.

For her second year participating in the fair, youth worker Taylor Rice baked a caramel pecan pie and entered it in the open class category.

On her very first attempt at making a pie last year, the

16-year-old took home a third place ribbon and a bounty of confidence.

"It was the first pie I ever made and I didn't realize how hard it was to make a pie crust," she said. "I thought 'there is no way my pie is going to place' and it did. The judges told me if it would have cooked just a little longer, it would have been first place."

This year Taylor used a store-bought crust, and earned a second-place ribbon in the open class entries.

Her sights are now set on next year's competition.

"Next year I plan to make the same thing," she said, "but I will make the crust next year."

Taylor, an Ada High School junior, said spending the hot summer tending to the Community Garden has taught her a lot about leadership.

A second-year "year-round" worker, she now shows new summer youth workers the ins and outs of gardening.

She said the program also teaches vital life skills to Chickasaw youth.

"When I first started I didn't know how to sweep the floor," she said.

Besides toiling in the garden, workers take turns preparing lunch on a daily basis.

Each student worker is assigned a task, including pre-



Clockwise from left front are Michael Stevens, Jimmy Coody, Bradley Sticky, Tami Poe, Thalia Miller, Patty Daniels, David Correll, Lucky Weems, Taylor Rice, Bobby Price, Jason Wallace, Ervin Walton and Amber Coplen.

paring the food and setting the table. They learn to cook, set the table, wash dishes, and plan meals.

"We also learn manners and more about our culture," Taylor said.

Her favorite part of her job is enjoying the fruits of her labor.

"I love picking a vegetable and eating it, knowing I grew it from seed."

When the growing season begins, vegetable deliveries are made to the area senior sites and various Chickasaw Nation fundraising functions, where food is served.

Area offices also receive thousands of tomato, squash and pepper plants which are donated to Chickasaw families.

The general public can purchase the vegetables and vegetable plants at the Ada Farmer's Market during the summer months. The market is located on 12th Street and is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Or, you can see the entries at next year's Pontotoc County Fair; they will likely be adorned with blue ribbons.



Chickasaw Community Gardens worker Taylor Rice, 16, and her prize-winning caramel pecan pie.

About the Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens

The Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens is a mixture of both old traditions and cutting-edge technology. It is a program that not only guides youth but helps elders maintain the long-standing tradition of tending a garden.

The program began eight years ago on three acres as an

adult job training program. It has since blossomed to 250 acres, with 160 raised beds, two greenhouses, and several acres of traditional gardens.

For more information about the Community Gardens, contact Thalia Miller at (580) 559-0888.

Health At-Large case manager will assist

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on division of health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

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Reflections on an eventful life well-lived

Nonagenarian Chickasaw still heading off to work every day

Katherine McGuire is no stranger to hard work.

The 91-year-old Chickasaw citizen has an impeccable work ethic, forged over a lifetime of work experience.

Each week day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., she can be found working at the Chickasaw Nation Sulphur Area office.

When asked why she works 40 hours a week in her golden years, she answered, "I enjoy working. I would much rather being working than just sitting at the house."

She first learned to use a computer and a scanner in 2000, at the age of 81, and since that time has built upon her vast work experience.

Through the past several decades she has worked at the Murray County Court House, at grocery stores and variety stores and operated a café, among other jobs, in addition to raising four children.

During the past nine decades, she has experienced many situations, from the Great Depression of the 1930s to the renaissance of the Chickasaw Nation.

"I've seen a lot in my days and I have seen a lot of changes, too," she said.

Linda Williams, Sulphur Area office director, said Mrs. McGuire was truly an amazing person and an inspiration to the office staff.

"She has all the qualities of a true Chickasaw dynamic woman," Mrs. Williams said. "Her work ethic sets an example for all who work with her. Katherine's wonderful sense of humor and stories of the past are enjoyed by everyone."

Visiting with Mrs. McGuire is like turning the pages of history of Oklahoma, Murray County and the Chickasaw Nation.

She was born Jan. 5, 1919 and grew up on the outskirts of Davis, Okla. She can vividly remember the first time she saw an airplane fly over the house.

"We all ran out of the house to see it," she said, "like the scene in the 'Pearl' movie."

The house was located along Baseline Road, a gravel road that today is a paved four-lane state highway.

Her family named was

spelled Kaunauntubbee, but the spelling changed, she said, to Cunnintubby on the Dawes Rolls.

Her father Joe was a full-blood Chickasaw. Her mother Malinda, was not Native American.

"He could speak Chickasaw," Mrs. McGuire said. "His brother lived just across the way and they would get together every day and just talk, talk, talk in Chickasaw."

"My parents would never teach us the Chickasaw language. They said we had to live in the white man's world."

Although her immediate family spoke English, the rest of her father's family spoke Chickasaw.

"My full-blood Chickasaw cousins would come over and look at me and laugh and I knew they were talking about me," she chuckled.

She picked up a few Chickasaw words and phrases while growing up. She learned to say "oka sa bunna" when she wanted her grandmother to get her a drink of water from the dipper. As an adult, she has taken Chickasaw language classes to learn more about the tribal language.

Family Life

For 12 years she was the baby of the family until her brother Joe Jr. came along and joined the three sisters.

She fondly remembers her daddy, who was a farmer.

Pointing to a black and white photo of her father in her office, she said to this day she still stopped when she saw a Chickasaw man dressed the same way, thinking it may be him.

"Daddy was my pride and joy," she said. "I loved my daddy more than anything."

A strong Chickasaw man, her father showered his baby daughter with attention.

"Daddy would pick me up and dance me around the room when he got home, then he would put me down and say 'now I am not tired.'"



Katherine McGuire

She grew up on the east edge of Davis on her father's land, long before the area along the highway was developed.

"I never thought Davis would grow out that far, she said.

"Dad built mom a house out on the farm when they got married. It was \$876 from a kit. The house was two-bedroom, a kitchen and a large front porch."

The family was self-sustaining.

"Daddy made a big garden and he'd always make enough to feed us through the summer," she said. "Mom would can fruits and vegetables, but we didn't have a pressure cooker, so a lady would can with her on the halves."

Selling gravel also was an income-producer for the family.

Katherine married Lewis Hensley in July 1937. At the time, the couple made \$25 a week and paid \$3.75 a week for a rent house. The family expanded when Melva, a daughter, arrived July 9, 1938.

Six months later, the new family settled in a two-room house halfway between Sulphur and Davis, near Midway Hill.

"We bought housekeeping stuff, a stove, a coffee pot, two cooking pots, a skillet and other items for our home for \$50."

She remembers that first home as drafty. The couple had to be resourceful to keep it cozy.

"That was the coldest house," she said. "We took boxes, wallpaper and other things and

lined the walls to keep warm."

The Depression hit hard and Lewis couldn't get a job. Finally, the government's Works Progress Administration program gave him a job that paid \$30 a month. Lewis walked to his job everyday.

"He had to leave early in the morning and walk to wherever they were working that day," she said.

Then, they bought a car.

"You wouldn't call it a car today," she chuckled as she recalled a story about having a flat on the car and lacing up the tire, because replacing the tire was too expensive.

Feeding the family in the height of the Depression was challenging, too.

"We ate a lot of beans and a lot of soup," she said. "We couldn't buy meat, we couldn't afford it. We raised one hog and a few chickens while we lived there."

The quest to farm led to moves around Oklahoma, including Geronimo, and eastern Oklahoma.

Looking for opportunity, the family made a move to California and two more children arrived, for a total of four, Marilyn, Billy, Sandra and Melva.

When her youngest child was a toddler, Mrs. McGuire went to work at a variety store and later a grocery store while raising her children.

Back to Oklahoma

In 1955 the family moved to Mill Creek, Okla., and then back to California again shortly thereafter.

Then in 1959 the family settled southeast of Mill Creek, along old Highway 7.

It was there the family bought a grocery store in Mill Creek and then Leo's Café was added to the mix.

Mrs. McGuire ran both businesses.

She later sold the grocery store and soon after that spent five weeks in the local hospital

suffering from pneumonia.

When she recovered, she went to work for a dime store in Sulphur for 85 cents an hour, but later got a raise to \$1.50 an hour since she did such a good job.

She worked at the dime store until she got a job as a cashier at Sulphur Sooner's Grocery store. She worked there for 15 years until the store was struck by lightning in the 1980s and burned down.

"I was ready to go to work that day, and my husband came home and said you can't go to work today, the store is gone," she said. "I thought he was teasing."

The family moved to Sulphur in 1975.

About 1985, she started work at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Site, where she performed many duties, including making Indian Tacos.

A few years later, she worked at the Murray County Court House, where she learned to use a computer for the first time.

Following 51 years of marriage, Lewis Hensley died in 1988.

When she is not working, she loves spending time with her family. She cooked and hosted Christmas dinner at her house up until two years ago. She also enjoys going to church, playing dominoes and being a member of the Red Hat Society, an organization of women who meet for tea or lunch wearing red hats and purple dresses.

"I also try to keep up my yard, but I get help, now."

She participates in Chickasaw Elder's trips to various places, such as the homelands, and attended Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp last May.

One thing is sure: she loves working with her tribe.

"I am going to keep working as long as I can."

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'Proud to be Chickasaw'

Katherine McGuire is the subject of a Mike Larsen painting in the Proud to be Chickasaw portrait series.

The Portraits of the Elders are currently on display at the Aatifama Room at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

"I am really proud. Later on, when I am gone my family can bring my great-great grand kids to see my portrait," McGuire said.

Chickasaw memorializes late grandfather with artwork

Mary Ruth Barnes was meant to paint the "Flight of Hope."

The watercolor painting, depicting an American paint horse with butterfly wings, is one of the seven artworks featured on the cover of the new American Cancer Society Circle of Life calendar journal.

The painting symbolizes her late grandfather Harry McSwain's "feelings and thoughts about his horse 'hatuhlpushik,' which means butterfly in Chickasaw," said the 63-year-old Chickasaw artist.

Mr. McSwain died of leukemia when she was six years old.

She said she remembers him saying "don't worry about me because I am going to ride off on butterfly to heaven."

Mrs. Barnes' mother June McSwain Scott was also diagnosed with leukemia. She is 92.

Coincidentally, the symbol for leukemia is a monarch butterfly.

The discovery gave her "goosebumps and I knew this was something I was meant to do," Mrs. Barnes said.

She painted the "Flight of Hope" along with "Faith" and "Trail of Hope" for an Ameri-

can Cancer Society art contest for Native American artists.

"Flight of Hope" is also displayed in the surgery waiting room on the second floor of the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla. "Faith" is featured on the notes section of the calendar journal. The journal is available for purchase at www.cancer.org or by calling 1-800-227-2345.

Mrs. Barnes also received a commendation plaque from the Cancer Society for her "artistic contributions to creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays."

"I was very honored for the privilege and the opportunity to do a little bit to help in this fight against cancer," she said.

Mrs. Barnes is also working on a logo for the Circle of Life program. The program is part of the American Cancer Society and trains Native American and Alaska Native women to contact family and friends about the importance of having regular mammograms.

In the logo, she depicts "Chickasaw people in all four seasons," she said.

Mrs. Barnes said her inspiration comes from her ancestors,

who told stories and also painted pictures of the stories.

Like her ancestors, she wants to tell stories through her artwork and sees herself as an illustrator more than a painter.

"I try to paint so that people see within my painting a story, not just an image," she said. "If I can paint it and even tell the story with the painting, it means so much more."

She also encouraged "young Chickasaw people to subscribe to their talents."

Mrs. Barnes and her husband Mike live in a ranch south of Ada, where they raise American paint horses and give riding lessons. They have two sons Wiley and Selby. Wiley is a Chickasaw Nation Division of Communication, Community and Media Development employee and Selby works for the Harmony Sporthorses in Kiowa, Colo.

Mrs. Barnes is the director of planned giving for the American Cancer Society regions of Oklahoma and southwest Missouri. She is also very active in the Ada community through the Ada Chamber of Commerce and Ada Rotary. She is past president of Ada's Business and



Mary Ruth Barnes with the American Cancer Society commendation plaque at the surgery waiting room at new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla. Photo by Sharmina Manandhar.

Professional Women, where she received BPW's Women of the Year Award in 2006. She has also served on her church board, Rotary board, executive

board of Boys Scouts of America and executive board of Ada Arts Council.

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About the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization.

It is dedicated to eliminating cancer by preventing cancer,

saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information, visit www.cancer.org.

'Injunuity' nominated for music awards

Injunuity, an award winning Native American rock band that includes a Chickasaw musician, has been nominated for three prestigious national awards.

The Ada-based band is nominated for three Native American Music Awards (NAMMYS) for its new album "Fight For Survival" in the Best Duo or Group of the Year, Best Instrumental Recording of the Year and Songwriters of the Year categories.

Public voting is now open for the NAMMY awards at www.votena-tive.com. Once registered to the NAMA website, voters can listen to the nominees and vote for their favorite artists in several categories.

"We want you all to check out all the bands and per-

formers who were nominated and help the best win by casting your vote," said Injunuity band member Jeff Carpenter.



Public voting began last month. Award winners are selected by a combined vote by the NAMA national membership and the general public.

The 12th annual NAMMY award winners will be an-

nounced in Niagara Falls, N.Y., Nov. 12.

Injunuity band members are and Jeff Carpenter, a Chickasaw, and Brad Clonch, Mississippi Choctaw.

The new album features native flute, acoustic and electric guitar, drums, piano, string orchestra, and a brass horn section.

Injunuity won a NAMMY in 2008 for its debut EP "Unconquered."

The band, formed in 2007, primarily composes its own songs, described as a "combination of traditional and modern themes."

For more information about Injunuity, visit www.injunuity.net.

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Chickasaw girl commits her birthday to books for young patients at Children's Hospital

J. Marcum, a 13-year-old Chickasaw student from Norman, Okla., gets joy from giving to others.

During the past three years her birthday celebration has become an event to gather books and toys for less fortunate and sick children.

"I started it because during the year I get a lot of stuff from people and my grandparents," J. said. "I can make a difference and maybe influence others to do the same thing."

This year, at the Third Annual J. Marcum Philanthropic Birthday Celebration, J. and her friends contributed almost 300 books to children receiving care at Children's Hospital through the University of Oklahoma Children's Physicians Building Clinics and the "Reach Out and Read" Program. The party was conducted in Janu-



Chickasaw J. Marcum, center, is honored during an NBA Oklahoma City Thunder game as "Hero of the Month" for her philanthropic efforts. She is joined by representatives from the Thunder and Devon Energy and Rumble, the Thunder mascot. The award was presented in March of this year.

ary at the Blazer Ice Center.

"I like to read, that's why we decided to give books."

For her generous efforts, J. was honored by the National Basketball Association's Oklahoma City Thunder and Devon

Energy as "Hero for the Month" last spring.

During the half-time show at a March game, J. was joined by Rumble, the Thunder mascot, and Devon and Thunder representatives at center court for

the award.

"We were given tickets and box seats and got to go on the court, she said.

"I was very nervous and it was an honor for it to be given to me."

She now keeps the award on a shelf in her room.

The Devon Community Hero Award, presented by the Thunder, honors outstanding Oklahomans who are making a significant difference in their community through their personal contributions of time, talent or finances.

Her friends are even picking up on the generosity, telling J. they want to follow her lead and have similar birthday giving efforts.

"We are a lucky family and we don't have a lot of health problems so I decided to give back to children who need help

more than me," said J.

J., 13, attends Whittier Middle School in Norman and plays soccer.

Her future plans include going to New York and working as a Creative Director for Vogue magazine.

"I read Vogue every month," she said.

She is proud to be a Chickasaw.

"The Chickasaw Nation is really supportive of its citizens," J. said. "Every time someone gets straight A's, they reward them. I am also really proud of all the new openings and events, such as the new Cultural Center and the Hall of Fame."

As for her annual birthday party: "I plan to do it next year."

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17-year-old credits Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy

Young Chickasaw composer takes second prize at Project 21 music competition



Dylan Bennett

Dylan Bennett was "not expecting to win at all."

The young Chickasaw composer said he felt "overwhelming joy" when he found out that his composition "Holchifo Ki'yo" was selected Second Prize winner of the inaugural Project 21 Prize for Music Composition competition.

"It feels really great," 17-year-old said Dylan said.

"Holchifo Ki'yo," which means "No Name," is a slow string quartet piece featuring a cello, two violins and a viola.

"Holchifo Ki'yo" will be performed during the 2010-2011 concert season of Project 21: Music for the 21st Century at the Bass School of Music at Oklahoma City University.

The piece, along with another of Dylan's original works "The Seven Seas," is featured in the recently released music CD OSHTALI ("divided into four parts.")

The 16-song album, co-produced by Alan Bise, Producer/Owner of Thunderbird Records, showcases the contemporary classical music of Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy students and features the Grammy-nominated string quartet, ETHEL.

Dylan studied music composition at the Arts Academy from 2008 to 2010 under Chickasaw composer-in-residence Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate.

He described the Arts Academy as the "door opening to my musical career" and said

he feels "more inspired at the Academy."

Dylan is the son of Daniel and Sherri Bennett and Angelique Colbert.

A senior at Norman North High School, he is a member of the elite symphony orchestra and plays the viola and cello.

Dylan also works at a clothing store and a pizzeria.

Despite his busy schedule, he always makes sure to keep his grades up.

"I learned about managing time from my parents," he said. "This is something I was taught as a kid."

He plans to study classical composition at University of Oklahoma and ultimately wants to compose film scores.

About Chickasaw Summer

Arts Academy:

The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy is the only fine arts academy in the nation sponsored by a Native American tribe. The unique two-week academy provides an opportunity for Chickasaw and American Indian students, ages eight to 19, from all over the nation to gain valuable experience from highly qualified and professional instructors in ten disciplines - vocal music, textile design, video production,

theatre tech, dance, theatre, visual arts 2-dimensional, creative writing, music composition and visual arts 3-dimensional. The admission process for the Arts Academy begins each spring. For more information about the academy and the application process, visit www.chickasaw.net or contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580)272-5520.

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About Project 21: Music for the 21st Century

Project 21 is the group of students involved in the music composition department of Oklahoma City University.

The students receive a strong technical grounding and are encouraged to write

for a variety of ensembles and mediums including orchestra, chamber, musical theater, dance and multimedia.

For more information, visit <http://www.project21composers.com/index.php>.

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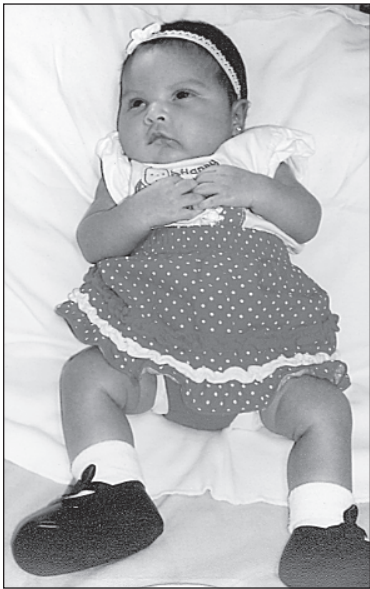
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BIRTHS



Kynleigh Ava Brock

Kynleigh Ava Brock was born July 16, 2010 at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada, Okla. Kynleigh weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz., and measured 21 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Tyler and Kathy Brock.

She is the granddaughter of Eddie Ray and Hiawthia Hill both deceased, and Jimmy and Clarice Brock.

Elisa Geneva Gomez

Elisa Geneva Gomez was born August 6, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Francine Franco and Jose Gomez, of Mesquite, Texas. She joins two brothers, Johnathan and Francisco Gomez, of Mesquite.

Elisa is the granddaughter of Geneva and W.G. Franco, of Dallas. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Mitchell and Adeline Brown, of Wapanucka, Okla.

Elisa is welcomed by a great big family of many aunts, uncles, cousins and great-aunts and uncles.

We love you, our Little Sunshine!



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*.



Sidka Cornell Tahbooahnippah

Sidka Cornell Tahbooahnippah was born at 10:16 a.m., September 14, 2010 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence, Kan. He weighed 9 lb., and measured 21 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Tasheena Tyson and Mikey Tahbooahnippah.

Proud grandma and step-papa is Janice and Lester Bozeman, of Lawrence.

He is welcomed by lots of aunts and uncles and lots of lots of cousins.

Underwoods celebrate 50 years of marriage



Billie L and Carolyn A. Underwood.

Chickasaw citizen Billie L. Underwood and his wife Carolyn A. Underwood celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 27.

The celebration was at the Midwest City (OK) Community Center with 65 people in attendance to share in the celebra-

tion as the couple danced to Garth Brooks song, "If Tomorrow Never Comes."

The couple were married August 27, 1960 at Spencer Baptist Church, Spencer, Okla.

The Underwoods currently reside in Spencer.

BIRTHDAY



Olivia Maggie Worcester

Olivia Maggie Worcester will celebrate her first birthday October 7, 2010. She is the daughter of Michael Kane and Reichelle Worcester.

Happy 1st Birthday Olivia! We love you!



Ian Connor Reynolds

Ian Connor Reynolds celebrated his first birthday September 8, 2010. This is a very special celebration for Ian and his family. At two weeks of age he was transferred from the Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma, Durant, to The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center, Oklahoma City, where a Picc Line was surgically placed in his heart for a month after being diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. Today Ian is happy and healthy. He is a true blessing to everyone who knows him.

Ian is the son of Cody and Kellie Reynolds.

He is the grandson of Luther and Judy John, Tracy Reynolds and Robert and Danette Reynolds. He has a sister, Kambree.

Happy 1st Birthday Ian! We love you so much!



Jeremiah Daylon Worcester

Jeremiah Daylon Worcester will celebrate his seventh birthday October 11, 2010. He is the son of Roy and Dinah Worcester.

Happy 7th Birthday Jeremiah! Dad and Mom love you so much!



DaRayvion Jermaine Barber

DaRayvion Jermaine Barber will celebrate his sixth birthday October 30.

He is the son of Tyson and Jermaine Barber, of Arlington, Texas.

He is the grandson of Shirley Kelly, of Midland, Texas.

He enjoys playing basketball and football and entertaining his little sister KiMora.

He has suggested that his birthday celebration be at Chuck E. Cheese with a Buzz Light Year theme.

Congratulations to mama's big man. We hope you enjoy your day!

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

Thomas Hardin graduates from West Point



2nd Lt. Thomas Hardin

WEST POINT, N.Y. - U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Thomas Abram Hardin, a Chickasaw, received his commission following his graduation May 22 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

2nd Lt. Hardin concentrated his studies on civil engineering while at West Point. He was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for three semesters.

2nd Lt. Hardin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hardin,



Attending the graduation of Cadet Thomas Hardin from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., are, from left, Evelyn Coleman, Martin Coleman, Lucille Coleman, Janene Shipp, Jerry Coleman, Emily Coleman, Molly Coleman (holding cadet hat), Irene Hardin, Cadet Hardin, William Coleman, Carol Hardin, Joyce Coleman, Tommy Hardin and Timothy Hardin. Not pictured is Rickey Coleman.

of Madill, Okla.

He is the grandson of Jerry and Lucille Coleman and Irene Hardin, all of Madill, and the late Clayton Hardin.

He has one brother, Timothy, of Madill.

2nd Lt. Hardin's Chickasaw

lineage includes his grandmother, Lucille Ayres Coleman, his great-grandmother, Nellie Bynum Ayres, and his great-great-grandfather, original enrollee Joe Bynum.

Tribal Community Health Representatives learn about relationship-driven care; honor Lou Perry



Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives at the CHR National Education Conference. Pictured from left, Carol Fox, Linda Underwood, Beverly Reynen, Cheryl Willis, Misty Howell, JoAnna Mac Collister and Michele McSwain. Not shown Brenda Bradley, Don Burkhart, Sandra Rice, Michael Imotichey, Resenda Lopez and Tajuana Walton.

PHOENIX - Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives recently attended the CHR National Education Conference hosted by the U.S. Indian Health Service in Phoenix.

"Sources of Strength: Relationship-Driven Health Care" was the theme for the three-

day conference.

CHRs attended motivational sessions, and other classes on a wide range of topics.

They were able to honor the late Lou Perry for all of the contributions she made to the Chickasaw Nation CHR program.

Recognized by International Economic Development Council

Gov. Anoatubby presented Leadership Award for economic work

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, was awarded the Leadership Award for Public Service by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), for his outstanding dedication to economic development in the public sector.

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Monday, September 27 during the IEDC Annual Conference, in Columbus.

"The Leadership Award for Public Service honors an elected official who has served as an indefatigable champion for economic development for at least 10 years in the public sector, and Gov. Anoatubby - much to the benefit of the communities he has served - is the very embodiment of just such a person," said William Best, IEDC chair.

First elected as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation in 1987, Gov. Anoatubby is cur-

rently serving his sixth term. When he first took office, the Chickasaw Nation had 250 employees and an \$11 million annual budget. Today, there are 11,500 employees and capital outlays of more than \$750 million annually. Radio stations, a chocolate factory, a natural gas station, and the construction of a \$147 million hospital are just a few of the projects that have emerged under Governor Anoatubby's leadership. He also created a tribally-owned corporation that, in late 2009, purchased Remington Park - a racetrack and casino in Oklahoma City.

Partnerships with the University of Oklahoma, Murray State College, East Central University and Southeastern Oklahoma State University have proven to be quite dynamic. Teamwork between the Chickasaw Nation and these institutions include the creation of a Native American Studies program, improve-



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

ments in sports and recreation facilities and an endowed chair in diabetes research.

Governor Anoatubby's leadership has resulted in the Chickasaw Nation becoming one of the first tribal governments in the United States to be certified as an A-102 tribe, a designation that carries superior ratings for

management and fiscal controls. The tribe's economic self-sufficiency has made it easier for the government to provide for citizens without relying on federal funds.

Governor Anoatubby's civic involvement includes serving on the boards of Integris Health, Inc., Oklahoma Heritage Association, Oklahoma State Fair Inc., Leadership Oklahoma, Federal Reserve Board of Directors Oklahoma City Branch, Oklahoma Business Roundtable, Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce, American Indian Graduate Center and the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. He is also chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority and a member of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes and the Arkansas Riverbed Authority.

Because of his undying mission to create a diversified economy and a better life for

the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, IEDC is honored to bestow the Leadership for Public Service Award upon Governor Bill Anoatubby.

The International Economic Development Council is the premier membership organization dedicated to helping economic development professionals create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions.

Serving more than 4,500 members, IEDC represents the largest network of economic development professionals in the world. IEDC provides a diverse range of services, including conferences, certification, professional development, publications, research, advisory services and legislative tracking.

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Tribe, Cybex partner for 'Pink Ribbon Run' to fight breast cancer

Chickasaw Nation Wellness Centers in Ada and Ardmore, Okla., have once again partnered with Cybex International, Inc., for the Pink Ribbon Run.

In support of National Breast Cancer Awareness month, Cybex will donate 10 cents per mile to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation for every mile logged in October on the pink 750T Cybex treadmills at the Ada and Ardmore Wellness Centers.

Kathie Johnson, a Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development employee, has personal reasons to support the cause.

Her mother died of breast cancer seven years ago. Around the same time the pink treadmill was introduced at the Center last year, her close friend Colene Alexander was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her co-worker and Housing Management Services Director Terry Davis is a breast cancer survivor.

"These three prompted me to get on it," said the 59-year-old.

She walked about two miles a day for three days a week on the pink treadmill last October in Ada.

"This is a small thing I can do to help and I am proud of it," said the Lula, Okla., resident.

When asked if she would do it again this year, Mrs. Johnson promptly replied, "Of course. Absolutely."

Breast Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer, according to the Research Foundation.

"This project provides a great opportunity for people to become personally involved in the fight against breast cancer," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This endeavor not only raises money for research, but also raises awareness of the important role exercise plays in preventing the disease."

Paul Juris, Ed.D, executive

director of the Cybex Institute, explained the connection.

"Although the positive effects of exercise have long been known to reduce obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart disease, less well-known is that exercise can reduce the risk of breast cancer," said Dr. Juris. "Data supports women of any age can reduce their breast cancer risk up to 23 percent with six or more hours a week of moderate exercise."

Last year, about 563 miles were logged on the pink treadmill in Ada and 352 miles were logged on in Ardmore.

The Ada Wellness Center is located at 229 West Seabrook Road. The Ardmore Center is located at 911 Locust Street, N.W.

The Centers provide education, mentoring, monitoring, incentives and access to activities to promote exercise, nutrition and overall improved health.

The Wellness Centers are free to Chickasaw citizens, tribal

employees and their immediate families and is open to the general public for a fee.

They are open Monday through Thursday from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday

About Cybex

Cybex International, Inc., is a leading manufacturer of premium exercise equipment for commercial and consumer use. The Cybex product line includes a full range of both strength training and cardio training machines sold world-

wide in over 85 countries.

Products are designed and engineered using exercise science to reflect the natural movement of the human body. For more information, visit www.cybexintl.com.

For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net or call (580) 310-9661 (Ada) or (580) 222-2828 (Ardmore).

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About The Breast Cancer Research Foundation

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to preventing breast cancer and finding a cure by funding clinical and translational research worldwide. A minimum of 85 cents of each

dollar donated to the Foundation goes directly to breast cancer research and awareness programs. For more information, visit www.bcrfcure.org or call 1-866-FIND-A-CURE.

Mike Wingo in Men of Oklahoma calendar

Chickasaw man featured following work for breast cancer awareness

A Chickasaw citizen and tribal employee was recently recognized for his contributions toward breast cancer awareness.

Mike Wingo, customer service coordinator for the Division of Housing and Tribal Development, is one of the several men featured in the 2010 Men of Oklahoma calendar.

The calendar is an official project of the Central Oklahoma affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Foundation. All the proceeds from the calendar sales go to the Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. The featured men are local executives, students, health care professionals and others, who want to raise money to find a cure because their families, friends and co-workers have been affected by breast cancer, according to the calendar's website.

For the calendar, Mr. Wingo is pictured with his 12-year-old son Cooper Ashton Wingo.

Mr. Wingo has been involved in the fight against breast cancer since April 2002, when he first volunteered at the Foun-



From left, Rachel Scambray, Mike Wingo and Sarina Holborn at the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation's 3-day for the Cure event in Seattle in 2007.

dation's three-day for the Cure event. The 60-mile walk raises awareness and funds for breast cancer research.

"I got involved for personal

reasons," he said. "I was at the point in my life where I needed to do something positive."

Last year, events in Dallas and Washington, D.C., raised

almost \$13 million.

Mr. Wingo will be volunteering at his ninth three-day for the Cure in Dallas in November.

Since his involvement, Mr. Wingo said he has "met and become close to dozens of women and men fighting breast cancer."

"We are making great strides in finding new treatments and medications," he said. "But there are still women and men dying, so we must strive to do even more."

Mr. Wingo will also be participating at the Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure event Saturday, Oct. 9 in Oklahoma City. The calendar, featuring Mr. Wingo, will be available for sale during the event.

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About Susan G. Komen For the Cure Foundation

The Komen Foundation is a nonprofit organization that funds breast cancer research and educates women about breast health, screening and treatment.

Health screening, prescription disposal during National Pharmacy Week

The Chickasaw Nation will celebrate National Pharmacy Week Oct. 18 through Oct. 22 with several activities to increase awareness about the services pharmacists provide to enhance patient care.

Among the planned activities by the Pharmacy Department at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, is an Open House for all Chickasaw Nation Division of Health employees Monday, Oct. 18. Employees will be able to familiarize themselves with pharmacy staff and the department's method of operation. They will also get an opportunity to witness the entire journey a medication order takes, from entry into the com-

puter system to exiting out for patient care.

Free blood pressure screenings will be conducted Tuesday, Oct. 19 and a board listing the various inpatient and outpatient services Pharmacy provides will be displayed at the Medical Center Café Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Patients will have the opportunity to bring in their old and expired prescriptions for disposal and sit down with the pharmacists to talk about their medication on Thursday, Oct. 21. Proper use of injectable medicine and inhalers will be demonstrated Friday, Oct. 22.

In addition, the department will also offer free patient edu-

cation handouts throughout the week.

The Pharmacy features state-of-the-art automated equipment and three drive-through lanes for more convenience.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is located at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd. in Ada, Okla.

To be eligible for pharmacy services, patients must have a CDIB or citizenship card from a federally recognized tribe. Prescriptions must be written by a Division of Health provider.

For more information, please call (580) 436-3980 or (580) 421-4569.

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National Pharmacy Week Oct. 18 – Oct. 22

Monday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Open House for all CNDH employees
Inpatient and Outpatient Pharmacy Departments

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Blood Pressure Screenings
Green Room

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Pharmacy board displayed at CNMC Café

Thursday, Oct. 21, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Brown bag medication reconciliation
Green Room

Friday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Instructional "How-To's" for Inhalers
Green Room

Chickasaw Nation WIC program to introduce convenient EBT cards

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is introducing a simple and convenient way for the families to enjoy WIC benefits.

This October, families will be issued the first online WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards in Oklahoma, which allow them to buy as little or as much of their WIC foods as they want with each trip to the store. At most stores, the families will not have to separate their WIC foods, creating a more enjoyable shopping experience for the family.

The EBT card works just like a debit or credit card and replaces the traditional WIC check or voucher. At the end of the transaction, a receipt is printed with information about remaining WIC food benefit balance.

"The new system saves time and reduces stress at the grocery checkout," said Nutrition Services Director Melinda Newport.

Also coming this October is the toll-free customer service line to help the families with any questions or problems regarding their WIC EBT cards. Customers will be able to get help 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week if:



Receptionist Gwendolyn Burris hangs the new WIC EBT card sign at the Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinic located at 1007 N. Country Club Road in Ada, Okla., Aug. 20. Photo by Sharmina Manandhar.

- Their card is lost or stolen
- The card is not working
- They forgot their PIN or want to change it
- They need to know their WIC food benefit balance

For more information, please contact the Nutrition Services Department at (580) 436-7255 or toll free number 1-888-436-7255.

About Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC):

The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is a program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture. It provides nutrition edu-

cation as well as supplemental food package for the proper development of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five. 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. 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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Tribal WIC program offers nutritious foods, education to women, children

The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is a nutrition program offered by the Chickasaw Nation. WIC Clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan.

WIC is designed to assist in meeting the health and nutrition needs of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five. The WIC Program offers nutrition education to teach families about nutritious choices, along with a supplemental food package high in protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C. The WIC Program helps people improve their diet, get immunizations and health care if needed and promotes breastfeeding as the best method for the infants.

To participate in the Chickasaw Nation WIC Program you must:

Be a pregnant or breastfeeding woman, or have had a baby in the past six month, or have a child up to five years of age.

Meet income guidelines.

Have a nutritional screening at the WIC office to see if you are at nutritional risk.

Homeless persons are served immediately upon request if the above criteria are met. Standards of participation in the program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

The WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, whole grains, fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables, canned fish and peanut butter or beans/peas. Infant foods are provided and formula for infants if needed. Enhanced food packages are offered to breastfeeding women. WIC has Peer Counselors available to assist mothers who choose to breastfeed in having a successful experience. Electric breast pumps are available for use by WIC participants Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan, Purcell and at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

In the summer months the Chickasaw Nation WIC participants are eligible for Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation WIC program, please call (580) 436-7255. WIC has a toll free number for your convenience. The toll free number is 1-888-436-7255.

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Division of Health offering classes for those ready to kick the habit

Want to quit smoking? Help is available.

Chickasaw Nation Division of Health is offering a series of free tobacco cessation classes to assist patients and tribal employees in the transition into a tobacco-free environment.

All Division of Health campuses became tobacco free May 2009 in an effort to provide a healthy, smoke free environment for employees, patients and visitors.

The classes provide basic information about tobacco abuse, problem solving skills and social support. The hour long classes begin 5:30 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation

Medical Center Behavioral Health Group room. Participants meet four times, every two weeks for two months and are encouraged to bring their spouses for support or to help them stop using tobacco.

Below are the established class dates.

Oct. 4 - Nov. 15

Jan. 3 - Feb. 14

Feb. 28 - April 11

April 25 - June 6

June 20 - Aug. 8

Aug. 22 - Sept. 26

For more information, contact Christie Byars at 580-421-4592 or Christie.Byars@chickasaw.net.

Additional help is available

through the following tools:
Nicotine Replacement Therapies

Chickasaw citizens can access nicotine replacement therapies through the MAPS program. Please contact your regular health care provider to set up an appointment to discuss nicotine replacement therapies and availability.

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Oklahoma Quitline

The Oklahoma 1-800-QUIT-NOW is also available to anyone and offers one-on-one coaching, specialized materials and referrals to community resources.

Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program announces classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington

Oct. 5: 10 a.m. and noon

Oct. 7: 10 a.m. and noon

Oct. 19: 10 a.m. and noon

Oct. 21: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 2: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 4: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 16: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 18: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook

Oct. 6: 10 a.m. and noon

Oct. 20: 10 a.m. and noon

Oct. 21: 6 p.m.

Nov. 3: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 17: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 18: 6 p.m.

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

Oct. 5: 10 a.m. and noon

Oct. 6: 10 a.m. and noon

Oct. 19: 10 a.m. and noon

Oct. 20: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 2: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 3: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 16: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 18: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

Oct. 5: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

Oct. 7: 10 a.m. and noon

Oct. 19: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

Oct. 21: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 2: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

Nov. 4: 10 a.m. and noon

Nov. 16: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

Nov. 18: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family! Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day! Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability.

Full-time positions open at Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has full-time openings within the tribal boundaries for **Physicians in the following specialties:**

- Emergency Department, Ada
- Outpatient Internal Medicine, Ada
- Pediatrician, Ada
- General Dentist, Ada
- Psychiatrist, Ada
- Hospitalist, Ada
- Family Practice, Tishomingo

Other openings include:

- Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Ada, Durant and Tishomingo

For details on any of the professional positions, please contact:

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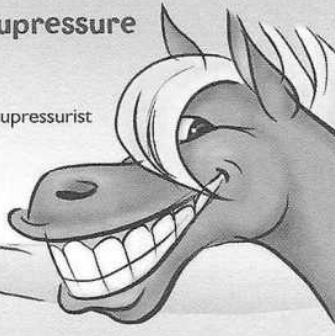
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Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students kick off year with 'Back 2 School Bash'



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students from left, Suzy Hannah, Morgan Rudd, Stephanie Trejo, Natalie Hook.

On September 18, the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound kicked off its 2010-2011 academic year with the annual "Back 2 School Bash."

The afternoon commenced with a visit to the recently-opened Chickasaw Cultural Center. Upon arrival, the students began with a film presentation in the Anoli' Theater that captured a behind-the-scenes look at the Cultural Center. The film illustrated the countless

hours of work invested into making it a reality.

Following the film, Stephanie Scott and Alanah Reed provided a guided tour of the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center, the Chickasaw Traditional Village, and the Honor Garden.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound staff has busied itself with recruiting new students. Upward Bound serves 157 students from the following schools: Rush Springs, Bray,



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students visit the Honor Garden at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Velma, Fox, Ringling, Ryan, Wayne, Roff, Davis, Mill Creek, Springer, Madill, Wapanucka, Milburn, Tishomingo, Wilson, Marietta and Thackerville.

If you know of a student in the 9th or 10th grade who is interested in joining, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound office at (580) 371-9903 or the Chickasaw Foundation office at (580) 421-9030 for additional information.

Chickasaw Foundation announces 2011 T-Ball Tournament



The Chickasaw Foundation will host the 4th annual t-ball tournament in spring 2011. All local teams are invited to participate.

If you are interested in entering your team or becoming a sponsor for the tournament, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9031.

Chickasaw Foundation seeking donations of Native artwork

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 19, 2010. This reception is held annually to recognize donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the foundation and its scholarship program. In 2007 we established the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance).

If you are interested in mak-

ing a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bounds students from left, Brandon Elmore, Matt Grover, James Applin.

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Secretary of War Henry Knox valued republican ideals, stature of Indian tribes; sold Washington on reasonable Indian policy

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Henry Knox is not one of the better known “band of brothers” from the Revolutionary War period. He was an officer in the Continental Army and then one of General George Washington’s chief advisors in the American Revolutionary War.

But it’s what he did almost twenty years later that should increase his stature among Americans, especially in Indian country. As President Washington’s Secretary of War, Knox in 1789 devised a new Indian policy that he believed would promote peace between the fledgling United States and the tribes east of the Mississippi River. Then Knox persuaded Washington to approve the policy, which they both believed lived up to the republican principles for which the war against Great Britain had been fought.

I was unaware of this policy until I read American Creation by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Joseph Ellis. In fact, I put George Washington pretty much in the same category as his successors through Andrew Jackson in their willingness to move Indian tribes aside to accommodate Americans heading west.

But in his chapter titled “The Treaty,” Ellis writes a history considerably more complicated, with a nuanced account of what Washington and Knox tried to accomplish for Native Americans and for America.

Background

At the end of the war, the majority of Americans probably would have favored opening up the western frontier by any means necessary. As one American military official wrote, “We claim the territory by conquest; and are to give, not to receive.” This remark ignores the “inconvenient” truth that Indians had been living on the land for centuries. Even so, Ellis writes that no Indian tribes were invited to participate in the 1783 Treaty of Paris, which formally ended the Revolutionary War with Britain recognizing the independence of the United States and fixing American boundaries.

The forerunner of the Constitution, the Articles of Confederation, gave Congress the right to control Indian affairs but no power to compel the individual states to provide money and troops necessary for enforcement. In reality, then, individual states were free to make treaties with tribes.

When Piomingo and the Chickasaws couldn’t get a satisfactory alliance with the Continental Congress in 1783, six years before Washington became the first president, the tribe and the state of Virginia negotiated a treaty establishing an alliance whereby Virginia agreed to help keep intruders off Chickasaw land. In return, Virginia officials were hoping for a land cession but it didn’t happen.

Simultaneously, Spain was making a serious bid to make alliances with Southeastern tribes, including Chickasaws, to expand its empire over the lower Mississippi Valley. Sensing urgency, American officials met Piomingo and the Chickasaws at Hopewell, South Carolina, and negotiated the Treaty of Hopewell, which fixed and “guaranteed” the Chickasaw homeland boundaries in return for the Chickasaws accepting the Americans as their sole protector and colonial trading partner.

The Americans made similar treaties at Hopewell with the Choctaws and Cherokees, and one of the latter tribe addressed the Americans in poignant language: “We are neither birds nor fish; we can neither fly in the air nor live under the water; therefore, we

hope that pity will be extended on us. We are made by the same hand and in the same shape with yourselves.”

Despite the solemn nature of these treaties on the part of the Americans, one of the American commissioners, Benjamin Hawkins, clearly understood the toothless nature of the Hopewell treaties. To that end, he wrote in 1786 to Thomas Jefferson that the architects of American Indian policy would have a lot of explaining to do for their treatment of Indians when they reached Judgment Day.

Henry Knox Letter

After the ratification of the new Constitution and Washington’s election to the presidency in 1789, Washington received a letter from his recently named secretary of war, Henry Knox, saying that the administration’s Indian policy needed to be “clarified.” Knox offered four key points for the president’s consideration.

First, Indian tribes should be considered foreign nations, not subjects of the various states. And he wrote that jurisdiction was given to the federal government by Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, authorizing Congress to regulate commerce with Indian tribes.

Second, Knox argued against the popular “conquest theory,” which held that all tribes east of the Mississippi were “tenants at will.” He told Washington that this view was a “gross violation of the republican principles” that they had fought for in the Revolutionary War. “It would reflect honor on the new government,” Knox wrote, if a new law were to be passed guaranteeing Indians their land and “that they are not to be divested thereof but in consequence of fair and bona fide purchases, made under the authority of the United States.”

Third, Knox reminded Washington of his legacy. As the chief symbol and custodian of the revolutionary legacy, his own place in history would be influenced by how his administration dealt with the Indians. Knox argued that the conquest theory violated republican principles and that a genuine republic couldn’t function in the manner of European empires. Moreover, permitting a mushrooming American population to displace the tribes on their land (demographic strategy of removal) was still imperialism.

The fourth consideration was economic. Known as a pragmatic adviser to Washington during the war, Knox told the President that outright confiscation of Indian land could precipitate Indian wars that would cost the U.S. the prohibitive sum of some \$15 million a year even if they could raise the troops. Even so, Knox emphasized that moral considerations were paramount; that injustice toward Indians would “stain the character of the nation” beyond all economic considerations.

George Washington’s Indian Policy

Ultimately, Knox sold Washington, and by virtue of being president, the policy became attached to him and his popularity, prestige and power. Ellis doesn’t know whether the primary impact on Washington was moral, economic or his reputation in history. But, he wrote that Knox offered a case “where ideals and interests coincided.”

Ellis, a professor of history at Mount Holyoke College, doesn’t speculate about Washington’s own feelings prior to Knox’s arguments. But Ellis hints that Washington must have been sympathetic to have

given his war secretary and Indian policy so much attention while he was engaged in the monumental task of building the nation’s executive branch of government.

So in the summer of 1789, Knox with Washington’s support crafted the new nation’s new Indian policy. Treaties were to be

negotiated between equals “on principles consistent with the national justice and dignity of the United States.” The terms of all treaties were binding in perpetuity and both the power and honor of the United States would be pledged to their enforcement. The demographic version (Americans moving west) of Indian removal would be opposed if necessary by U.S. troops garrisoned on the borders of Indian country to block emigration and evict any intruders who got past them.

One provision of the policy was either a boon to Indians or ominous, depending on what side of the fence you were on—all treaties included farm tools and instruction in how to use them so that Indians could transition from hunting and farming to agricultural economies. This transition, it was felt, would reduce the size of the territory needed by the tribes. These smaller tribal territories would be manifested in a series of enclaves or homelands east of the Mississippi. Their political and geographical boundaries would be protected by the federal government.

I’m drawing a big inference here, but under this policy the Chickasaw homeland eventually would have been reduced from the Hopewell Treaty boundaries, which encompassed western Kentucky and Tennessee, northwest Alabama and northern Mississippi perhaps to modern northeastern Mississippi, radiating from modern-day Tupelo. At any rate, Washington and Knox in 1790 wanted to roll out their new policy with a test case, and they chose to make a treaty with the Creeks led by Chief Alexander McGillivray.

The New York Treaty as a Model

Washington and Knox chose the Creeks for several reasons, Ellis asserts. McGillivray “exercised near dictatorial authority over all Creek tribal councils.” While Ellis exaggerates the chief’s power, it is probably true that McGillivray exerted greater control over the tribal factions than the chiefs of other Southeastern tribes. The Chickasaws, for example, were practically split down the middle; Piomingo favoring the Americans, while Wolf’s Friend allied with the Spanish.

Ellis also wrote that the Creeks had more influence on the other tribes, which I’m sure the Chickasaws and Choctaws would have disputed. Another factor in McGillivray’s selection was his familiarity with English and American culture. His father, Scotch trader Lachlan McGillivray, sent him to Charles Town where he received a classical education and learned to speak



Henry Knox

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
August 20, 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, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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

Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Michael T. Wingo, T. Ashley Large, Dana Lance

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 17, 2010

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve the minutes of July 17, 2010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 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

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 27-039, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2011

This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for Fiscal year 2011 in the amount of \$122,000,000.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR27-039.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-039 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 27-036, Approval of Partnership with Big Brother Big Sisters of Oklahoma for Purposes of a Native American Mentoring Initiative.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma is a current Native American Mentoring Initiative grant recipient and eligible to receive additional funding upon obtaining resolutions of partnership from two different Oklahoma tribes. This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma, effective for three years from August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2013 for the purposes of promoting BBBSOK mentoring services within the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation will promote Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma's mentoring services to all Chickasaw citizens/employees. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services will serve as the liaison with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma. These mentoring services will provide Chickasaw and other Native American children with a mentor and adults will be provided a mentee to foster one-on-one relationships.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-036.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-036 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-038, Approval of Application for Funding Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance Affordable Care Act (ACA) Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant

Program HHS-2010-ACF-OFA-TH-0134

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for the development of the Affordable Care Act Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant Program. With the funds from this grant, the Chickasaw Nation is able to further develop and enhance the Chickasaw Nation Chepota Himmita home visitation program, leading to healthy, happy, successful American Indian children and families through a coordinated, high-quality, evidence-based home visiting strategy, and to expand the evidence base around home visiting programs Chickasaw and other American Indian populations. The application requests federal funding in the amount of up to \$500,000.00 per year for up to five years.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR27-038.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-038 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-040, Gubernatorial Appointment, Chickasaw Tax Commission, Mr. Frank Johnson, Jr.

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Frank Johnson, Jr., to the Chickasaw Tax Commission. Mr. Johnson will replace Mr. Brian Campbell on the Commission and will serve a term of office ending on September 30, 2013.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-040.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-040 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 27-037, Utility Easement in Pontotoc County

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 Ms. Barker to approve GR27-037.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-037 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-041, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Prop-

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

September 7, 2010

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Shana Hammond, Holly Easterling.

Health Care Committee

September 7, 2010

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Holly Easterling

Human Resources Committee

September 7, 2010

Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo

Green, David Woerz, Holly Easterling

Land Development Committee

September 7, 2010

Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Legislative Committee

September 7, 2010

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert

SEPTEMBER 2010 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 27-043

Amendment to Resolution 19-020

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in Murray County, Oklahoma. The Bureau of Indian Affairs specifically requires the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation be authorized to request the said tract to be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation.

Property Location: Murray County
 Use: Cultural Center Village
 Purpose: Self-Determination
 Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-044

Amendment to Resolution 21-020

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Bureau of Indian Affairs requires the resolution to contain the exact legal description of the tract of land being submitted for fee to trust with the U.S.A. and an authorization for the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the above described tract of land U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation, if such action is advantageous

Property Location: Pontotoc County
 Use: Lighthouse Police Complex
 Purpose: Self-Determination
 Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-045

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, described as:

The East 99 feet of Lot 1, in Block 100 and the North 2 feet of Lot 2, in Block 100, in the Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, according to the official map and plat thereof.

together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: South of the Capitol at the intersection of 9th and Capitol Streets

Use: To be utilized for expansion of the Chickasaw Capitol Complex

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-046

Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Connerville Senior/Community Center to be located in Connerville, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-047

Authorization to Apply for Grants and Consolidate Funding

Explanation: Public Law 102-477 permits the consolidation of funding (see below) received for the Pathways-To-Success program, an integrated set of services provided by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Social Services. Many clients seeking assistance have significant barriers to employment such as chronic underemployment, homelessness, academic deficiencies and no support system. The program strategy focuses on equipping clients with life skills critical to self-sufficiency. To improve the quality of life for our vulnerable clients, the Chickasaw Nation Pathways-To-Success program will invest case management, counseling and life skills training to increase each client's ability to reach his/her potential

while decreasing the client's dependence on financial assistance.

If granted, the funds to be consolidated are estimated as follows:

W.I.A. Comprehensive Service Funds	
2005 Comprehensive Funds	U.S. Department of Labor
AB 104640055	\$343,500
Workforce Investment Act (W.I.A.) (Youth) 2005 Youth Funds	U.S. Department of Labor
AB 104640055	\$203,641
*Native Employment Works (N.E.W.)	U.S. Health and Human Services
29,960	\$29,960
**General Assistance - Does not include Burial, Disaster & Emergency funding	Bureau of Indian Affairs
	\$394,704

Total for Consolidation: \$971,805

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-048

Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

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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5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 310-4563 Mary.Green@chickasaw.net		<u>Panola District</u> Seat # 1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 272-7850 beth.alexander@chickasaw.net bethalexander22@hotmail.com

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

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

OKLAHOMA

ADA
Volleyball League-Ada Family Life Center Gym
Beginning October 5 and each following Tuesday
Matt Folsom (580) 272-5509

Ada Area Car Care Day
October 16, Landscaping Building
Mark Cobble (580) 421-7728

Revenge of the Bulls
October 22-23, (580) 421-7728

ARDMORE

Ardmore Area Car Care Day
October 23, Landscaping Building
Mark Cobble (580) 421-7728

CONNERVILLE

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

EMET

Harvest Fest
October 16, 580-235-7343

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

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

OKLAHOMA CITY

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

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.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

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

Oklahoma City Community Council

The Oklahoma City Chickasaw Community Council meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at the Lakepoint Towers, 6th floor, 4005 N.W. Expressway, Oklahoma City. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Please come and join us for a meal, fellowship, and dynamic speakers bringing us information on topics and programs relevant to all Chickasaws.

At the September meeting we had an interesting presentation by Dr Michael Lovegrove about his book titled *A Nation in Transition: Douglas Henry Johnston And The Chickasaws, 1898-1939*.

Dr. Lovegrove is a history professor at Rose State College. His wonderful book is about the life and accomplishments

of Governor Johnston. We were honored to learn of the valuable contributions this historic Governor made for our great nation and for all Chickasaws. Kevin Scribner from the Chickasaw Press also attended with copies of the book for sale.

Through the generosity of Dr. Lovegrove all of the proceeds from the book sales go to the Chickasaw Foundation for Academic Scholarships.

Pacific Northwest Community Council

Our council's first anniversary celebration was warmly greeted with good food, great company and lots of wonderful Pacific Northwest sunshine. We wish to thank all those involved with our council's launch and hope to begin planning towards the future in our next meeting.

Potluck Quarterly Meeting:
Saturday, November 13 –
Marshall Community Center -
Vancouver, Wash.

Speaker: LaDonna Brown.
For further information contact Kim at (503) 819-3097 or Rena at (503) 543-7401.

South Texas Community Council

All members of the Chickasaw Community Council in the South Texas area should be ready to meet October 10, at 2 p.m., to talk about the upcoming election of new officers for the coming year. The meeting will be at Steve Mechler and Associates building at 10737 Gulfdale in San Antonio.

If you are not a member of this council, NOW is the time to join and be involved in this years activities.

Election of officers will be

the next month at the Annual meeting for this group at the same building, Steve Mechler and Associates. This meeting will be Nov. 14 at 2 p.m.

The speaker at this meeting will be Sandi Sanders from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health to explain the eyeglass program as well as the mail-in prescriptions.

The Council discussed plans for the new year to start with fundraising for a scholarship to be given this year, a Thanksgiving plan to adopt a needy family, and a fundraising table at the San Antonio Pow-wow in January.

Join this lively group for the elections so you can be involved in these activities, meet new friends, and have fun, too.

For more information, please contact Nancy McLarry at npm@gvvc.com or phone: (830) 537-4576

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Hattie Mae Harjo



Hattie Mae Harjo, 101, died Sept. 13, 2010 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Services were Sept. 17 at Hickory Hill Baptist Church, Fittstown, Okla., with Rev. David Atkins officiating. Burial followed at Hickory Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Harjo was born July 9, 1909 at the community of Sheep Creek, located south of Fittstown, Okla., to Chickasaw citizens, Abner and Mary Perry Atkins.

She married Choctaw citizen Josie Harjo in 1937. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Harjo was a homemaker, a longtime active member of the Hickory Hill Baptist Church and served as a Sunday School teacher.

She served many hours helping the less fortunate and she was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a daughter, Stella Romero; and a grandson, Richard Romero, Jr.

She is survived by a grandson, Ronnie Romero, of Stonewall, Okla.; granddaughters, Nila Rinehart and husband, Albert, and Nola Miller and husband, Curtis, all of Taos, N.M.; great-grandchildren, Robert Romero and wife, Reene, of Taos; Nina Barnoski and husband, Max, of Stonewall, Nicole Heath and husband, Scott, of Stonewall, Vincent Rinehart and wife, of Portland, Ore., Laine Rinehart, of Juno, Alaska, Thalia Miller, of Taos; nine great-great-grandchildren; a great-great-great-grandchild; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Romero, Robert Romero, Tyler Romero, Max Barnoski, Scott Heath and Staton Atkins. Honorary bearers were Dylan and Darrion Barnoski, Ian and Varen Heath and Ryan Atkins.

She was a wonderful mother, sister, wife, grandmother and friend. She will be deeply missed.

Special Thank You to: The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center (ICU), Criswell Funeral Home, Hickory Hill Baptist Church, Tinker Airforce and to all the families and friends that supported, cared and gave us strength through this grieving time.

Thank you and God Bless!

Katrina (Kay) Eads-Mayes

Katrina (Kay) Marie Eads-Mayes died Sept. 14, 2010. She was born Dec. 5, 1954 at Santa Monica, Calif., to William C. Eads and Dena Y. Gibson-Eads, both of California.

Mrs. Eads-Mayes was a loving wife to Benjamin T. Mayes Sr., and the beloved mother of five children and nine grandchildren.

She was a great-niece of the late Pearl Carter Scott of whom she was very proud. She was the granddaughter of Robert (Bud) Gibson.

She resided in Southern California until 1978 when she moved to Chickasha, Okla., where she met and married the love of her life. She married Benjamin T. Mayes Aug. 4, 1978.

Her hobbies included sewing, home crafts, baking, gardening, reading and listening to country music. Her greatest joy came from taking care of her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her father-in-law, Tomie Mayes; mother-in-law, Emma Faye Henager-Mayes; two nephews, Robert (Robbie) Self and Michael (Mike) Garren; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Benjamin T. Mayes Sr.; children, Dena and Harold Reed, Benjamin T. Mayes Jr., all of Verden, Okla., Carroll and Donald Shipley, of Rush Springs, Okla., John and Heather Mayes, of Kingfisher, Okla., Annette (DeeDee) and Calvin Malone, of Verden; nine grandchildren, Timothy, John Jr., Kaylee, Lana, Savannah, Adrian, Tyler Austin, Taryn and Tanner; two brothers, Wayne and Roger Eads, both of California; special cousin Jimmy Eads; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was dearly loved and adored by all and will be severely missed. The Eads and Mayes Family would like to extend many thanks to all whom have been there for us in our darkest hour and supported us in our time of grief.

Jennifer Lynn Myers

Jennifer Lynn Myers died August. 26, 2010 at Oklahoma City. Services were Sept. 1, at Rufe Cemetery Pavilion with Bro. Lynn Tomlinson officiating. Burial followed in the Rufe Cemetery.

Jennifer was born August 19, 2010 at Oklahoma City to Johnny and Salina (Gorrell) Myers.

Even though she was here for a short time she brought so much joy and love to everyone around her. She will be remembered as a very feisty girl who was a fighter till the very end.

She is survived by her parents; a sister, Evolet Myers; three brothers, Johnny Myers III, Michael Myers, Branden Myers; maternal grandparents, Tracy Medlin and husband, Bob, Scott Gorrell and wife, Colleen; paternal grandmother, Donna Myers; maternal great-grandparents, Mae and Joe Eddy; maternal great-grandfather, Dick Gorrell; three uncles, Scott Gorrell Jr., John Gorrell and Pete Bear; a aunt, Trisha Jacobsen; and a host of cousins and other family members.

The family would like to thank everyone at Mercy Health Center for everything they did for Jennifer Lynn Myers during her stay. Also a special Thank You to the nurses and doctors at the NICU at Mercy Health Center who went beyond the call of duty for Jennifer.

Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book or send private condolences to the family at www.praterlampton.com

Cleotis Underwood

Cleotis Underwood, 74, died June 24, 2010 at Birmingham, Ala., with his family by his bedside. Services were July 7 at First Baptist Church of Newcastle, Okla.

He was born April 23, 1936 at Anadarko, Okla.

Mr. Underwood was a sign painter until he became disabled in 1988.

His grandfather, Louis Underwood, was an original enrollee of the Dawes Roll.

He married Monti Dennon in 1964 at Jasper, Ala., and they moved to Moore, Okla., in 1972. They recently celebrated their 46th anniversary. The couple had two sons Cleotis Nathan and Chandis, both of Moore, and a daughter Kody Underwood, of Newcastle, Okla. They

have two grandsons, Ryan Underwood, of Newcastle and Jaydyn Mahli Underwood, of Oklahoma City.

His life revolved around his children and grandchildren. He loved to be outdoors mowing grass or sitting in the swing. NASCAR was his favorite sport.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ira Greenwood; his father, Barton Underwood; two brothers, William Davis and Norman Greenwood; and a sister, Barda Gable.

He is survived by a brother, Jack Greenwood, of Sulphur, Okla.; and seven sisters, Evelyn Thompson, of Ada, Okla., Morine Kirkley, of Asher, Okla., Pearly Willoughby, of Oil Center, Okla., Glennie Maxberry, of Purcell, Okla., Tonya Johnson, of Springfield, Ore., and Tammy and Lorena Underwood, of Phoenix.

He was from a large family and will be greatly missed.

Jean Mead Scott



Jean Mead Scott, 84, of Colbert, Okla., died Sept. 9, 2010 at Sherman, Texas. Services were Sept. 11 at Colman Avenue Church of Christ, Colbert, with Richard Gage officiating.

She was born April 1, 1926 at Liberty, Okla., to Walter Bradford and Byrdie Mae (Hawkins) Mead.

She was a member of the Colman Avenue Baptist Church of Christ most of her life and she was a Chickasaw citizen. She loved quilting, gardening and lived for her children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Bradford and Byrdie Mae Mead; brothers, Minor, Leo, Joe, Jimmy, Roy, Jack and Howard.

She is survived by daughters, Connie Stange, of Sherman, and Jeanne Schuth and husband, Riley, of Colbert, Okla.; sons, Rodney Clarence Nunley and wife, Everetta, and Ralph Nunley and wife, Donna, all of Colbert; father of children, Clarence Lee Nunley, of Denison, Texas; sisters, Thelma Crook

and husband, Alton, and Effie Norris, all of Arlington; brothers, Heal Mead and wife, Flora, of Denison; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Anna Jo Wells



Anna Jo Wells, 81, of Durant, Okla., died Aug. 26, 2010 at Durant. Services were Aug. 28 at the Calvary Baptist Church with Bro. Darel Bunch and Skip Robinson officiating. Interment followed at Highland Cemetery, Durant.

She was born Oct. 5, 1928 to original enrollee Norman Dee Wells and Lena Elrena (Ward) Wells at Durant.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Durant and taught Sunday School there for 35 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Homer Dee Wells.

She is survived by her sister, Linda McGuire and husband, Everett, of Durant; nieces and nephews, Randy and Jan Wells and child, Charity; Mark and Kathy Wells and children, Krista and husband, Sean, and Jenna and Andrea; Doug and Le Ann Wells and children, Brandon, Nicole and Trevor; Darl and Sandy Chapman and children, Derrick, Grady, Tallie and Seth; Kindra Wells; Richard and Tina Bush and children, Brooke and Kris Roberts and Ryan and Kim Bush and Tyler Bush; Lynn Bush and children, Britney and Bryce; and numerous great-great-nieces and nephews, cousins and other family and friends, including Pauline Kidd and Billie Shreve.

Pallbearers were Ryan Bush, Tyler Bush, Bryce Bush, Mark Wells, Derrick Le Doux and Grady Le Doux. Honorary bearers were Kindra Wells, Vernon Armstrong, Seth Chapman and Sandy Chapman.

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erty in Love County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Thackerville, Love County, Oklahoma, as is more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A." The Nation now owns approximately 25% of the acreage of the Leeper Lake watershed, which lands span the width of the watershed and impact a large volume of the storm water runoff that drains into Leeper Lake. The Chickasaw Nation has a watershed management agreement, which will (a) substantially improve the storm water management systems, (b) resolve any possible Clean Water Act and/or associated responsibilities that the Nation may have, and (c) provide resources to Leeper Lake so that it can conduct its own lake improvement program. When fully implemented, it will constitute a substantial "green" initiative—including state-of-the art resource management components and the Nation's golf course's qualification for "Audubon certification." Acquisition of this land will specifically provide the land rights necessary to:

1. Construct a pipeline/grassy swale storm water bypass crossing Tate's lands and, ultimately, Leeper Lake's land so that large volumes of storm water will be able to safely drain from the Nation's lands and mitigate/avoid any water quality or associated issues on Leeper Lake's side of the property line.

2. Construct a "first flush" pond for purposes of collecting and fully retaining the first runoff waters from substantial rain events; those "first flush" waters are of particular water quality concern, since they consistently contain the worst of any pollutants that are washed from managed landscaping or parking lots. The property is located directly south of the EMS/Golf Course Maintenance tract, in Thackerville. The property will be used to implement improvements to/enhancements of the WinStar World Casino and Resort storm water management infrastructure. There is also an additional lot that will serve as the Tee box location for golf hole #4 South on the 9-hole expansion. This resolution is emergency legislation because it was received after the deadline, however, it is needed immediately.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-041.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

Member abstaining: Beth Alexander

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR27-041 carried.

General Resolution Number 27-042, Authorization to Place Real Property in Trust

The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in Johnston County, Oklahoma. General Resolution 91-115, which originally authorized the acquisition of the real property, did not authorize the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to place the real property into trust. The Bureau of Indian Affairs specifically requests the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation be authorized to request the said tract to be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. This resolution satisfies that request. This resolution is emergency legislation because it was

received after the deadline, however, it is needed immediately.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR27-042.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-042 carried unanimously.

Mr Woerz concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) **COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 27-007, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Form of Action)

This resolution amends the rules of court to ensure that all parties, attorneys and their law firms are subject to Chickasaw law and administrative regulations as enforced in the judicial and administrative forums of the Chickasaw Nation during the litigation of their case.

The amendments are necessary due to a current case involving a non-Indian law firm and the Muskogee Creek Nation's courts and judges. The case may have a global effect not in the best interest of the Chickasaw Nation and it behooves the Chickasaw Nation to prepare in case of that event.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve PR27-007.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR27-007 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Cultural Day, at Kullihoma, on September 10, 2010, was announced.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding the election process and per capita payments.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary,

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

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