



Governor Bill Anoatubby releases a bald eagle April 9 near Lake Arcadia, Oklahoma. The eagle, which had been injured when struck by a truck, was nursed back to health by animal rescue group WildCare. At right is Chickasaw Ranger Rick Carson.

Injured Bald Eagle returned to health; released back into wild by Gov. Anoatubby

LAKE ARCADIA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby carefully pulled open the door of a lovingly wrapped carrier originally built to transport a large breed of dog. As light poured into the once darkened enclosure, a female bald eagle ducked her head and peered warily outside over her left shoulder.

Seeing her chance to escape, the massive bird hopped quickly through the open door,

promptly unfurled her wings to their full seven-foot span and soared into the freedom of the Oklahoma skies.

Dozens of onlookers, including Gov. Anoatubby, gasped and applauded their approval.

"She is such a magnificent creature," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It was awe-inspiring to be that close and see just how beautiful and powerful she is."

This scene, played out April 9 at Lake Arcadia, near Ed-

mond, Okla., was the final step in a saga that began when the eagle crashed through the windshield of an 18-wheeler traveling down an Oklahoma highway in November 2010.

The eagle suffered serious injuries in the collision. WildCare, an organization dedicated to healing injured animals and releasing them back into the wild, was assisted by

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Facility will serve as clearinghouse for Chickasaw cultural, historic study

Holisso Center dedicated



Mike McKee

Amanda Hudson, special collections manager at the new Holisso Research Center at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., repairs the binding on a rare 1891 book "Leaders and Leading Men of the Indian Territory Choctaws and Chickasaws Vol. I."

SULPHUR, Okla. - A cutting-edge research center dedicated to preserving and sharing Chickasaw Nation history will open May 28 at the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center in Sulphur.

The Holisso Center will house elements that will make it the premier resource for professional and student research.

"We believe this center will

be a vital resource for students, authors and others interested in learning more about Chickasaw history, heritage and culture," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "It is an integral part of our effort to expand the knowledge of our tribe and share our story with the world."

As the Holisso Center opens

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volunteer veterinarian Dr. Joe Carter in nursing the bird back to health.

“With a concussion, broken wing, shattered leg and a lacerated liver we had very little hope,” WildCare executive director Rondi Large said. “But she proved to be a fighter.”

Dr. Carter, who performed several surgeries on the eagle, said he knew her recovery was almost complete when the bird used her beak to pluck a surgi-

cal pin from her leg.

“I think she knew better than I did when she had healed,” he said with a laugh.

Ms. Large, who had tears in her eyes after the release, was asked what they had named the eagle.

While she said they don’t give the animals names because they want to be sure they remain wild, she did admit that the staff had given the eagle the nickname “windshield.”

Ms. Large said WildCare chose Gov. Anoatubby for the honor of releasing the eagle because of the tribe’s unique partnership with WildCare. The Chickasaw Nation has allowed rescued animals to be released onto tribally-owned property.

Each year, WildCare rescues and releases approximately 4,000 animals. Hundreds of those animals are released onto tribal property each year in a cooperative effort involv-

ing Rick Carson, Daryl McCurtain and a number of other Chickasaw Nation Rangers.

Ms. Large said that it was “imperative” that the animals were released into an appropriate area in the final, yet crucial stage of the rescue process. She said that WildCare could never accomplish as much as they do without the support of the Chickasaw Nation and others who donate their time and resources to the organization.

Gov. Anoatubby said the tribe’s collaboration with WildCare was very fitting.

“Chickasaws have always had a very strong connection with the land and wildlife, so it makes perfect sense for us to work together with them,” he said. “They are doing great work and it is a privilege to offer our support.”

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Tribal election filing period is June 6-8

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has announced the filing period for the upcoming 2011 General Elections.

The filing period opens June 6 and continues through June 8, 2011.

Candidates must file for office in the election secretary’s office, located in the Government Services building, 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, Ada, Okla.

Candidates may file between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This year’s elections include governor and lieutenant governor, four legislative seats and one seat on the Supreme Court.

Legislative seats up for election include Seats 3 and 4 in Pontotoc District; Seat 2 in Pickens District; and Seat 3 in Tishomingo District.

Seat 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is also up for election.

Candidates filing for governor and lieutenant governor file as a team. Candidates for governor and lieutenant governor must be registered Chickasaw voters at least 30 years of

age and possess no less than one-fourth (1/4) Chickasaw blood quantum. Candidates must also have been residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Candidates elected governor and lieutenant governor must remain residents of the Chickasaw Nation during their tenure of office. Term of office is four years.

Filing fee is \$2,500 per team.

Legislative candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters at least 25 years of age. Legislative candidates must also be residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and of their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election.

Legislators must remain residents of their elected district during their tenure of office. Term of office is three years.

Filing fee is \$500.

A judicial candidate must be a registered voter of the Chickasaw Nation at least 30 years of age. Judicial candidates must also be residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year preceding the election.

Judges must reside within the Chickasaw Nation during their tenure of office. Term of office is three years.

Filing fee is \$500.

Candidates must bring verification of physical and mailing address, such as a utility bill or homestead exemption and filing fee.

Upon filing, candidates must complete a financial disclosure statement. Statements are also due at the end of every month during the candidate’s active campaign period.

Candidates will receive an electoral packet containing election rules and regulations, the Chickasaw Constitution, financial disclosure forms, biography form for *the Chickasaw Times*, and watcher form.

Candidates must not have been convicted of a felony. Background checks are conducted on all candidates.

Primary election is July 26 and run-off election is August 30, if applicable.

For further assistance, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at (580) 310-7475 or toll free at 1-888-661-0137.

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Landscape products seminar, distribution set for May 10

Dates for the Chickasaw Nation landscaping products distribution seminars are set for the summer months.

The seminars will be conducted at 5:30 p.m., at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada, Okla., Tuesday, May 10, June 7 and Aug. 9.

Chickasaw citizens who own homes, or are in the process of purchasing a home, are eligible to receive trees, shrubs and sod to landscape their home.

Attending the seminar is a requirement to participate in

the landscaping products distribution program. Topics covered include types of plant species, and care and maintenance for a variety of vegetation.

Participants must provide the following documentation; copy of Chickasaw citizenship card, utility bill and proof of homeownership (warranty deed, insurance binder or letter from the lender.)

For more information, contact Patty Daniels at (580) 235-6582.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Get Fresh! now on Chickasaw.tv

Episodes of the popular Get Fresh! cooking series are now showing on Chickasaw.tv. Offering nutrition education for the whole family, the cooking shows give free recipes and ideas to get families to eat healthy. Nearly 40 Get Fresh! videos are available on Chickasaw.tv under the Government channel.

All of the Get Fresh! recipes are based on the daily nutri-

tional needs listed on MyPyramid.gov. Printable versions of all the recipes with nutritional statistics are also available on the Chickasaw.tv website.

The Get Fresh! program is made possible through a partnership between Chickasaw Nation and the USDA. More information about the program is available online at www.chickasaw.net.


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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Governments exist for one reason - to serve the people well!

Throughout history, countries, states and governments of all kinds have come and gone. A few of those include the Roman Empire, the Ottoman Empire and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

As time moves forward, conditions change, as do the requirements of the people governments serve. When studying the decline of this vast array of diverse governing entities, several things become clear. As governments grow more mature, they often grow larger and less flexible. It becomes harder to change with the conditions, and the status quo is guarded with a vengeance.

The element of decline that stands out most is that governments forget why they exist and who it is they serve. That may seem very fundamental, but it is amazing how consistently the people the government is in place to serve are shoved further to the back of the line.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we have grown by leaps and bounds over the past 25 years. Our tribe has grown in so many different ways – in citizens, in programs and services, in employees, in business. Whatever metric you apply to the Chickasaw Nation, the



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

**Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation**

outcome consistently says “growth!”

Growth is a great part of our tribe. It means we are moving forward, creating more opportunities for Chickasaws and serving more people more effectively.

Our growth has served us well because we have managed that growth conservatively. We have not “gotten ahead of ourselves.” We have worked hard to grow our tribal businesses in a controlled manner and, as a result, those businesses now contribute most of the resources we need to fulfill our responsibilities to Chickasaws.

It would be easy to focus strictly on the commercial side of our tribe, but that would be a real mistake. Our focus is, and will always be, on the Chickasaw people our tribal government serves. That is our mission: “To enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.”

A very simple, direct mission statement – and one we live by each day.

That tribal mission is what drives our commitment to Chickasaw citizens. Our effective, diverse and well-funded programs and services are dynamic, that is, we stand ready to modify and add to programs and services if it serves Chickasaws well.

You may be a college student taking advantage of tribal programs like scholarships, laptop computers, stipends, clothing grants and textbook grants. You may be the head of a Chickasaw family utilizing Chickasaw health care services like mail-in prescriptions, dental care, primary care, optometry and eyeglasses. You may be an elder making use of one of our tribal senior nutrition sites, lawn service and energy assistance programs. You may be a non-traditional student engaged in the tribe's School to Work program so you can work, attend class and provide properly for your family.

Regardless of your personal “menu” of program and services selections you make from the hundreds available, each is focused on making your life better. The real key to an effective and strong functioning government is serving people well. Once governments forget that tenet, the decline has begun.

Wherever you live, whatever your job, age or situation, your Chickasaw Nation tribal government is completely dedicated to serving you well. All the scores of programs and services we have added over the years have been derived from your input. We are listening to you.

Thank you for your interest and your involvement with the Chickasaw Nation. Your contributions are vital to your effective government. Working together, we are building happy, healthy and successful Chickasaw families – every day!

Chickasaw youngsters, young adults shine during ‘Art Unites All People’ celebration

Students of all ages joined the tribal division of Arts and Humanities in celebrating the important role of art in education with the Youth Art Month Celebration last month.

“Art Unites All People” was the theme as more than eighty of children of all ages participated in several fun and educational booths provided by different departments of the Chickasaw Nation.

“We hoped to achieve a fun way to celebrate while advocating for the arts,” said Laura Stewart, Director of Arts in Education.

James Primm of Latta sat for multiple airbrushed tribal tattoos.

“I liked getting all of the different designs of tattoos,” he said. “I also loved the moon bounce.”

KCNP Community Radio sponsored a booth where the children could play DJ and Nutrition Services provided food art yogurt parfaits. Other activities were sponsored by Information Technology, Public Affairs and Horticulture.

The Chickasaw Children's

Choir performed and Laura Clark, Humanities and Literary Arts Coordinator for the division, announced the winners of the Anoli Creative Writing Contest

This year's theme was “The Chickasaw I Admire Most.” Writers submitted works in poetry, narrative, essay, and short story categories. Division I included grades 6 through 8, Division II, grades 9 through 12, and Division III is comprised of young adults through age 24. Winners included:

Division I

Short Story- **1st Place**, Chelsea Brooks, Coalgate, Okla.

Poetry: **1st Place**, Elijah Worcester, Ada, Okla.

2nd Place, Erica Hanna, Broken Arrow, Okla.

3rd Place, Patrick Cooke, Ada, Okla.

Narrative: **1st Place:** Katelynn Russell, Pauls Valley, Okla.

Essay: **1st Place**, Caroline Keel, Lebanon, Tenn.

2nd Place, Antwain Primm, Ada, Okla.

3rd Place, Ezra Johnson, Ada, Okla.

Division II:

Poetry: **1st Place**, Mercedes Milligan, Ada, Okla.

Narrative: **1st Place**, Tasheena Miller, Mill Creek, Okla.

Essay: **1st Place**, Samuel Smith, Norman, Okla.

2nd Place, Meredith Stuart, Katy, Texas

Division III:

Poetry- **1st Place**, Kari Lewis, Newbury Park, Calif.

2nd Place, Cheyenne Durant, Pierre, South Dakota

3rd Place, Matthew Smith, Norman, Okla.

Narrative- **1st Place**, Joel Hamdy, Blanchard, Okla.

Essay- **1st Place**, Ashley Creek, Augusta, West Virginia

2nd Place, Cherokee Durant, Pierre, South Dakota

3rd Place, Angelica Garvin, Cleveland, Ohio

Established in 1961, Youth Art Month is sponsored by The Council for Art Education, Inc. (CFAE) and ACMI. It is celebrated each March to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children.

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

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.



Participants “paint” with paper at this year's Youth Arts Month celebration, sponsored by the tribal division of Arts and Humanities March 26.

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This month on CNTV

May is National Foster Care Month. Learn more about the Chickasaw Nation's Foster Care and Adoption Program.

Stay alert during foul storms – find out about KCNP radio reporting local area weather.

Are you registered to vote? CNTV's special series on Chickasaw voter awareness contin-

ues.

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

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

CONTRIBUTED BY Joshua Rogers, Public Affairs

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so will opportunities for Chickasaw citizens and others to delve into Chickasaw history and culture, said Michelle Cooke, manager of Libraries, Archives & Collections for the tribal Division of History and Culture.

Designed as a "research Mecca" specializing in Chickasaw and other Southeastern tribes, the 20,000 square-foot building houses genealogy collections, historic maps, photo archives and historic documents. Climate and light controlled, the artifact storage protects fragile historic documents, including maps, family papers and more for future generations.

"The Holisso Center is cutting edge, a Smithsonian-caliber facility," said Mrs. Cooke. "It is a one-of-a-kind place for the Chickasaw Nation and Native Americans."

The building includes state-of-the-art amenities, including artifact storage, cold storage, a ceremonial room and a decontamination/conservation lab, a reading room, genealogy collections, seminar rooms and rare book collection area. A separate area is designated for CDs, video, photos and slides.

Patrons will don white gloves in the rare collections room and view rare books and documents and information on microfilm.

"It's like putting your finger on history," Mrs. Cooke said.

Glass display cases in the main library will showcase different items and artifacts each

month.

Rare items selected for display during the opening will include 18th Century stoneware from the Chickasaw homelands, an antique rifle owned by Haskell Paul, Elizabeth Johnston's 1901 diary of daily life at the Emet White House, a 1906 document signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, and a 1908 book about Sulphur entitled "The Lure of Indian Country-A Romance of Its Great Resort."

The Holisso Center not only serves as a vehicle to study Chickasaw history, but also has technology available to repair and preserve any damaged items. A decontamination area is utilized to further protect the artifacts. In fact, every item brought into the Holisso Center is decontaminated. For example, each item is placed in a sub-zero freezer for two days to kill any mold or pests. Any item that cannot be frozen is put in a CO2 tent.

Donations Accepted

Many of the items in the Holisso Center have been donated by Chickasaw citizens.

Donations are still accepted and once an item is added to the collection, the artifact will be safe and protected.

"Participation of the Chickasaw people is key to the ultimate success of this endeavor," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Chickasaws who are willing to share their historic treasures will be making a contribution of tremendous value to the preservation of our history for generations to come."



The Holisso Research Center at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

Mike McKee

tions to come."

The Holisso Center's primary focus is collecting items that are important to Chickasaw history and culture, but also related to other Southeastern Native American tribes and the State of Oklahoma.

Plans also include digitizing the entire collection, so a keyword search will be possible.

"We want to digitize the collection and enable people to view the collection and read documents on-line," she said.

The facility is also home office for several Chickasaw scholars and the Chickasaw Press.

Holisso Center hours (after May 28) will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; noon to 4 p.m., Sunday.

For more information about the Holisso Center, or to make an appointment to donate an item, please call (580) 622-7130. The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Okla.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.



A Bible that belonged to Douglas Johnston, a Chickasaw Nation Governor who took office in 1898, is one of the many historical items at the new Holisso Research Center at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

Fun activities for the family in May at the Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur has several fun-filled, family-oriented and informational activities scheduled in May and June. Everyone is encouraged to visit this world-class facility that has something for everyone. Features at Cultural Center include interactive media stations and showcases, a large-format theater featuring a 40'x 60' screen, an amphitheatre, a sky pavilion, a traditional village and many more.

May 7 - 8

Mother's Day Special

- Mothers receive free admission to Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center
- Mother and daughter tea with free cookies and tea, Aaimpa' Cafe

May 21

Armed Forces Day

- All active military and veterans receive free admission to the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center

May 28

The Holisso Center for the Study of Chickasaw History opening

- Genealogy presentation at

10:30 a.m., Anoli Theater

- Genealogy workshop sessions, Holisso Center

- Chickasaw Press book signing, Holisso Center

- Meet a Chickasaw artist, Aachompa Gallery Gift Shop

- Stomp dancing, Amphitheater

- Storytelling, Amphitheater

June 11

- Chickasaw Press book signing, Holisso Center

- Meet a Chickasaw artist, Aachompa Gallery Gift Shop

- Stickball presentation, Traditional Village

June 18

- Scrapbooking workshop

June 18 - 19

Father's Day Special

- Fathers receive free admission into the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center

- Father and son archery contest, Traditional Village

June 25

- Genealogy workshop, Holisso Center

The Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Rd. For more information, please call (580) 622-7130.

Opening Day Events - May 28

Holisso Center opening day events include genealogy workshop, breakout session with tribal genealogy archive manager Dinah Worcester, meet and greet with Chickasaw families, Chickasaw Press book signing, meet a Chickasaw artist, stomp dancing and storytelling.

2011 'Programs and Services' and 'Services @ Large' Directories

The directories contain information about all Chickasaw Nation programs and services. Inside the directories you will find program descriptions, important phone numbers and contact information, office locations and hours of operation,

as well as program requirements. Don't miss out on the opportunities available to you and your family. Reserve your copy by visiting <http://www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory>.

See the movie at 8 p.m. on OETA

'Pearl' to have Oklahoma television premiere June 11

Television viewers all across Oklahoma and surrounding states will have the opportunity to watch "Pearl," the award-winning film produced by the Chickasaw Nation, 8 p.m. CDT Saturday, June 11 when the film makes its television premiere on the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA) Movie Club hosted by B.J. Wexler.

The family-friendly film focuses on the exceptional teen years of the late Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott, a Chickasaw who earned her pilot's license at the tender age of 13 in 1928. By 14,

she was flying her father to business appointments and wowing air show audiences with her aerobatic maneuvers.

A repeat telecast of the movie is scheduled 11 p.m., Friday, June 17.

With OETA's statewide network of four transmitting stations and 15 translator stations, more than 1.8 million viewers tune into OETA on a weekly basis.

To find out the channel information at your location, please visit www.oeta.tv or call (800) 879-6382.

"Pearl" premiered last year at

the Warren Theatre in Moore, Okla., and has been successfully screened and warmly received at several film festivals and air shows nationwide. The film has also garnered many accolades from audiences and film industry insiders.

The Dove Foundation awarded "Pearl" four "Doves," endorsing the film as family-approved for all ages.

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.

"Pearl" features several Chickasaw cast members.

Paden Brown, a Byng (OK) High School freshman, plays Arnetta, Pearl's little sister.

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

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

Other Chickasaws with speaking parts in "Pearl" include: Micah Hart (Older Geor-

gie), former Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetatchi (Chickasaw Bride) and Dakota Brown (Chickasaw Friend).

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

The film is also available on DVD and Blu Ray. To order a copy of "Pearl", please visit www.PearlTheMovie.net and click on the "Purchase Pearl DVD" button.

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'Pearl' featured at the Cultural Center's Anoli' Theatre in May

"Pearl," the award-winning film produced by the Chickasaw Nation, will be featured throughout the month of May at the Anoli' Theater, located inside the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.

Experience this family-friendly film on the larger-than-life movie screen every Wednesday through Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in May.

The film focuses on the exceptional teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott, a Chickasaw girl from Marlow, Okla., who earned her pilot's license at age 13 in 1928. Pearl was perform-

ing as a barnstormer and commercial pilot by age 14.

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

"Pearl is a legendary figure in the history of Oklahoma, the world of aviation and in the Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This film enables people to relive some of the significant moments in her life - moments which define what made her truly great and reaffirm the importance of family relationships."

The Dove Foundation award-

ed "Pearl" four "Doves," giving the film its "Family-Approved" Seal for all ages.

Since its debut, "Pearl" has made a successful and highly-lauded run on the film festival circuit.

Admission to the Anoli' Theatre is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and \$5 for Chickasaw citizens, senior citizens, Native Americans and active military members.

A free gift is included with admission, while supplies last. A different "Pearl" item will be

given away in May including:

May 3-8 - a special gift for mom: a t-shirt and Bedre chocolate; May 10-15 - free "Pearl" movie posters; May 16- 21 - free "Pearl" Music CD.

"Pearl" is also available for purchase on DVD and Blu Ray at both Cultural Center Gift Shops or online at www.Pearl-TheMovie.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.



Annual Chickasaw Reunion set for May 20-21 at Kullihoma

KULLIHOMA - May marks the annual gathering of Chickasaws and guests from across the country. Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 20-21 at Kullihoma.

Opening ceremonies begin 5 p.m. Friday, followed by a hamburger cook-out, cultural demonstrations and a social dance lasting until 11:30 p.m.

Ongoing cultural demonstrations will include cornhusk dolls, beadwork, moccasin making, basket weaving and traditional clothing.

Saturday will be filled with traditional reunion activities beginning at 8:30 a.m. Activities will include a youth fishing derby, cornstalk shooting con-

test, youth and adult archery competitions, blow gun competition, Squirrel Stick throw, loksi races and stickball games.

A traditional meal will be served for Saturday's lunch, including pashofa, fry bread, salt meat and grape dumplings.

Overnight camping spaces are available, including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hook ups.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on State Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south.

For information, call Terri Haney (580) 436-2603.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Tribal Summer Youth Employment Program applications available

Applications are now available for the 2011 Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program.

The Summer Youth Program is an eight-week employment program for Native American youth ages 14-21. It provides valuable work experience ranging from tribal operations, child care, to health systems or businesses in the non-profit sector.

Students acquire new skills, workplace training, develop productive work habits and increase their education and knowledge.

Applicants must provide the following documentation:

Chickasaw Nation citizenship card and Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)

Verification of residence
Income verification for the

past six months

Social Security Card

Selective Service number (males 18 years of age or older)

Photo identification or driver's license

Recent report card, achievement test scores, or transcript

Applicants must be 14 by June 13, 2011.

The deadline to return applications to the area offices is Friday, May 20. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please contact a Chickasaw Nation Area Office in your area at the address and phone number listed below for additional information, or to obtain an application.

Ada Area Office

1400 Hoppe Blvd., Ste. 3
Ada, Okla. 74820

(580) 436-7256

Ardmore Area Office

301 W. Main St., Ste. 604
Ardmore, Okla. 73401

(580) 226-4821

Duncan Area Office

1911 W. Plato Road
Duncan, Okla. 73533

(580) 470-2131

Purcell Area Office

1603 S. Green
Purcell, Okla. 73080

(405) 527-4973

Sulphur Area Office

4970 W. Highway 7
Sulphur, Okla. 73086

(580) 622-2888

Tishomingo Area Office

815 E. 6th Street
P.O. Box 192
Tishomingo, Okla. 73460

(580) 371-9512
CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Don't forget the Chickasaw Reunion this month

Chukma! Here, in Oklahoma the winds of March are continuing to blow, and we are experiencing plenty of fresh air! Recently, the Division on Aging held a volunteer awards luncheon and talent show at the McSwain Theater in Ada, Oklahoma. Several Achille elders were awarded volunteer certificates. In the afternoon, various senior centers participated in a talent show. This year was a momentous occasion for the Achille Seniors of Panola District; it was their very first time to participate! The group provided the audience with a style show, featuring creative outfits such as a "bear back" dress, "P coat" and "Ivy League" pants. The entire program was entertaining. Our Chickasaw Elders

have talent. I can't wait to see what creative acts they will present next year.

Easter weekend I spent several hours in the kitchen, cooking those favorite dishes that the family enjoys. My efforts did not go unnoticed and I was rewarded richly with words of praise, "Nothing beats a good home cooked meal. This tastes great. Thanks Mom, I appreciate it." Those few words made all the difference. Sometimes it seems we only gather with family and friends during "special days" and are too busy the rest of the time to visit. I tend to think that things were not so fast paced with our ancestors. Interacting with family and friends was the daily norm. In fact family probably

made up most of the friends! Remember after lunch when the adults would visit or snooze and the children played hard with cousins, sneaking extra sweets and staying well away from possible adult attention and correction! ?

We have the opportunity to revisit the days of old. This year's Chickasaw Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) will be held on May 20-21 at Kullihoma. Come for the day or spend the night. Experience the food, fun and fellowship. Under brush arbors, cultural arts and crafts are available for all to see. Many attendees, stay well into the night participating with the Dance Troupe. Check your calendars and plan to attend. Make a few memories.

Heads Up! Tribal elections are just around the corner. The filing period is held the first Monday-Wednesday in June. To hold an elected position, you must reside within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. Learn more about being a candidate by calling the Tribal Election Office, (580) 310-6411. Take a more active role in your tribal government. Contact family members and make sure all information is up to date. Find out what district you are registered in. Be informed on all the horses in the race. Take the time to contact each candidate. Find out if they support what you believe in. Most importantly, vote. How can we expect to reach future goals as a tribe if we do not participate and offer strong guidance to our Tribal Leaders?

Don't forget about the Chickasaw West Gathering in Santee, California on Sat., June 4.

Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. I Thessalonians 5:24

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**BETH
ALEXANDER**

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Honor Americans who gave everything for our freedom

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Any Nation that does not honor its heroes, will not long endure."

As Americans we sometimes forget that we owe our freedom to those who can no longer enjoy it with us. We owe our freedom to those who will never see another Memorial Day, those who will never again attend a parade, a football game or baseball game. Those who will never see their child as an adult, or proudly bounce a grandchild on their knee.

We owe our freedom to a generation of men and women who never knew that

Americans landed on the moon, a generation that never knew what an 8-track player was much less a CD or DVD player. A generation of men and women who never had the pleasure of using a microwave; the very things we take for granted today.

We owe our freedom to a generation of men and women who never knew what Martin Luther King Jr. stood for or that his dream really did come true. We owe our freedom to a generation of men and women who will never know that their names are written on a wall in Washington, D.C.

Memorial Day is not about the beginning of the summer season. It is about remembrance. It is about honor. It is about those who made the

ultimate sacrifice so that we could live as free men and women. It is about those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we have the right to question our leaders without fear of reprisal. It is about those who will not be here to enjoy Memorial Day with us.

I would like to say thank you to all of those who have served, who are serving and who will serve our great nation.

Connie Barker

Tribal Legislature, Pickens District



**CONNIE
BARKER**

Chickasaw
Tribal
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The water of the Chickasaw Nation is full of history

Hello Everyone,
I recently had the honor of showing off the Chickasaw Nation to a Chickasaw Citizen visiting from out of state. Instead of the usual tour of buildings and politicians, the warm spring day invited us to get out and visit the people and the land.

When I think about the land of the Chickasaw Nation, my first thoughts are of the geographic formations and the water. One of my favorites in the Nation is Byrds Mill Springs. So, we went south to Fittstown, turned west right after we crossed the Mill Creek bridge and followed the road the two and a half miles or so to the springs. I remember family

outings there. We would picnic, swim and play. When we would first get there, Grandpa would float a watermelon in the cold, cold waters of the creek. By the time we were finished with our first round of swimming and had devoured our picnic lunch, the cold, clear water would have readied the watermelon to be a cool, refreshing dessert. I remember sitting at Grandpa's knee, eating watermelon and listening to him describe the way the springs looked before the concrete cover and the bridge-like supports were erected over it in 1927. It looked like Sheep Creek, another spring located over the mountain from Byrds Mill Springs, which resembles

a large, clear, limestone-encased, shallow pond, decorated with watercress and with bubbles coming up from the bottom. He would also tell us about old man Byrd and the mill house with its big water wheel and flume that was no longer there. I think he said it had been destroyed by fire. But then, Grandpa would get serious and say, "Smoke," that was his nickname for me. "Smoke, someday this water will be worth more than oil. Water will be scarce and good water like this will be sought after and fought over." In his way, he was expressing his wonder and appreciation of the God-given gift that the cold, pure water of Byrds Mill Springs is. He was telling me to appreciate it and help protect it.

I don't know if Grandpa knew or not that the water of the springs was supplied by the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer. I felt like he knew, though, that the waters of Sheep Creek, Blue River, Pennington and others were linked. In his mind, it may have been more of a mystery that could only be explained by faith that something so good could have only come from God, rather than the geological explanation. Even though I believe the geological explanation of how the aquifer came to be, I know Grandpa's thinking on the matter was right. Plate tectonics may be the "how" the aquifer was formed and God is the "why" it was formed.

My friend and I relaxed and marveled at the sight of the springs as I have always done when there. It was a good day!

I hope you and yours are well. It is an honor to serve as your legislator.

Respectfully, Katie



**KATIE
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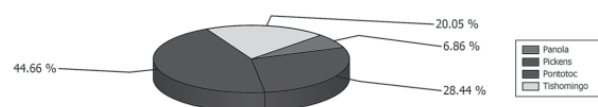
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Citizens At-Large Help Number

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

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,789	Pontotoc	11,650
Pickens	7,418	Tishomingo	5,229
			<u>26,086</u>



Spring a great time to use the tribal Reuse Center in Ada

Hello Everyone,
I hope you all are enjoying the wonderful spring rains that we have received here in Oklahoma. We have been experiencing drought conditions for some time, so are very thankful. Whether you do your own gardening or rely on the Farmers' Market for your fresh produce, we all rely heavily on the weather this time of year. Our hearts go out to our people in Missouri, North Carolina, and elsewhere that have received devastating tornadoes. Unfortunately, tornadoes are just a part of the transition from winter to spring. Spring is also the time of year for lots of activities; graduations, dance recitals, softball leagues, and the list could go on and on. Congratulations to all of our young graduates from Head Start, Kindergarten, High School, and Universities across our nation. We are so privileged to be part of the educational process of our Chickasaw children and young people.

Spring is also a good time of year to clean out the closets and get rid of outgrown clothes and items that we no longer need. The Chickasaw Nation Reuse Center is a great place to place those items that you no longer want. Before throwing out old furniture, appliances, household items or clothes, I would like to encourage you to bring or send them to the

Reuse Center. Remember, what is one man's trash may be another man's treasure. We are so privileged to have a place to donate our unneeded items, knowing that they will be taken care of and displayed so that others may freely choose just what they need. If you would like more information about the Reuse Center, you may call (580) 272-5451.

I would like to invite you all to join us this year at the Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) at Kullihoma on May 20 and 21. This is a great time to get together with other families to learn about our culture. Activities will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will continue through the evening. There will be a youth fishing derby, cornstalk shooting contest, archery competitions, Squirrel Stick throw, loksi races and stickball games. There will also be demonstrations in basket weaving, corn husk doll making, beadwork, and many more. I hope to see you there.

Let me know if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

Nancy

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Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Dynamic Chickasaw women are doing great things!

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. We are praying for more rain in Oklahoma - but less tornadoes. We haven't received the usual amount of Spring rain and it sure is dry around here.

Congratulations to the Chickasaw youth who participated in the 9th Annual Native American Language Fair! Our youth took home First Place and truly excelled.

The Dynamic Women's Conference was held on April 21 at the Chickasaw Community Center. The speakers were outstanding and the conference and forum are drawing more women each year. This year the participants gained knowledge about personal wellness, strong relationships and productive living. The conference is presented each year by a partnership of the Clemente Humanities Class of the Division of Arts and Humanities and East Central University.

This year's special speaker was Steffani Cochran, a Chickasaw attorney who is the current Vice Chairperson of the National Indian Gaming Commission. Steffani also spoke at this year's Annual Indian Law Conference of the Federal Bar Association in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We are sure proud of the Dynamic Ms. Cochran! Art of Chickasaw women was on display at the McSwain Theater Gallery following the Conference.

Panelists for the evening portion were tribal elder Richenda Brown, Legislator Connie Barker, Oklahoma Arts Council Artist in Residence Kelly Riha and Frieda Clark, a director for the Division of Arts and Humanities. The panel did a wonderful job answering questions and telling of their life experiences. I enjoyed the whole day at the Conference and the art show was an extra bonus!

We had two ribbon-cuttings for new buildings in April. On the 20th, we cut a ribbon on the new building for the Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math Academy. On the 25th, we cut a ribbon for the Chickasaw Search and Rescue Firehouse. These two buildings add much to our existing facilities and prove that our Nation and the services we provide continue to grow.

In closing, I ask that each of you continue to pray for the leaders in our federal and state governments and, of course, our great Chickasaw Nation! And may God bless us all.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw
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Sci-Tech-Math Center a big boost to our students!

Hello everyone,
Yesterday I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting for the new 7,000 square foot Chickasaw Nation Science-Technology-Math Academy. The goal of the programs through the Academy is to inspire Chickasaw students to be future leaders in the fields of math, science, and technology. Kagan St. Clair-Shelton and Billy Bonner, members of the Metal Mayhem robotics team, were in attendance and demonstrated how they control the robot and tasks they must complete during competitions. I was amazed with the way the students manipulated the arm of the robot to hang round, square, and triangular shaped pieces on various pegs. Sara Willie and her staff, along with the program mentors do an excellent job of preparing our Chickasaw students for academic success. For more information about the science, technology, and math program contact program manager Sara Willie at (580) 421-7711 or email sara.willie@chickasaw.net.

Also this month the Legislature unanimously approved the submission of a grant application for Community Oriented Policing (COPS) funding from the Department of Justice. The one million dollar grant will provide funding for vehicles and training to increase the capacity of the

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department to provide safer communities and enhance their ability to prevent, solve, and control crime within the Chickasaw Nation. I appreciate the dedication of our Lighthorse officer's as they serve and protect the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, they do an outstanding job.

Spring is here in Oklahoma and it is a wonderful time of growth and renewal. The Chickasaw Nation continues to grow as well and our goal is always to enhance the lives of our people.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family,

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Science-Technology-Math Academy dedicated in Ada



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center with scissors, is joined by several tribal officials, staff and community members to cut the ribbon for the new tribal Science-Technology-Math Academy Wednesday, April 20, in Ada, Okla. First row, from left, Tim Elliott, Redland architect, John Hargrave, East Central University president, Cheri Gordon, tribal Supreme Court justice, Toby Perkins, tribal legislator, Nancy Elliott, tribal legislator, Gov. Anoatubby, Mary Jo Green, tribal legislator, Sara Willie, Science-Technology Math program manager, Lisa John, tribal Education Division administrator, Kagan St. Clair-Shelton and Billy Bonner, robotics team members, Lynne Chatfield, tribal education programs director and Jay Keel, tribal division of Youth and Family administrator. Second row, from left, robotics mentors James Howerton, Jim Lawson, tribal Housing Division Administrator Wayne Scribner and mentor Ty Moore.

Mike McKee

ADA, Okla. - An innovative building designed to inspire and nurture future scientists and engineers was officially dedicated Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by several hundred guests at the opening of the Chickasaw Nation Science-Technology-Math Academy, 301 Seabrook Drive in Ada.

The 7,000 square-foot building houses the tribal

robotics program and the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA). "The Science-Technology-Math Academy is an integral part of our effort to provide the tools and instruction which will inspire our young people to make that important connection between education and a meaningful career," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We are also providing challenging opportuni-

ties such as the robotics teams and LEGO leagues, which should help give these students the confidence to excel in any area of education."

CNasa is a summer learning program designed to engage Chickasaw students' interests in aviation, space, science or math.

The building will also provide the LEGO and Metal Mayhem robotics teams and other

science student programs a place to conduct meetings, research information for projects, build robots, simulate tournament play, and utilize the flight simulator.

"Some of our former robotics and CNASA students are now pursuing higher education and careers in the science and aerospace fields," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Our hope is this facility will provide another tool

which will help motivate more students to set lofty goals and do what it takes to reach those goals."

A classroom with Smart-Board technology is available as an additional learning tool for students. The new facility will also include a large shop area, a kitchen, and office space.

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NASA accepting applications for high school INSPIRE Program

Students entering the 9th through 12th grade during the 2011-2012 academic year can apply for the NASA Interdisciplinary National Science Program Incorporating Research Education Experience Program.

The program encourages students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. The program also provides students a

hands-on learning experience with NASA engineers and scientists. The application deadline is June 30, 2011. Student selections will be announced in September.

For more information, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/education/INSPIRE>. To apply for the program, visit <https://inspire.okstate.edu>.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Chickasaw Nation Legislative Finance Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the Consolidated Tribal Budget for 2012 on June 16, 2011, at the Chickasaw Nation Legislative Building, 801 North Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma, beginning at 6:30 pm. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Legislative Office in Ada.

Any Chickasaw citizen may address the Finance Committee at the hearings; provided, the citizen may speak only if he has notified Committee Chair Scott Colbert in writing of his desire to speak and provides an agenda. A citizen may speak for up to 10 minutes. Chickasaw citizens may also present written comments, recommendations, information or questions at those meetings, provided, those written comments are presented to Committee Chair Scott Colbert prior to the hearing's commencement.

The meetings shall be held in accordance with Title 10, Section 10-205 and following of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The Chickasaw Nation Code can be located at www.Chickasaw.net.

Connections

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on Connections:

May 11 - "Chickasaw Games"

Who's ready to hit the chunky court? Learn more about traditional Chickasaw games this week.

May 18 - "Historic Chickasaw Sites"

Tune in and discover the rich history of some of the landmarks around the Chickasaw Nation.

May 25 - "Summer Lawn/Garden Care"

Now that you have your garden planted, you have questions. We'll cover a variety of lawn and garden topics, including tips about mowing, weeding and proper watering.

June 1 - "Keeping Kids Safe and Active"

School's out for summer! We'll talk about ways parents can keep kids engaged with fun and age-appropriate activities during the summer break.

Listeners are invited to call the show's toll-free line at 1-TLK-895-KCNP (1-855-895-5267) to talk to each week's guest.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

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Todd sworn in as Chickasaw Nation Special Judge

ADA, Okla. - Sherry Abbott Todd learned from her mother Jean Abbott to "never be afraid to step outside the box."

Ms. Todd is the new Special Judge of the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon administered the oath of office to Ms. Todd at the tribal Judicial Building in Ada April 4, 2011 in a ceremony attended by several family members and friends of Ms. Todd as well as Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, tribal legislators, administrators and employees.

"The decisions that we make, make a difference in people's lives. I am aware of that, I take that seriously," Ms. Todd said. "I promise you that I will treat the families as if they were a part of my family."

"I honor this position, I honor this nation and I honor the families that make up our great nation."

Ms. Todd replaces tribal Special Judge Dustin P. Rowe, who had served in the position since 2005. Mr. Rowe was recently was appointed Chickasaw Nation District Court Judge.

Ms. Todd, a Chickasaw citizen, has served as an Assistant Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma since 1998. Previously she served as an Assistant District Attorney for Oklahoma County (1988-1998.) She had also been serving as the Magistrate of the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation since 2004.

"We expect Judge Todd to be a valuable asset to our judicial team," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Her vast legal and judicial knowledge and experience will enable the tribe to further our mission of enhancing the lives of Chickasaw people."

Ms. Todd said she had always wanted to be a doctor or a lawyer and decided to study law at age 38.

"Your age should never be a barrier for new goals and new careers," Ms. Todd said.

Ms. Todd graduated from East Central University in Ada with a bachelor's degree in education and taught at Byng, Okla. for several years.

Originally from Ada, Ms. Todd moved to Norman, Okla., to attend University of Oklahoma. These days, she is back in Ada, living with her mother.

Ms. Todd's family has a long

history of serving the tribe. Her brother David Abbott is a pilot for the Chickasaw Nation and her sister Thalia Miller is the tribal horticulture department director. Her late father Joe Kent Abbott was a tribal legislator and business manager. Her late uncle Barney Abbott Jr. was a tribal judge.

Ms. Todd has a daughter, Shanda Jo Nelson, a son-in-law Jack and two grandchildren, Parker and Peyton.

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Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, left, administers the oath of office to newly-appointed Chickasaw Nation Special Judge Sherry A. Todd. Ms. Todd's mother Jean Abbott holds the Bible during the swearing-in.

Marcy Gray

Chickasaw youngsters enjoy Thunder v. Jazz

It was an exciting day for Dorian Underwood.

"This is my first live basketball game," said the fourth grader, before the March 23 basketball game between Oklahoma City Thunder and Utah Jazz. "This is the most excited I have ever been. I am a big basketball fan."

The 10-year-old from Moore, Okla., was one of 92 Chickasaw youth who were recently treated to a professional basketball game in Oklahoma City.

Chickasaw youth, ages 10-18, from Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Oklahoma City, Davis and Purcell area participated in the Chickasaw Nation National Basketball Association (NBA) Thunder Game Night sponsored by the tribal youth and family division, said Tonya Bierce, camps and recreation coordinator.

She also said the division "strives to provide a variety of opportunities for Chickasaw youth and this was one of

them."

The Division of Youth and Family is one of the many tribal divisions that organize exciting and educational camps, clinics and academies for the youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills during summer.

For more information about the 2011 youth camps, please visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

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The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

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stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Ms. Joy Barrick at (580) 310-6451 or joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

U.S., tribes discuss nature, culture on public lands

More than 230 tribal, federal, state and local officials participated in the tenth annual "To Bridge a Gap" conference to discuss natural resources, Native cultural items and burial sites protection and preservation April 4-7 at Riverwind Hotel in Norman, Okla.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, the conference is a national platform for the agencies to get together to learn, share and discuss tribal relations, preservation issues, managing archaeological, natural or cultural resources, use of forest products, restoration of ecosystems, fire management, sacred sites, and many more.

In addition to strengthening government-to-government relationships between various federal and state agencies and federally recognized tribal governments, the conference also seeks to educate the general public about the proper use of natural resources as well as importance of cultural items and burial sites to Indian tribes.

Several informative and interactive presentations and discussion sessions featured topics like repatriation and

reinterment, Native American burial sites and mounds, traditional cultural property, state burial laws, and many more.

The conference also included a keynote address by Janie Hipp, director of the United States Department of Agriculture's Office of Tribal Relations.

Mrs. Hipp, a Chickasaw citizen, highlighted the conference's contribution in the continued partnership between various agencies involved in preservation and protection.

"What you all do in these few days that you are here together is part of tradition and history," she said. "I think it's really important for you to keep it up. It's very important that we have these sorts of meetings and we continue to work together."

The conference began as a local meeting in 2001 with Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests (Arkansas and Oklahoma) and Native American tribes in Oklahoma and has grown to a national platform and model for land and resource management and preservation discussion.

A number of Chickasaw Nation employees were involved

in the four-day conference.

Chickasaw Nation Historic Preservation Officer LaDonna Brown participated in the "We are distinctly Unique Peoples and Cultures" workshop focusing on the unique identities of various Native American tribes. She introduced the audience to the various aspects of Chickasaw lifestyle including burial mounds, summer and winter homes, clothing, language and food.

Dr. Brad Lieb, tribal cultural resource specialist, participated in the discussion workshop "Sacred Sites and Traditional Cultural Properties: Protecting and Preserving our Sacred Landscapes" focusing on the importance of traditional cultural properties to Native American tribes.

Brian McCurdy and Jeanette Phillips from the tribal Department of GeoSpatial Information (GSI) presented information on the tribe's use of technology in preserving Chickasaw culture by locating and mapping ancient Chickasaw villages, burial sites and trade routes.

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Janie Hipp (left), director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Tribal Relations, delivered the keynote address during the 10th annual "To Bridge a Gap" conference in Norman, Okla. From left, Mrs. Hipp; Kirk Perry, tribal administrator for Division of Policies and Standards; and Judith Henry, forest supervisor for Ozark - St. Francis National Forests. Photo by Nicole C. Walls.

Scholarship deadlines approaching

Applications are due soon for students applying for scholarships and grants through the Chickasaw Nation.

Native American students applying for scholarships through the Chickasaw Foundation must submit completed applications by May 20. Eligibility requirements vary depending on the scholarship and all scholarships are competitive.

For more information about Foundation scholarships and an application, visit www.ChickasawFoundation.org or email ChickasawFoundation@Chickasaw.net.


Chickasaw students applying for summer scholarships and

grants through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education must submit a completed application by June 15 to be considered for summer funding. Scholarships and grants are available to all college students who possess a Chickasaw citizenship card. Eligibility requirements vary depending on the type of scholarship or grant.

For more information about the division of education scholarships and grants, visit

www.Chickasaweducation-services.com or email deborah.hook@Chickasaw.net.

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2010 - 2011 Chickasaw Princesses from left, Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson, Chickasaw Junior Princess Taloa Underwood and Little Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney.

Have you ever thought about being a Chickasaw Princess or just want more information about the princess program? **Contact:** Mary Hartley, Princess Program Coordinator, (580) 272-7710 or email mary.hartley@chickasaw.net

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center recognizes Chickasaw Nation with ‘Trail Boss Award’



Gov. Anoatubby, Chris Anoatubby and Don Moody.

DUNCAN, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby recently accepted the “Trail Boss Award” on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation from the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in Duncan.

The Chickasaw Nation was recognized for its role in the success of the historic Chisholm Trail, which enabled ranchers to move cattle from Texas to Kansas where they

were sold and shipped to markets in the eastern U.S.

Gov. Anoatubby dedicated the award to Chickasaw Nation Governor Cyrus Harris.

“Governor Harris had the foresight to work with cattlemen who drove their herds through the Chickasaw Nation on the Chisholm Trail,” said Gov. Anoatubby. “Our tribe gained a benefit from the trade with Texas drovers

and the cattle industry grew through their relationship with the tribe.

“We have always been committed to working closely with our neighbors and we continue that tradition today.”

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center is dedicated to preserving the history of the American West, the American Cowboy, and the Chisholm Trail. The Chisholm Trail followed a route close to present day U.S. Highway 81, passing through Duncan, El Reno and Enid, Oklahoma.

It is estimated that more than five million cattle were driven over the Chisholm Trail in the late 1800s.

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Little Olympics



Two-year-old Kylee Sutton, of Ada, has a great time as Micheal West wheels her around during the Little Olympics event held in celebration of Week of the Young Child.

Marcy Gray

Businesses produce \$121.7 net income at halfway mark

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 March 31, 2011

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$16.4 million for the month and \$77.9 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$7.4 million for the month and \$49.3 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for March totaled \$90.5 million and \$483.2 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$121.7 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$46.2 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2011, the tribal government funds had \$131.4 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$18.2 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$174.5 million

in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of March 31, 2011, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1,176 billion compared to \$1,145 billion at January 31, 2011 or an increase of \$31 million.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2011

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

Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
2,486,604	483,230,462	485,717,066
75,498,312	(75,498,312)	0
77,984,916	407,732,150	485,717,066
5,769,928		5,769,928
836,423		836,423
473,615		473,615
9,999,520		9,999,520
6,581,472		6,581,472
9,037,327		9,037,327
4,465,298		4,465,298
2,483,398		2,483,398
4,427,433		4,427,433
5,235,605		5,235,605
	257,767,600	257,767,600
	103,760,335	103,760,335
49,310,019	361,527,935	410,837,954
28,674,897	46,204,215	74,879,112
520,314,360	580,945,883	1,101,260,243
548,989,257	627,150,097	1,176,139,355

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets March 31, 2011

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
131,427,072	174,552,953	305,980,025
40,119,780	51,234,139	91,353,919
200,182	5,718,359	5,918,541
	18,408,090	18,408,090
	10,447,533	10,447,533
378,245,054	522,005,776	900,250,830
(1,002,830)	(155,216,754)	(156,219,584)
548,989,257	627,150,097	1,176,139,355

BIRTHS



Jayvyn Travon Warrior

Sisters, Stevy and Justice announce the birth of their brother, Jayvyn Travon Warrior. Jayvyn was born 5:17 p.m., March 24, 2011 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla. He weighed 6 lbs., 9.1 oz., and measured 17 3/4 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Tanee Reeves and Joseph Warrior, of Ada. He is the grandson of Tracie and Brian Carter, Wanda Brown and the late Steven D. Reeves, all of Ada. He is the great-grandson of Macalyn Duke, Glenda and Doyle Crowell, Roger Reeves and the late Eddie and Lorene Brown, all of Ada.



Ethan Austin Harp

Ethan Austin Harp, was born April 25, 2011 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 18" at birth.

Parents are John Wesley Harp and Karen Ya-O Sumail, of Ada, Okla.

Ethan has a sister, Sherra Rose, 4, and a brother, Keith William, 13.

His grandparents are John Leslie and Patricia Elaine Harp, of Gainesville, Texas, and Rosa Ya-O Bagsao and Sumail Bagsao, of Bontoc Mountain Province, the Philippines.

Great-grandparents are Gene and Fay Owen, of Gainesville; the late Elizabeth Reed Neely; Catherine Patton, of Krum, Texas and the late Bobby Harp.

BIRTHDAYS



Marcello Luis Benjamin

Marcello Luis Benjamin celebrated his first birthday March 30, 2011 with family and friends at Chuck-E-Cheese in Aurora, Colo. His proud parents are Yvonne and Norman Benjamin, Jr., of Aurora. He is the grandson of Norman Benjamin Sr., of Aurora and Amolene Benjamin, of Kansas City, Mo., and Cecelia and Douglas Miller, of Alliance, Neb.

Marcello is a blessing from God for our family and continues to bless us all with his million dollar smile that will melt your heart and caring disposition.

We love you Cello!

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.

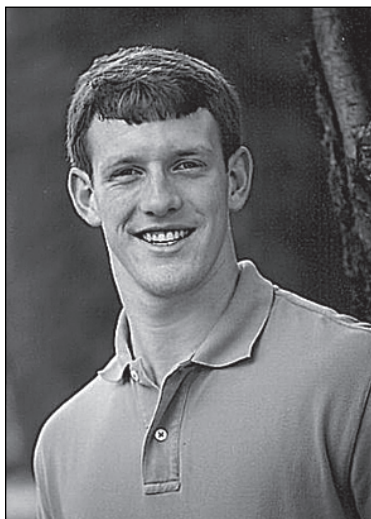
Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

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*.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Sterling C. Beard

Chickasaw named editor of Dartmouth newspaper

HANOVER, N.H. – A Chickasaw student has recently been selected editor of a college newspaper.

Sterling C. Beard has been named editor of *The Dartmouth Review*, the student-run newspaper serving the student body of Dartmouth College. *The Review* is a conservative publication founded by Dartmouth students in 1980.

Mr. Beard is responsible for content, design and distribution of both print and online versions of *the Review*. He supervises a staff of 30.

Mr. Beard is a 2008 graduate of Abilene (Texas) High School. He is an Eagle Scout and a National Merit Scholar. In high school he was active in both football and fine arts.

He is a member of X.ado, Dartmouth's Christian a cappella singing group, and played the lead in Dartmouth's production of "Two Gentlemen of Verona."

"I'm very proud of my Chickasaw heritage which emphasizes self-reliance, education and love of family and country," Mr. Beard said. "Those qualities are also important to readers of *The Dartmouth Review*."

He is the son of Rusty and Jane Varner Beard, of Abilene. Mrs. Beard is a Chickasaw citizen. He is the grandson of Chickasaw citizen Paula Jean Kennedy Varner, of Wichita, Kan.



Jordan Hendricks

Chickasaw qualifies for national BPA conference

A Chickasaw high school student has recently been recognized during a student leadership and business conference.

Jordan Hendricks, who attends Madill (OK) High School, placed first in Advanced Spreadsheet Applications during the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Spring Leadership Conference. The conference was conducted March 8 and 9 in Tulsa, Okla.

Approximately 3,000 BPA members from 170 Oklahoma high schools attended the conference.

Madill High School BPA members chose the theme "Stand Out From the Crowd" during this year's conference.

As winner of the Advanced Spreadsheet Applications category, Jordan will travel to the BPA National Conference in Washington, D.C., May 3-8.

Jordan is the daughter of Chickasaw citizen Roxann Ford and Jim Hendricks. Her grandparents are Tilford and Juanita Clement. Great-grandparents are Calvin and Velma Orr, and great-great-grandparents are Cliff and Willie McGee Orr.

Chickasaw West Gathering set for June 4 in California

SANTEE LAKES, Calif. – The Annual Chickasaw Gathering sponsored by Chickasaw West is set for Saturday, June 4 at Santee Lakes.

The gathering will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Picnic Area D. Everyone is welcome and attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided and served at noon.

A covered area is available in the event of rain. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn



Quintin E. Johnson

Quintin Johnson receives Eagle Scout rank

Quintin E. Johnson, a Chickasaw citizen, has recently earned the rank of Eagle as a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Quintin is a member of Boy Scout Troop 737 in Fernley, Nev. Prior to joining Troop 737, he graduated from Cub Scouts with the Arrow of Light Award.

Quintin was active in soccer, track and field, and speech and debate at Fernley High School. His older brother, Mitchell, and cousin, Daniel Farris, are also Eagle Scouts. His younger brother, Colton, currently holds the Life rank in Scouting.

Quintin plans to join his troop as an adult leader.

He is attending college and taking classes to become a physical therapist.

He is the son of Rand and JoAnne Farris Johnson, of Fernley.

Quintin's Chickasaw lineage includes his grandfather Joe Dan Farris, his great-grandmother Allie Lee Colbert Farris, and his great-great-grandfather Sim Colbert.

chairs. Fishing, paddleboat and canoe rentals are available.

Several members of the Chickasaw legislature normally attend this event.

Santee Lakes is in the San Diego area and is within one hour of a number of area attractions. If you wish to call ahead for fishing, camping and RV information, the Santee Lakes number is (619) 596-3141.

For directions, you may call Santee Lakes or Sharon Tandy at (818) 985-8392.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

2011 SIDEWALK CHALK FESTIVAL



Chickasaw student winner at USAO chalk art

A young Chickasaw artist has recently been honored for her unique chalk art.

Logan Amos, an eighth-grader at Chickasha (OK) Junior High School, participated in the recent Droverstock Arts Festival at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha. Logan and her classmate, Kaelan Petitt, created a beautiful owl with chalk on the sidewalk.

Logan and Kaelan won the judges' choice award and received a \$200 prize.

Students from across Oklahoma participated in the event. Student artists are provided a 6'x6' sidewalk area and are given four hours to complete their projects. A total of 750 artists



Logan Amos

created 300 works of art.

Logan is the daughter of Tommy and Amy Amos, of Duncan, Okla.

Chickasaw Hoopsters



The Chickasaw Hoopsters 10-and-under basketball team of Ada, Okla., recently completed an undefeated season. The boys competed in the Ada Boys and Girls Club league and finished 15-0. The Hoopsters are coached by Gary Walker. The players, all Chickasaw, are Tady Walker, Chad Milne, Caden Mills, Kobe Burgess and Randis Gray.



Ashlyn Kellam

Silo student tops in several show categories

A Chickasaw sixth-grader is meeting with success showing her animals.

Ashlyn Kellam, 12, attends Silo (OK) Elementary School. She has been showing animals since she was nine.

Ashlyn showed both cattle and goats at the 2010-2011 Bryan County (OK) Livestock Show. With her cattle she won Reserve Champion Junior Beef Showmanship and Reserve Grand Champion in County Born and Raised.

With her goat she won Re-

serve Champion Junior Goat Showmanship and Grand Champion County Born and Raised.

Ashlyn has shown cattle, goats and sheep. This year she also tried her hand at pigs and was awarded first place in her class.

Ashlyn is the daughter of Steven and Tabitha Kellam, of Durant, Okla.

Ashlyn is a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and says "thanks" to the tribe for the help on her Premium Sale.



Sharon Avalos

Chickasaw woman in non-traditional role

A Chickasaw woman has just completed her technical education and will soon join the workforce in a job traditionally filled by men.

Sharon Avalos graduated this month from the Residential Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC) Technician program at Mid-America Technology Center in Wayne, Okla. She plans to follow up her graduation by seeking her journeyman's license and eventually becoming a self-employed contractor.

"I was a little apprehensive at first about starting school again," Mrs. Avalos said. "But I have learned so much and would encourage anyone who

is thinking about a career change to jump in with both feet and go for it!"

Since enrolling at Mid-America, Mrs. Avalos has also obtained competency certification in sheet metal and natural gas, and has earned a University Environmental Protection Agency license.

Mrs. Avalos has also found time for volunteer work. In 2009 she was awarded the Ponotoc County Literacy Award for her work with the local literacy program.

Mrs. Avalos lives in Fittstown, Okla., with her husband, Rafael. The Avalos' have four children, Brooke, Sage, Tristan and Sebastian.



Dixie Taylor

Dixie Taylor to attend livestock study camp

A Chickasaw student has recently been accepted to a livestock study camp.

Dixie Taylor, a student at Bullard (TX) High School, has been selected to attend the 2011 Pork Leadership Camp in June. The camp is sponsored by the Texas Pork Producers Association, Iowa Pork Producers Council and Texas AgriLife Extension.

The camp provides an in-depth look at the pork industry. Students travel by bus and visit key industry locations. Only 24 students from Texas and Iowa were chosen for the camp.

The tour begins in Amarillo, Texas and stops at several sites in the Texas panhandle. An Oklahoma site is visited, then the tour travels on to Iowa for more visits, including the World Pork Expo in Des Moines.

Dixie completed an essay and interview to qualify for the tour.

Dixie serves as reporter for the Bullard FFA. Her FFA advisors are Stu Dildine and Monty Main.

Her parents are Todd and Gina Taylor, of Bullard.

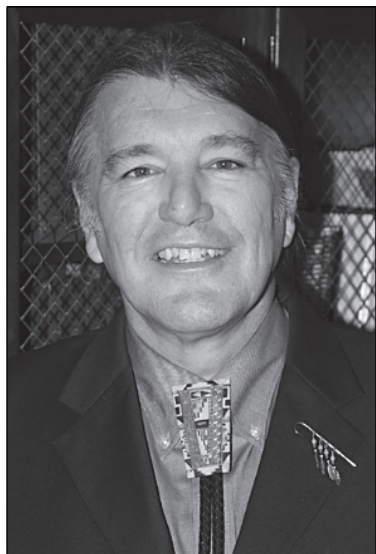
Emerson Family Reunion scheduled for May 21

The Emerson Family Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, June 12 at the Mill Creek School cafeteria.

Lunch will be served at noon. Bring your favorite covered dish.

For more information please contact Teresa Bolin at (580) 504-6844 or Deb Hook at (580) 618-1073.

Chickasaw attorney Jess Green honored with 'Sovereign Warrior Award'



Jess Green

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw attorney Jess Green, of the Green Law Firm, P.C., was recently recognized with the "Tim Wapato: Sovereign Warrior Award" during the annual meeting of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA).

Chickasaw student working in St. John emergency room



Brandon Short

Brandon Short graduated from Owasso (OK) High School, in 2008.

He is the son of Kim and Glendon Short. He is the grandson of Vanda Harvey, of Allen, Texas and the late Jerry Harvey. He is the great-grandson of George and Anna Lee Burkhardt, of Marietta, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of the late Dory Souse Sanders, an original enrollee.

In 2009 Brandon completed courses at Tulsa Technology with A/P license. He currently works at Sapulpa St. John Hospital as an emergency room tech.

ciation (NIGA).

The award was created in 2009 and is presented annually to an Indian leader who has led the struggle of Indian Nations and tribes over the years by advancing sovereignty. The previous award winner was Mississippi Choctaw Chief of over three decades, Phillip Martin, who was recognized posthumously.

The National Indian Gaming Association recognized Green by tying an eagle feather in his hair and gifting a bolo tie and a stone Indian statue to commemorate the award.

Mr. Green thanked Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and other elected leaders he has served. The day-to-day problems of Indian citizens, Mr. Green said, were much more overwhelming and important than the planned litigation or contact with federal agencies on controversial issues. Mr. Green was praised by several Indian leaders for his tireless and relentless defense of Indian sovereignty in the constitutional structure of the United States.

Mr. Green and law partner, Nancy McAlister, are nationally and internationally known for

successful participation in two of the five cases nationwide that allow Indian governments to play bingo and pull tabs through the use of entertaining displays. This award is Mr. Green's second major recognition by the NIGA. He, along with three other individuals, received the Chairman's Award in 2009.

The Green Law Firm, P.C., represents many Oklahoma Indian governments, as well as California, Montana and Florida tribes. Mr. Green is a widely published, much sought after speaker and a member of the International Masters of Gaming Law.

Jess Green was a state court judge in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, for eight years early in his career. He has chaired the Oklahoma Bar Association Indian Law, General Practice; and Solo and Small Firm Sections of the Bar. He was the first chairman of the Chickasaw Bar Association. For almost two decades Mr. Green has hosted the Indian gaming panel at the Oklahoma Supreme Court Annual Sovereignty Symposium. Mr. Green's service to the Chickasaw Nation includes not only his legal representa-

tion, but also service in the Chickasaw legislature, including chairman of the legislature in 1983. Green's mother, Mary Jo Green, is serving her fifth term in the Chickasaw Legis-

lature and family elected service to the Chickasaw Nation extends from election in 1868 and 1872, as noted by Certificates that hang on the walls of Jess Green's office.

Pickens feted on 50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Pickens.

Brize and Nadine (Franklin) Pickens celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 7, 2011 with a reception at the Ardmore (OK) Chickasaw Nation Gymnasium. The couple was married May 10, 1961 at

Ardmore.

Joining them for this joyous celebration were their six children; thirteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters; brothers; cousins and friends.

Crittendens celebrate 40th



Gary and Pauline Crittenden celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary April 16, 2011. The celebration was hosted at the home of their son, Kelly, in Sherman, Texas, along with their oldest son Kevin in attendance.

Attending the celebration were their grandchildren, Em-

ily and Kelly Junior. Cristian and Brenden, the couple's grandson were unable to attend due to school.

Mr. Gary Critenden is the grandson of Rhoda Mae Huff an original enrollee and the great-great-grandson of Judge Benjamin Franklin Kemp.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW PRINCESS

Taloa Underwood
Chickasaw Jr. Princess

While going to events, I've learned how our nation is doing and what the future of our nation will be like. When I get to meet the other princesses I've learned different things about their nations, their traditional dress, and that their Lord's Prayer in sign language is different from our own.

I also enjoy getting to participate in the events we go to. When we attended "Completing the Circle" at Shawnee, Oklahoma I enjoyed the grand entry as we walked and danced around the arena with other nations and native dancers.

Most of all I enjoy just being with the other Chickasaw princesses Sesiley Robertson and Maegan Carney. Miss Mae-Mae always has us laughing. We always have a good time and we learn something new every time we go to a new event.

Yakoke,
Taloa Underwood

Chukma,
I am enjoying being the Chickasaw Jr. Princess and traveling to different places and getting to meet and see other nations come together as well as our own Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw soldier promoted to first sergeant



Sgt. Jimmy Jonglelee Wynne with his children, Karissa and Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne.

A Chickasaw soldier has recently received a promotion.

First Sgt. Jimmy Jonglelee Wynne was promoted to his current rank during ceremonies at the Oklahoma Army National Guard Regional Training Institute in Oklahoma City.

Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne, 1st Sgt. Wynne's son, placed the promotion insignia on his father's uniform during the ceremony.

First Sgt. Wynne has served for more than 20 years in the military. His initial action was

as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps during the Desert Storm operation. He currently serves with the Oklahoma National Guard on the Special Transition Team in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

First Sgt. Wynne and his wife, Jennifer, live in Bridge Creek, Okla. The couple has three children, Vivien, Jimmy and Karissa, and two granddaughters, Natalie Mackenzie. He is the son of Jimmy and Willie Juanita Wynne, of Stratford, Okla.

Charles Shields Memorial Horseshoe Tournament May 28 in Sulphur

The first Charles Shields Memorial Horseshoe Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2011, at the Mill Creek softball fields. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with the tournament beginning at noon.

Entry fee is \$6 per event and \$10 for both. Rules include: no skunking; 40 ft. players only; draw for partners; double elimination; scoring is as follows: 1-3-5. All calls are final!

Trophies for: Singles first, second and third place; and doubles first, second and third place.

Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this inaugural event honoring legendary horseshoe ringer, Charles Shields.

Annual Sealy Family Reunion scheduled for May 21

The Annual Sealy Family Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur, Okla.

The reunion will begin at 10 a.m. and will continue until 3 p.m.

All Sealy families, relatives and family friends are welcome and encouraged to attend the reunion. Lunch will be pot luck and attendees are asked to bring photos and game equipment.

For more information please call Robin Fulsom at (580) 421-9745, Suzanne Russell at (580) 272-3574, or LeRoy Sealy at (405) 474-8657.

Mrs. Mouser celebrates 96 at old home place

She has traveled all over the country, but has always called the same place home - a white frame house about 10 miles south of McAlester, Okla.

Chickasaw citizen Myrtle Mouser celebrated her 96th birthday last month in the same home where she was born and still resides today.

"I've always been here, and I don't want to live anywhere else," Mrs. Mouser said.

Some say the kitchen is the heart of the home and many of Mrs. Mouser's memories close to her heart took place in the kitchen, including the birth of her son.

One of nine children of Bernie, a Chickasaw, and Annie Durant, Mrs. Mouser recalls helping her mother cook when she was eight or nine years old.

"When you have to cook for 11 people on a wood stove and wash all the dishes by hand, three times a day, it's kind of rough," she said. "I've had people ask me 'what did you do for past time after dark.' We went to bed! We were too tired to have a past time," she laughed. "We didn't have any electricity and we had to go to the creek to wash clothes on a rub board."

An ice box was purchased in 1938 after she married her husband, Dwight.

"It was kind of rough, but we made it," she said.

She attended two-room grade school in the community of Cooper until the eighth grade.

As a child she looked forward to Saturdays, when the family packed the wagon and went to town to buy groceries and visit friends.

Haskell fast-pitch tourney set for May 14-15

The 17th Annual Haskell Commencement Indian Men's fast-pitch tournament is scheduled for May 14 and May 15 at Clinton Lake Sports Complex, Lawrence, Kans.

Entry Deadline is May 10.

For entry form contact Sherry Girty at sherry.girty@haskell.edu or (785) 979-5501; Lou Edith Hara at lhara@haskell.edu or (785) 749-8404 ext 251; Kerry Cuny at kcuny@haskell.edu or (785) 979-1771; or Alta Cobell-Pewenofkit at acobell@haskell.edu or (785) 218-4950.



Myrtle Mouser and her son, Jim, in the family home located near McAlester.

The 10-mile trip took two hours by wagon, or an hour on horseback.

One of her favorite stories is when she and her sister-in-law took a buggy and a new team of horses from the home place to Quinton. It was a long trip.

"We were not supposed to trot the team, just let them walk and it began to snow - it was in March," she laughed.

Her only child, Jim, was also born in the house, right on the kitchen table in 1939. He weighed 15 pounds and Mrs. Mouser had complications following the birth. As a result Jim was an only child, she said.

The family always had something to care for at the home place. Animals, including ducks, chickens, cows and goats have always been a fixture and Mrs. Mouser cared for them all. She also picked cotton as a young girl, always while wearing a dress.

"We weren't allowed to wear jeans or pants," she said.

After her husband died in 1984, she continued to care for

the cattle, including hauling hay and feeding them.

"I always worked, just never for anyone else," she laughed.

Mrs. Mouser did dedicate more than 70 years working for the Pittsburg County Election Board. She started working elections at the age of 21 and retired just two years ago.

"I started out making \$2 a day, working from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.," she said. "When I retired, we were making \$57 a day."

During her years with the election board, she saw the advent of computers.

"We use to hand count and tally out the ballots, but it was easier with computers," she laughed.

When asked to share some words of wisdom and the secret to a long life, Mrs. Mouser stressed to live clean and take time to visit and get to know neighbors.

"People don't take time to get to know one another anymore and it's a shame," she said.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.



Chickasaw citizen Jim Mouser outside the rural home he shares with his 96-year-old mother, Myrtle.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli kids put priority on language

Chickasaw students top performers at Youth Language Fair



Chipota Chikashshanompoli members pose with their trophy and tribal legislators. Back row from left, Jordan Stick, Chelsea Wedlow, Katie Walker, Lariah Black, Faithlyn Seawright, Christian Steidley, Trevor Clark, Levi Hinson and tribal legislator Beth Alexander. Front row from left, tribal legislator Katie Case, Chris Anglin, Jesse Clark, Anna Mae Palmer, Zoe Allen, Isabella McGinley, Ke-Ke Factor, Jonathon DelFrute, Nyah Stephens, Colton Wilson and Jarius Smith.

Chickasaw girl selected for variety of acting, showcase experiences



Lauren John

Like many of the other young girls in Dallas that day, Chickasaw student Lauren John was primed to see one of her favorite musical groups, "the Jonas Brothers."

Little did she know that at a pre-concert stop at the Galleria shopping area, she would be tapped by the International Performing Arts Academy - the talent agency that launched actress Taylor Lautner into "Twilight" success.

When Lauren was approached with an opportunity for a complimentary workshop and told that she met the criteria for what a talent agent might be seeking, her mother, Lisa John, Administrator for the tribal Division of Education, saw an opportunity for her daughter to gain self-confidence.

"Her father and I have always wanted her to be comfortable in her own skin," Mrs. John said. "We thought it would help her loosen up and be more confident speaking in front of others."

After the workshop, an interview and several call backs, Lauren was selected from a

pool of 1,500 candidates to participate in this summer's International Performing Arts Showcase in Hollywood.

At the showcase, Lauren will learn modeling, acting and talent techniques from industry professionals as well as being "showcased" before numerous modeling and talent agents, managers, casting directors, film directors and record labels.

When she found out she was headed to Hollywood, Lauren was ecstatic.

"I told my mom 'I don't think I can stop smiling!'" she said.

The family heads to Dallas twice a month for showcase preparation classes where Lauren is advised on walking a runway, acting and modeling.

Lauren is preparing to present a commercial and read lines for a sitcom and soap opera at the showcase.

Mrs. John said that Native American talent is highly sought after in the industry. As for Lauren, a former Little Miss Chickasaw, she's "really proud to represent Chickasaws in Hollywood."

"We are so excited and proud of her," said Mrs. John. "This is an experience that she'll remember for the rest of her life."

A third grader at Washington Elementary in Ada, Okla., Lauren enjoys soccer, golf, riding horses and drawing.

She is the daughter of Tom and Lisa John and the granddaughter of Chickasaw elder Pauline Brown and the late Wilson Brown.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

NORMAN, Okla. - Chickasaw students earned several first place honors and other awards at the ninth annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, themed "Elder Voices, Youth Choices." The fair was April 4 - 5 at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman.

"We are very proud of the accomplishments of all of these students, Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "As the theme implies, these young people chose to listen to the voices of their elders. It is very moving to see these generations working together to help keep our language alive and thriving."

The Chickasaw Nation lan-

guage club, Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw), placed first in the sixth through eighth grade group spoken language and group song categories.

"It's important for the students to learn Chickasaw because it's their heritage," said Rachel Wedlow, tribal language outreach coordinator. "Language is their past, present and future."

Language club participants were Zoe Allen, Chris Anglin, Lariah Black, Johnathon DelFrute, Ke-Ke Factor, Levi Hinson, Noah Hinson, Isabella McGinley, Anna Mae Palmer, Faithlyn Seawright, Jarius Smith, Christian Steidley, Nyah Stephens, Katie Walker and Colton Wilson of Ada; Jordan Stick and Chelsea Wedlow of Allen; and Jesse and Trevor Clark of Stratford. Johnathon DelFrute also won first place in the third through fifth grade book category.

Several other Chickasaw students took home trophies as well. Katy, Brooke and Skye Shackelford, Purcell, placed first in the ninth through twelfth video category. They also won the small group spoken language category along

with their brother, Dale Shackelford. Skye Shackelford also took second place in the ninth through twelfth grade essay competition and third place in the poster competition.

Bradley Stick, a student from Byng schools, placed second in the ninth through twelfth individual spoken language category. Also from Byng, Mercedes Milligan won first place in the poster competition and third place in the ninth through twelfth spoken language with Power Point category. Byng students Jaden Miller and Melissa Townsend took third place in the ninth through twelfth book category.

The theme for 2011 was "Elder Voices, Youth Choices." Students from across the state competed in the language fair representing more than 20 different tribes.

For more information about the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, visit <http://www.snomnh.ou.edu> or visit www.chickasaw.net/cc for additional information about the Chipota Chikashshanompoli language club.

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Chickasaw Nation opens Search and Rescue Firehouse



Mike McKee

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by several tribal officials, employees and guests to cut the ribbon for the new Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue Firehouse Monday, April 25 in Ada, Okla. From left, John Hargrave, East Central University president; Cheri Gordon, tribal Supreme Court justice; Kelly Logan, Search and Rescue coordinator; Bill Lance, tribal Division of Commerce administrator; Mary Jo Green, tribal legislator; Nancy Elliott, tribal legislator; Gov. Anoatubby; Jefferson Keel, Lt. Gov.; Holly Easterling, tribal Division of Planning and Organizational Development administrator; Kennedy Brown, special assistant to the Governor; Traile Glory, Bureau of Indian Affairs Chickasaw Agency superintendent, Ashley Large, Bureau of Indian Affairs Chickasaw Agency deputy superintendent and Jay Boynton, architect.

ADA, Okla. - Gov. Bill Anoatubby highlighted the tribe's commitment to the safety of the entire community at the opening of the new Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue Firehouse in Ada, Okla.

"In this great state, we look out for each other - our neighbors, friends and family," Gov. Anoatubby said at the ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, April 25. "We owe a great debt of gratitude to all those men and women who fearlessly put their own safety on the line to protect us in times of emergency."

The 6,000 square-foot facility located at 1930 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Blvd. houses training and equipment space for

the tribal search and rescue team and wild land firefighters as well as office space for use in emergencies. The facility will also be the permanent home of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Chickasaw Agency Annual Basic Firefighter School, where dozens of fire fighters receive training each year.

The Search and Rescue team and firefighters participate in a variety of activities, working with many law enforcement and other agencies locally and nationwide.

"These brave men and women fight fires, pick up the pieces of a tornado's destruction and are many times first on the scene after an accident," Gov. Anoatubby said.

The Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team have been involved in several rescue efforts nationwide including in the aftermath of the tornado that struck Lone Grove, Okla., in 2009.

In 2005, the team traveled to New Orleans just four days after the city was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The team worked among the chaos and devastation and accounted for 67 live rescues there.

Wild land firefighters fight numerous fires within the state, and have traveled as far as California to protect lives and property endangered by wild fires.

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Boys and Girls Club director honored



Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Toni Pace, center, accepts the Boys & Girls Clubs Executive of the Year award for the state of Oklahoma from Nash Lamb, Boys & Girls Club of Green Country, Area Council chair of Oklahoma, left, and A. Jaye Johnson, president of Oklahoma Chapter of Boys & Girls Club Professional Association and unit director of Oklahoma County. The award was presented March 23 at the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion during the Boys & Girls Clubs Professional Association annual banquet. Ms. Pace began her employment with the Chickasaw Nation in 1998. In 2006, she was named the Executive Director for the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs. This is the first time a representative of the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs has ever received this award. The Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs has location in Sulphur and Tishomingo, Okla. For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs programs call (580) 559-0907.

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Camp Hayaka Unta

Enjoying the many joys of the great outdoors

Eleven-year-old Haley Scheerger, of Ardmore, Okla., had never slept in a tent, roasted a marshmallow or shot a rifle.

But Chickasaw Nation Hayaka Unta Spring Camp changed all of that.

"She's done it all now," said Haley's mother, Shellie.

Haley and her mother spent two nights camping in a tent during Hayaka Unta, conducted at Camp Simpson in Johnston County, Oklahoma, April 15-17.

Hayaka Unta ("to stay in the wilderness") is a unique camp that provides Chickasaw youth and their parents or guardians an opportunity to tent camp and try many new activities, such as fishing, skeet shooting, archery, rock wall climbing and canoeing.

ing and canoeing.

Campers have the option to participate in several activities, or they can just hang out by the campfire or by the lake.

Haley chose to participate in almost everything, including climbing the rock wall and a game of stickball. The only thing she did not like about Hayaka Unta was the thought of bugs invading her tent.

"It was fine after I sprayed the tent down with bug spray," she said.

Her mom was a little concerned about how Haley would react to the great outdoors, but once they got to camp "I was very proud of her and how she jumped right in and participated."

Blake Nucosee, 14, took his dad David to Hayaka Unta.

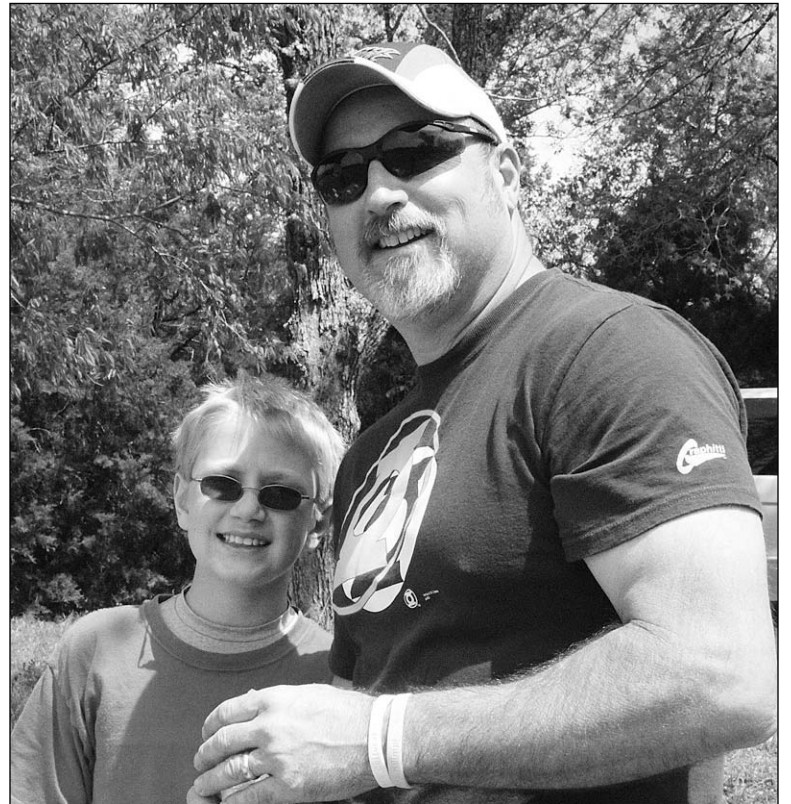
Blake had never been in a canoe. Both Ada, Okla., men had rave reviews about the experience.

Quinnlan King and his dad Leonard, of Moore, Okla., gave the camp "three thumbs up."

"It is awesome to be in the outdoor wilderness," said Quinnlan.

Hayaka Unta is offered in the spring and fall at no charge to Chickasaw families. For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division, Youth Services Department at (580) 310-6620, or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Quinnlan, left, and his dad Leonard King of Moore, Okla. at Hayaka Unta.

Boys and Girls Club kids plant flowers



Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club members, from left, Baleigh Simon, Alison England and Carter Hudspeth help plant flowers at Callaway Nursing Home in Sulphur, Okla., April 19 to help celebrate Earth Day. The Club was inspired by Nickelodeon's Big Green help, an initiative to build eco-friendly actions and community service into children's daily lives. Flowers were also planted by the club at other nursing centers and the Chickasaw Nation Senior Center in Sulphur. The event was made possible through flower donations by Chickasaw Farms and the Chickasaw Community Gardens.

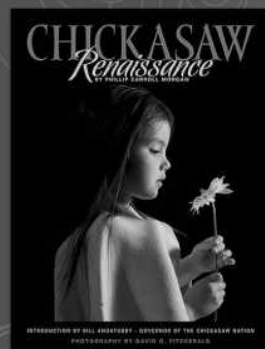


Haley Scheerger, of Ardmore, prepares to climb the rock wall at Hayaka Unta, conducted at Camp Simpson, near Tishomingo, Okla. April 15-17.

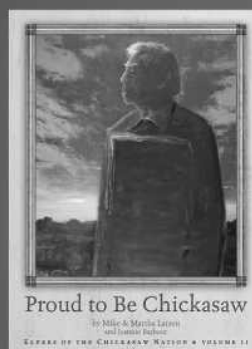


Ashton Bierce, third from left, shows off the fish he caught at Hayaka Unta. Canoeing with Ashton is, from left, James Bierce, Bill McCarter and William McCarter III.

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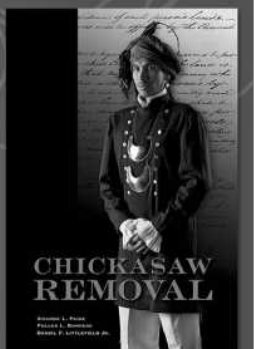
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Tribal After School Program offers spirit, fun, education



Attending the Spring 2011 After School Program are, front row, from left, Nayukpa Ramsey, Roddrick Orphan, Maci Dansby, Trenton Barnes, Chase Johnson and Jaylee Willis. Second row, from left, Triston Johnson, Brooke Colungo, Jason Morgan, Elijah Gibson, Carlee Horton, Nyah Stephens and AnaBelle Barnes. Back row, from left, Brandon Stephens, Kobe Burgess, Dawson Dansby and Pakanli Ramsey.

When Jaylee Willis is not attending the Chickasaw Nation After School program, the first grader spends her after school hours at her mom's work.

When Jaylee participated in the After School Program from April 4 to May 13, her activities include playing in the park, learning about nutritious snacks and making new friends.

"This is more fun," she said on a break from a recent afternoon game of touch football.

The After School Program is a six-week program, offered twice a year, which focuses on creating opportunities for Chickasaw students to learn new skills and knowledge, exercise and develop a healthy lifestyle and lasting friendships.

Outdoor exercise and activ-

ity were stressed during the spring session. Students played baseball, kickball and football in the park and participated in other outside activities.

The outdoor time was Triston Johnson's favorite thing.

"I usually go to my grandpa's on the bus, this is more exciting and I am making new friends," she said.

Sixth-grader Jayson Morgan, who has participated in the program for several years, said he always looks forward to the After School Program.

"I like hanging out with friends," he said.

Jayson always looks forward to the Friday trips to the Chickasaw Nation-owned family fun center, Lazer Zone, in Ada.

The After School Program is free of charge and will be offered again in the fall. The

hours are 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admittance is based in first come-first serve basis for Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation

May is National Foster Care Month

You can make a difference... May is National Foster Care Month.

The Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption Program is reaching out to find foster families in Oklahoma to help make a difference in the lives of Native American children.

"Please consider opening your heart and your home by becoming a Chickasaw Nation Tribal Resource Family and foster a child," said Jeanie Fulton, Chickasaw Nation Manager of Foster Care and Adoption. "Chickasaw children are waiting for families to offer them a chance for a stable home on both permanent and temporary basis."

Consider becoming a Foster Family today!

The Chickasaw Nation Foster Care program is always looking for appropriate families for children. An applicant can expect a six-month wait to find out if he/she qualifies and must provide the following documentation:

- Income verification
- Social Security cards
- CDIB
- Auto/home insurance verifications
- Physician's health statement
- Copies of vaccination records for pets



Triston Johnson runs with the ball as Kobe Burgess attempts to take her flag during a game of After School Program flag football.

employee's children. About 25 area students attended the spring program.

For more information about the After School Program, con-

tact Tonya Bierce at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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The Foster Care and Adoption program currently has children ranging from newborns to 17 years old for placement in permanent adoptive homes, short-term foster homes, emergency placement and respite care families.

Many of these formerly abused or neglected children and teens will safely reunite with their parents, be cared for by relative, or be adopted by loving families, but others are less fortunate.

The program stresses that all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives.

Tribal homes are needed within the Chickasaw Nation service area as well as throughout the state. The Chickasaw Nation especially needs homes in Oklahoma, Pontotoc and Carter County.

Financial assistance is available to help with the room and board of a foster child.

More than 200 Chickasaw children are currently in tribal, state and out-of-state custody. With the help of additional tribal resource families, the foster care program can provide a safe and loving home for these children.

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Elijah Gibson, with football, tries to get away from Roddrick Orphan and Jason Morgan during a game of flag football. Josh Bess, tribal activities coordinator, is also pictured.

Talented students use Summer Arts Academy as career springboard

Although it was established less than a decade ago, the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy has led to exciting opportunities for several of its graduates.

John McAlester and Katie Barrick are two students who have received music-based scholarships to Oklahoma City University.

"It's awesome that I can get rewarded for doing something I love so much," John said.

When he attended the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy for the first time, he decided he wanted to compose and play music beyond high school.

During the academy, John worked with Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate.

"Jerod really encouraged me



John McAlester

to continue to play throughout college," he said, "and attending the academy confirmed that that was exactly what I wanted to do."

John and 10 other academy composition students had the opportunity to have their music played by Juilliard-trained group ETHEL and recorded onto a CD for national distribution.

Results of the project, "OSHTALI: Music for String Quartet," was the first album release in history with works exclusively by American Indian student composers.

During the recording session, the students acted as producers, conveying exactly how they intended their compositions to be played.



Katie Barrick

Katie, another OSHTALI composer and academy alum, is attending Oklahoma City University to pursue a career in music production.

"My current goals would be nonexistent had it not been for the OSHTALI project," she said. "Sitting in the producer's seat during that process was a light bulb moment for me. Up until then I had never even considered producing, much less experienced it."

Aubrey Halford, of Ada, Okla., was still in junior high when her composition was recorded by ETHEL for the OSHTALI project.

Now a high school freshman, she has been accepted to the highly competitive Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute. This



Aubrey Halford

will be the second year she attends both the academy and the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute.

"The two camps really complement each other," she said. "I'm really excited to be a part of both."

Jonathon Bomboy, another academy and OSHTALI student composer, has used the bonds he formed at the academy to encourage an open environment for musicians in Ada.

He performs at coffee houses and venues around town and joins with other local musicians for benefit concerts.

"The academy really encouraged my desire to perform," Jonathon said. "I've also made many connections with other musicians as a result of the



Jonathon Bomboy

camp."

ETHEL will once again team up with Jerod Tate at the groundbreaking Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, set for June 3-5 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada. The inaugural event is the first ever Native American music festival. Selected student compositions from OSHTALI will be performed.

For more information on the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, visit www.chickasaw.net.

Recordings of "OSHTALI: Music for String Quartet" can be purchased online through Thunderbird Records.

Auditions are conducted annually for the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. For more information, contact the tribal Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival is June 3-5



ETHEL, the Juilliard-trained string quartet, will travel from New York City to pay homage to Native American composers at the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, June 3-5 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada, Okla. Photo provided.

ADA, Okla. - Next month's Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival in Ada is attracting talented musicians from across the nation. These musicians have one goal: to celebrate and showcase Native American composers and performers.

New York City's ETHEL, acclaimed as America's premier post-classical string quartet,

will visit Oklahoma once again to join forces with Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate. In 2010, the quartet performed the compositions of 10 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy students for the recording of "OSHTALI: Music for String Quartet."

The album was recognized as the first ever recording fea-

turing works by American Indian student composers.

ETHEL violinist Cornelius Duffallo said the quartet was thrilled to be invited back to play at the festival.

"Recording OSHTALI was an amazing experience," he said. "It was a testament to the remarkable talent held by Native American musicians."

Mr. Duffallo said he was fascinated by OSHTALI's student-composers, and was honored to be a part of the first-ever Native American chamber music festival.

"We feel strongly that Native Americans need to be recognized as a strong presence in the music world," he said. "If I can serve to fulfill that purpose at the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, I'll be happy."

The ensemble "Voices of Change," a contemporary music powerhouse based in Dallas, will be joining opera star Barbara McAlister to pay tribute to Dr. Louis Ballard. Dr. Ballard, an Oklahoman of Cherokee-Quapaw descent, is considered to be America's first Indian classical composer.

Maria Schleuning, "Voices of Change" violinist and artistic director, has discovered a love for Dr. Ballard's compositions while preparing for the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival.

"As an artist, it is so exciting to discover how beautiful his music is," she said.

Mrs. Schleuning echoed Mr. Duffallo's sentiments about being honored to be a part of the inaugural festival.

"I'm hoping to have the opportunity to interact with Native American musicians as well as help expose them to the work of such an amazing composer," she said. "I think it will be a nice exchange."

Scheduled for June 3-5, the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival will feature nightly performances as well as master class workshops for musicians during the day.

For more information on the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, including a detailed list of performances and ticket information, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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School to Work making big, positive differences in families

Cordelia McGee said she was "losing money by going to school."

The mother of three used to work full time at a gas company in Ardmore, Okla., and take evening classes at the Ardmore Higher Education Center.

Any time she had to take day classes, she would have to take off work, the Chickasaw said.

The situation became really problematic during her last semester when she had to complete a full-time internship, a requirement for her human services counseling degree.

"I couldn't afford to quit my job and work for free," she said.

So the 25-year-old turned to the Chickasaw Nation School to Work Program for assistance.

The program helped her get an internship with the human resources at WinStar in Thackerville, Okla. She completed her bachelor's degree from East Central University in Ada, Okla. last year and now works full time for the tribal benefits and compensation department.



Cordelia McGee

Miss McGee is one of the 13 Chickasaw Nation School to Work students who graduated from various area schools and colleges December 2010. These students are now firmly on their career paths after securing full time employments in less than three months.

Ada resident Courtney Cook had a job offer before she graduated.

The School to Work student interned at the Pontotoc County Court House in Ada last summer and was offered a full time position there.

However, the Chickasaw decided to "give back to the tribe" and took a coordinator position with the tribal career services office in Ada.

She had also previously worked at the tribal training and career development office as part of her on-the-job training.

"Of all the places I worked, this was the one that I enjoyed the most and learned the most," the 34-year-old said. "Dennis, Amy and Joyce, they



Courtney Cook

treated me like I was a part of their team."

Amy Robinette is the tribal training and career development director. Dennis Harris and Joyce West are training coordinators at the department.

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

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

This year, twelve School to Work graduates were able to secure employments within the tribe.

Program director Danny Wall said it is a "great achievement" for the program to be able to "bring back qualified Chickasaws to work for the tribe."

Nine of them, including Arli Jo Goforth of Ada, were offered



Arli Jo Goforth

positions at the same tribal departments where they performed their on-the-job training.

Ms. Goforth, a Canadian Valley Technology Center graduate, is a scrub technician at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

"I knew it (on-the-job training) was not a guaranteed employment," the 46-year-old said. "I was very excited when I got the job. There are no better people to work for than here."

She also said that the School to Work Program is a "true blessing" for Chickasaw students.

Another School to Work student Michael Worcester said the program is "too good to be true."

Mr. Worcester had just returned to United States in 2007 after six years of service in Navy and had started his undergraduate degree in chemistry at ECU.

He said the School to Work program just "fit in perfectly" and "took a lot of stress out of my life."

"It gives you a sense of stabil-



Michael Worcester

ity and comfort," the 28-year-old said.

Mr. Worcester worked for Environment Resources Technology in Ada for two years as part of his on-the-job training and said he "learned everything there."

He was accepted as an intern at the tribal Office of Environment Health in January and was offered a full time position there in March.

Other December 2010 students working full time are:

- Derrick Seeley of Pontotoc, Okla.
- Zayne James of Stonewall, Okla.
- Stormy Busby of Sulphur, Okla.
- Bobby Hatton of Ada
- Kevin Farve of Ardmore
- McKenzie Phillips of Fittstown, Okla.
- Kasie Graham of Ardmore
- Candeleine Hoelscher of Norman, Okla.
- James Reynolds of League City, Texas

For more information about the School to Work Program, please contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada or Don Mose at (580) 222-2839 in Ardmore.

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'Baby Steps' produces 200 items for impoverished moms



Ada resident Shala Cubit, left, hands her donation of feeding bottles, onesies and diapers to Keri Humphrey, foster care and adoption worker at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy, during the Baby Steps Walk Saturday, April 2 at the Ada Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center.

ADA, Okla. - More than 200 new baby items, including diapers, wipes, feeding bottles, onesies, blankets, socks and more, were collected during the first ever Chickasaw Nation Baby Steps Walk Saturday, April 2 at the Ada Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center.

The collected items are

scheduled to be delivered to the Valley View Regional Hospital maternity ward in Ada and will be distributed to babies born into poverty, according to Shelly Williams, tribal family preservation manager.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family

Advocacy, the event seeks to raise awareness about the needs of newborns born to parents in poverty.

About one third of the newborns at the hospital are born into poverty and about one fourth are born into extreme poverty, Mrs. Williams said, citing information gathered from the hospital.

"When these newborns leave the hospital, they have little or no items needed to receive proper care," she said.

A second walk to collect more baby items will be conducted later this year.

Interested individuals may also donate new baby items throughout the year at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy located at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada.

For more information, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy at (580) 272-5550.

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Chickasaw Nation hosts suicide awareness walk June 4 in Tish

The Chickasaw Nation is hosting a suicide awareness walk in memory of those who have died by suicide Saturday, June 4 in Tishomingo, Okla.

Deadline to register for the "Love Lives On" walk is 5 p.m., Monday May 16.

Participants will sign in at the Chickasaw Nation Capitol building at 411 W 9th St. beginning 2 p.m. and walk to the nearby Pennington Park at 2:30 p.m. Several informational activities are planned at the Park until 6 p.m.

Registered participants will receive t-shirt, bracelet and a remembrance candle. Food and drinks will also be provided.

Organized by the tribal Division of Health Meth/Suicide Prevention Initiative and Behavioral Health Department in participation with Tishomingo Chamber of Commerce, the

event strives to raise awareness about suicide as a public health epidemic and offer hope to suicide survivors.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states:

- More than 34,000 people die by suicide nationwide every year.
- Suicide is the third leading cause of deaths among 15 to 24-year-olds and fifth leading cause of deaths among five to 14-year-olds.
- More than 2,000 people attempt to die by suicide every day.

To register for the event or to learn more, please contact Trisha Swift at (580) 421-4591 or Nancy Boston at (580) 371-2392 or Tishomingo Chamber of Commerce at (580) 371-2175.

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Tribe's anti-abuse program helping women prosper

ADA, Okla. - Sandra Pickens was told it was her fault. The 44-year-old was raped in a shelter in California four years ago.

"When I went to report it, the social worker says that we women don't need to be there because it's (the shelter) supposed to be for men only and that we make them (the men) want to do these things to us," Ms. Pickens said. "This was coming from a woman, a social worker."

The response "angered" Ms. Pickens and prompted her to work hard to become "a voice for women facing any kind of violence," the Chickasaw said.

She made three goals - to move out of the abusive situation, to get a house and to complete her education - and sought help from the Chickasaw Nation to accomplish the goals.

"I just called one day and told the operator my story and they directed me," she said.

With the help of Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention, she moved to Ada March 7, 2007 and later enrolled at East Central University.

Last May, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in human services counseling and took a

service desk coordinator position at the tribal information technology department.

"As soon as I graduated, I wanted to give back to the tribe," she said.

Ms. Pickens said she has realized all three of her goals and is now on the "next level."

"I have a lot of peace and I just feel like I can succeed now," she said. "I have a lot more confidence in myself."

Ms. Pickens is currently working on an online graduate degree at Capella University and later wants to "open a transitional facility and get a team together to be able to help women come out of their situations."

The sexual assault and domestic violence victim was one of the 150 people at the third annual "Walking the Park: Stomp out Sexual Assault" awareness walk at Wintersmith Park in Ada Saturday, April 9.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention, in participation with the Family Crisis Center in Ada, the ECU Campus Initiative to Reduce Crime Against Women (CIRCAW) and the Office of District Attorney, the event celebrated the National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"This event demonstrates how important it is for the community to join together to take a stand against sexual assault," said Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "It is imperative that we work together to help prevent this terrible blight on our community and to support those whose lives have been affected."

National and State statistics show:

- Every two minutes someone in the United States is sexually assaulted.

- One in three Native American women suffers sexual assault during their lifetime.

- Sixty percent of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.

- Oklahoma reported more than 1,000 children as victims of sexual assault in 2008.

The event also included performances by the Chickasaw Dance Troupe. Water and fruits were provided by the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department.

Ada resident Eric Steidley, an event participant, said events like these are "especially important for increasing awareness among young people."

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Karen Gaddis, left, director of Chickasaw Nation Safe and Stable Families Department, and Sandra Pickens at the third annual "Walking the Park: Stomp out Sexual Assault" awareness walk at Wintersmith Park in Ada, Okla., April 9. Photo by Sharmina Manandhar.

About Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention

A part of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services, the Office of Violence Prevention provides advocacy services, shelter, transportation, career and education services and mental health counseling to victims of domestic violence, sexual

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Fresh produce available through tribe's Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

The Chickasaw Nation Farmer's Market Nutrition Program is officially under way.

Beginning May 1, the program provides checks to eligible participants for the purchase of Oklahoma-grown fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmer's markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation and surrounding areas. Additional benefits include nutrition education and food demonstrations.

All Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutritional Program (WIC) participants are eligible and will receive checks in local WIC offices during regularly scheduled pick up appointments.

Seniors are also eligible for participation if they:

- Meet income requirements
- Receive services from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Are Native American 55

Chickasaw Nation annual Diabetes Camp set for June 6-10 at Treasure Valley in Davis

Deadline to register for the annual Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp is Friday, May 13.

The camp educates patients on preventive measures to help control their blood sugar through proper nutrition and exercise and will be hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center June 6-10 at The Inn at Treasure Valley in Davis, Okla.

The free camp welcomes any Chickasaw Nation Division of Health patient. Participants are allowed to bring a guest or family member to the camp. All campers and guests must be over 12 years of age and have a medical consent form

years of age or older and a CDIB card holder

Are Non-Native American 60 years of age or older living in a Native American household

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Applications must be filled at selected food distribution sites and area offices until Sept. 30. Applications can be mailed to homebound seniors or those who are unable to come to the site. The issuance calendar distributed once the application is complete will list the date, time and location for check pick-up.

Participants can redeem their checks until Nov. 30.

For more information, contact Jennifer Hayes at (888) 436-7255 or (580) 436-7255.

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Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program announces classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington

May 3: 10 a.m. and noon

May 5: 10 a.m. and noon

May 10: 10 a.m. and noon

May 12: 10 a.m. and noon

June 7: 10 a.m. and noon

June 9: 10 a.m. and noon

June 14: 10 a.m. and noon

June 16: 10 a.m. and noon

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

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W.

Seabrook

May 4: 10 a.m. and noon

May 11: 10 a.m. and noon

May 12: 6 p.m.

May 18: 10 a.m. and noon

June 8: 10 a.m. and noon

June 15: 10 a.m. and noon

June 16: 6 p.m.

June 22: 10 a.m. and noon

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

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw

Blvd.

May 3: 10 a.m. and noon

May 4: 10 a.m. and noon

May 10: 10 a.m. and noon

May 11: 10 a.m. and noon

June 7: 10 a.m. and noon

June 8: 10 a.m. and noon

June 14: 10 a.m. and noon

June 15: 10 a.m. and noon

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

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

May 3: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

May 5: 10 a.m. and noon

May 10: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

May 12: 10 a.m. and noon

June 7: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

June 9: 10 a.m. and noon

June 14: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

June 16: 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.

AudioCare patient reminder system now in place at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation has announced the implementation of AudioCare, an automated patient care reminder system, at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

The system benefits patients by reminding them about their appointments in timely fashion.

Patients receive a reminder call two days before their scheduled appointments. The call hours are between 5:15

p.m. and 9 p.m.

Patients can confirm, cancel or reschedule the appointment at that time. If the patient chooses to cancel or reschedule, he will receive a follow-up call from a hospital staffer the next day.

If the patient's number is busy, the system redials in five minutes and if the automated call is not answered, patients will receive another call after 15 minutes. An answering machine or a voice

mail is considered a successful contact.

The system was first operated last year at the tribal satellite clinics in Tishomingo, Ardmore, Durant and Purcell.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is located at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd. For more information, call (580) 436-3980 or (800) 851-9136.

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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.

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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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May Application Deadlines

Mark Your Calendars for 2011 Camps and Academies

The Chickasaw Nation is preparing for an exciting summer of camps, clinics and academies which provide a variety of activities for Chickasaw youth. Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching soon, with many in May.

Planned Chickasaw Nation summer 2011 youth camps and clinics and application deadlines include:

Kid Play/Parent Caddy Golf Tournament

Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.

May 21

Registration on site begins at 12:30 p.m.

Golfers tee off at 1 p.m.

Tournament open for Chickasaw golfers ages 8-18 (senior in high school).

\$15 green fee required

A junior tournament open to all Native American students ages 8 to 18, this event helps golfers learn about tournament play as they spend the day on the golf course with a family member, who serves as their caddie. Caddies must be 16 or older. Prizes will be awarded by age category: 10 and under, 11-14, and 15 and older.

A \$15 fee covers green fee, a drink, and range balls and is payable the day of the event. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620.

Golf Camp

WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.

Beginner and Intermediate Camp- June 6-7

Advanced June 8-9

Application deadline May 13

Each camp is open to Chickasaw students ages 8-18

Along with an introduction to the game of golf, Chickasaw youth will learn lessons in honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Instruction for all skill levels is provided with a highly knowledgeable and motivated staff. Golf Camp is an overnight camp. Students should apply for the camp which represents their level of play. Golf Camp is supported by the United States Golf Association, the Professional Golfers Association of Central Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation and Chickasaw Foundation. For more information contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Native American Junior Open

Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.

June 10

Registration and tee times to be determined

\$20 registration fee required

Open to Native American youth ages 8-18

The Native American Junior Open also is a qualifying tournament which allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or association tournament. It also is a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18 for Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The \$20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available. For more information contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Tennis Clinic

Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla.

Session I – June 13-16, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 8-11

Sessions II – June 27-30, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 12-18

Application deadline May 13

The goal of these clinics is to provide Chickasaw youth the opportunity to learn the sport of tennis, which can be played for a lifetime. Two tennis clinics are offered, a beginner, and an intermediate.

Both sessions are open to Chickasaw youth ages 8-18. In either clinic, the participants will learn honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork. Campers may only apply for one session.

For more information contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Entrepreneurship Academy

Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla.

June 19-24

Application deadline May 20

Open to Chickasaw students grades 10-12

For Chickasaw students who have an interest in business; the academy is a partnership between Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business and the Chickasaw Nation. Students will work in teams to plan, promote and produce a table-top business as well as simulate a virtual business. Upon completion of the academy, students graduate with a completed business plan and the tools and knowledge to write future business plans. The weeklong academy is conducted on the campus of SOSU in Durant, Okla. with the students staying at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston, Okla. Preference is given to senior graduates. For more information, contact Callie Roebuck at the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club office at (580)421-7711 or at callie.roebuck@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp

Tatanka Ranch, Stroud, Okla.

June 19-24

Application deadline May 19

Open to Chickasaw families

This overnight camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, gardening and other activities with primary instruction being through Chickasaw language. This is an overnight camp and participants must have transportation to and from camp. For more information or an application, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at 580-272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes XTreme Camp

Cross Point Camp, Kingston, Okla.

June 19-23

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 15-18

This overnight camp is for students who want to enjoy a week full of challenging activities, great fellowship and awesome assemblies. Campers will have the opportunity to participate in water activities, ropes challenge course among others. This camp emphasizes leadership, fun, personal growth and building great friendships. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to partici-

pate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp)

Two separate one-day clinics

June 23-24

Application deadline May 13

Open to Chickasaw students ages 10-18.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa "gun shoot straight" is designed to encourage participation in a long-term training program for young Chickasaw students wishing to excel in Olympic-style rifle and pistol shooting or competitive archery using a compound bow. These clinics feature instruction on gun safety, marksmanship techniques and archery for a maximum of 50 students. The pistols and rifles used for these clinics are Olympic-style air guns. Instruction will be provided by certified instructors, Lighthouse officers, and nationally-trained coaches. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Yakni Moma Alphisa "Justice for a Nation" Court Camp

July 5-7, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tribal Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline June 27

Open to Chickasaw students ages 10-16

A two-day clinic that educates students about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour the Chickasaw museum and Capital building in Tishomingo to learn the history of the Chickasaw legal system. Students will be introduced to individuals who support the courts such as Lighthouse Police, judges, justices, Peacemakers and court clerks. Each student will also have a part in a mock trial.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at 580-235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Football Clinic

Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla.

July 7-9, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 13

Open to male Chickasaw students ages 8-18.

Led by veteran coach Ken Heupel, this clinic teaches the fundamentals of football, teamwork and leadership and features former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel and other special guests. Highlights of the clinic include an 8-to-1 student to instructor ratio, offensive and defensive drills, flag football, and a competition where each student may select one guest to join them in the game. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Cheerleading Clinic

Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center, Ada, Okla.

July 8-9, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 13

Open to female Chickasaw students ages 8-14.

At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches will instruct female students on

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motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness. Cheerleaders will be able to enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamental geared to their skill level. There will be a Saturday performance and each student may select one guest to join them for the performance. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chikasha Sayah (I Am Chickasaw)

July 11-13

Application deadline May 13

Chickasaw heritage and culture lessons are top priorities at this camp, which is open to Chickasaw students ages 10 to 14. Students also learn about their responsibility in caring for the environment. Swimming, boating and volleyball are also planned for this overnight camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Competitors Camp

Camp Walk On Water, Stuart, Okla.

July 13-17

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 11-14

This overnight camp combines the great facilities and activities of Camp WOW with the athleticism and competition that has defined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry for more than 50 years. Each day will feature athletic competitions in the water and on land along with teambuilding exercises.

This camp focuses on fun, competition and personal growth. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Youth Basketball Clinics

July 14-16

Family Life Center Gym Ada, Okla.

And

Location to be determined in southern area of Chickasaw Nation

Application deadline May 13

The Basketball Clinics are open to Chickasaw girls and boys ages 8 to 14. Students have the opportunity to learn basketball techniques from current and former high school and university players and coaches during these half-day clinics. Students can attend only one clinic. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo to the Ada clinic or from Davis and Purcell to the southern area clinic. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Youth Academy

Aug. 1-4

Lighthouse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline July 8

Open to Native American youth ages 13- 17.

The Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn life skills such as CPR, communication,

safety and crime prevention.

Forty Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp.

For an application and more information contact George Jesse, assistant Chief of Police at 580-436-1166 or at george.jesse@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo "The Youth are Playing"

Chickasaw Language Sports Camp

Aug. 1-5

Various locations

Application deadline July 8

Open to Chickasaw youth grades 1-6.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language through sports. Participants must have transportation to and from camp. Camp is limited to 30 campers per day. For an application and more information, contact Rachel Wedlow, language outreach coordinator, at (580) 272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Application Information

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's Chickasaw citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp.

For more information or obtain an application, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620. Return application to Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820; or fax (580) 310-6626. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.

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Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur Area
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1820s Chickasaw School papers donated to tribe

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Writer's Note: *This is one of a series that appears occasionally on donations to the Nation made to perpetuate or illuminate Chickasaw history and culture. This is done to give credit publicly to the donor and encourage others to make such contributions.*

Background

One day last year, as Mississippi native Mitch Caver was visiting the Town Square Museum in Pontotoc, Mississippi, the director, Martha Jo Coleman, showed him a spiral-bound publication that had been mailed to the museum by a Florida woman named Katharine Meacham Conover.

On the blue cover was typed, "The Reverend Robert Bell, 1770-1853, Founder, Charity Hall, The Chickasaw Nation." Mitch's eyes lit up. As a researcher of Chickasaw history for the tribe, he had been trying to find information and documents on Charity Hall, a school and mission for Chickasaw children founded and run by the Cumberland Presbyterian Association (CPA).

In fact, after learning the CPA's headquarters were located in Cordova, Tennessee, Mitch had driven there hoping to find information on the Chickasaw mission. Yes, the archivist was aware of Charity Hall, but no, CPA had no records related to it.

And now, just days later, as he opened the spiral binder, he saw this was exactly what he had been hoping for, and more. He read that Reverend Bell was its founding superintendent in 1820 and that he had run it until it closed in about 1832. As he continued examining the publication, he learned that it contained correspondence to or from Bell throughout most of the life of the school.

Furthermore, at the front of the binder, Mrs. Conover had traced the papers from Reverend Bell to various others, culminating with his descendant, Mrs. Conover, of St. Petersburg, Florida. He continued flipping through the pages and some content immediately stood out:

A list of Chickasaw students' names, most of which were Anglicized;

An 1824 letter described the first two years of the developing mission;

The word "heathens" jumped out at him in more than one letter.

A huge help to Mitch's initial survey was that all of the original hand-written letters had been transcribed and typed by Mrs. Conover. She included copies of a few of Bell's original papers written in the popular nineteenth-century Spencerian style, characterized by sweeping and ornate upper case letters.

When Mitch called Mrs. Conover, she confirmed that the Bell papers were in her possession. And she explained that because some lines had been crossed out, she felt sure that Bell's letters were drafts of his correspondence. Mitch suggested that the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma, would be an excellent place to house the collection. She said she would add the Chickasaw Nation to the list of institutions she was considering donating the original papers to. Among them were the Cumberland

Presbyterian Association, the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., and the county library in Pontotoc, Mississippi, where her father had grown up.

That same day, Mitch returned to the Pontotoc museum and digitally photographed the 150-page Bell collection. He distributed copies to me and various Chickasaw staff, including Regina Berna, Director of Museums and Historic sites for the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture.



Katharine Meacham Conover

Regina and I both contacted Mrs. Conover independently to express the tribe's interest in acquiring the collection of original correspondence. When I asked if she already had been considering the Nation, she said, no, that she had not known where the Chickasaws were located. In that case, I suggested she visit the tribe online, especially to see the impressive Cultural Center for herself.

When I read the correspondence, I was disappointed but not surprised to find that very little concerned individual students or tribal leaders. There were letters to or from Bell, reports to the missionary board, pleas for financial help, and lists of contributions to Charity Hall. Gaps

in the correspondence demonstrated that it was far from complete. But in total, the papers were a version of the mission's story with a beginning, middle, and end.

The Beginning

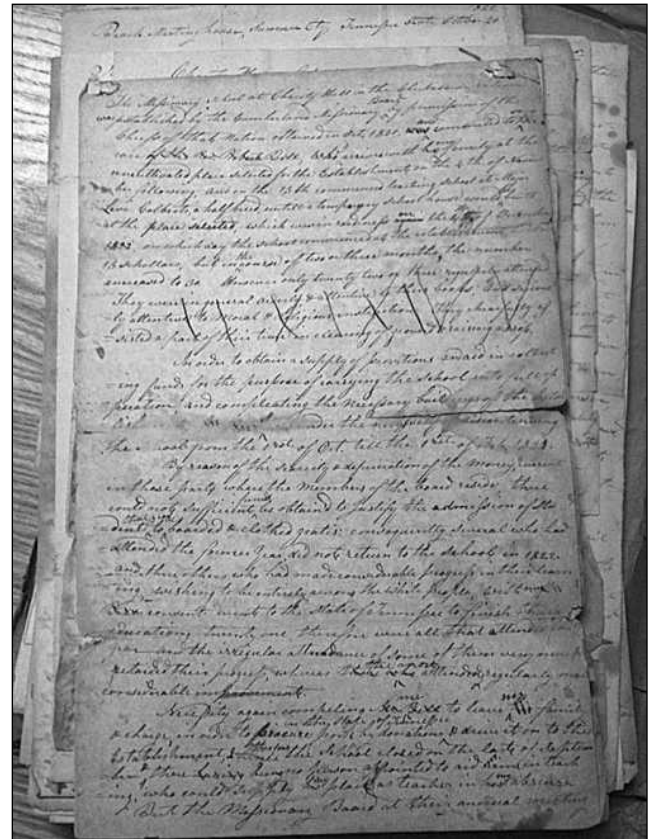
In 1819, according to historian James Atkinson, Congress enacted a law encouraging churches to participate in providing religious and secular education to Indian children. Federal funding would be available to churches that provided free tuition. By this time, Robert Bell already had visited the Chickasaws, and as Atkinson notes, had held services at the home of Chief Levi Colbert near Cotton Gin Port.

In his book, *Splendid Land, Splendid People*, Atkinson used secondary sources to cover Charity Hall in less than a page, but he had not seen the Bell collection. Ditto historians Jack Elliott, Jr. and Mary Ann Wells in their book, *Cotton Gin Port*.

Undoubtedly Bell knew Colbert was the Chickasaw's most influential chief, and one who seemed to understand that Americans would have to be dealt with. Already the Chickasaws had made three substantial land cessions to the Americans in 1805, 1816, and 1818.

Reverend Bell must have reported good relations with Chief Colbert. As a result, the Cumberland Presbyterian Association took advantage of potential federal funding, and in October 1820 dispatched Reverend Bell, who negotiated a deal with Chief Colbert and the tribe for the establishment of a school and mission named Charity Hall. The tribe's obligation, if any, is not included in the Bell papers.

Bell arrived with his family in November and began teaching in Levi Colbert's house while the mission's buildings were being constructed—mainly by Bells' sons, according to Elliott's book. At a cost of \$1,400, they consisted of one 55-foot by 20-foot dining room and kitchen, a 26-foot by 18-foot house, a 20-



This is an original draft of one of Reverend Bell's letters regarding Charity Hall, the mission for Chickasaw children near Cotton Gin Port, Mississippi, that operated from 1820 to about 1832.

foot square house, a log school building, five lodging houses "for the scholars," one 18-foot square smoke house, tanyard, blacksmith shop, corn cribs, and 47 acres of land in cultivation. (By 1830, 58 acres had been cleared.)

In 1821, Bell wrote that he had 24 to 28 students, two-thirds boys and one-third girls. "They have been orderly and attentive to their studies and particularly so to moral and religious instructions. [They] have volunteered to work a part of their time and choose rather to take the time from their play than from their books."

All students were taught reading, writing and arithmetic, and moral and religious instruction. Girls were taught sewing, spinning, and weaving, and boys were taught some manual arts and "the art of Agriculture." He said "their capacity to receive instruction is nearly equal, if not entirely so, to the white people."

In 1823, Bell estimated that if the funds were available, nearly 150 Chickasaw students would be enrolled. But funding for even 25 to 30 students was a perennial and formidable obstacle. An 1824 report by Bell to his superiors contained some of his almost incessant fund-raising activities to meet existing expenses, let alone meet the demand for Chickasaws wishing to enroll. He wrote that with "pained hearts, we have ... withheld our hand for the want of funds" and turned many away, "perhaps to live and die in the gloom of heathenism."

Although the federal government provided funds intermittently, this was at best a subsidy. It was evidently up to Bell to raise the balance. Twice prior to 1824 he was obliged to suspend school for a few months in order to travel to potential benefactors to raise money.

In 1823, Reverend John Smith and family arrived

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to assume the post of assistant teacher. Bell reported "32 students are enrolled—20 have been boarded and clothed gratis." I assume the other 12 were attending but not boarding at the school. Some Indian families may have been paying the fees.

While Charity Hall struggled, another Presbyterian sect, the South Carolina-Georgia Synod, established four Chickasaw missions from 1821 to 1827. They were Monroe, south of modern-day Pontotoc, Mississippi; Tokshish, north of Monroe; Martyn, near Holly Springs, Mississippi; and Caney Creek near modern day Tusculumbia, Alabama.

Like Charity Hall, Colberts lived in the vicinity of these missions and Levi and George were instrumental in obtaining the Tribal Council's support for their development. (I used an 1833 book by Cornelia Pelham as my main source of information in writing about these four missions in the November 2008 *Chickasaw Times*.)

The Middle

Bell began an October 1824 report by writing about the "gratifying" progress made by the students in all subjects. Next, he wrote about the "inflammatory fever" that swept through the community and claimed the life of a teacher named Miss Jane Pickens. Then, he wrote what must have been for him the saddest sentence in all of his papers: "My son, Robert Bell, Junior, left this world of sorrow and distress on the 15th of September." But, as you might expect of a missionary working in the 1820s, he continued: "But an all wise and gracious Providence, in whose hands are the issues of life and death has in a good degree restored the surviving part of our families to health again."

During the outbreak, the remaining portion of the term was cancelled. That meant not enough labor was available to harvest all of the corn, cotton, peas, and potatoes, which were intended to provide food and clothing for the students, as well as badly needed revenue for Charity Hall.

Much of Bell's correspondence in the middle and late 1820s involved financial need, hard times, and the considerable sacrifices he made. In his letters to Secretary of War John C. Calhoun and Secretary of Indian Affairs Thomas McKenney, he noted how he and his family "have suffered much fatigue and privation, remote from friends and Religious Society." But he also wrote: "They are as promising a set of boys and girls as any that I have ever seen."

He noted that "nine or ten have with my consent left the school and gone to Tennessee and Alabama to finish their education, wishing to be entirely with whites." He identified one by name, Daughtery Colbert (son of Levi), who was living with Secretary McKenney.

Despite these letters, Reverend Bell was obliged to switch to the fund-raising mode in order to keep the school open. One example is addressed to, "Friends Who Have Felt The Sweets Of Learning And Religion," and says, in part, "Will you aid in bringing them from under the gloom of Heathen darkness by giving some of that abundance, with which you have been blessed, in money, school books, clothing ... ?"

In an 1825 independent review report for the CPA board, it was noted that at one service most who attended were black people. The reason was that they generally spoke and understood English, adding "black people in this nation have more life extravagancies connected with religious feeling."

Whatever that means, the report also stated: "During preaching many of the Indians seemed inattentive and restless, tho [sic] not as much so as many of the white people." Why? Instead of stating what is

most probable—that the Indians don't understand the words, the report employed tortured logic to conclude: "The Indians view the white people as their superiors and it is probable that their example has its influence with the Indians."

End

In the papers, Chickasaw Removal is first discussed on 1829. As a prelude, Bell wrote to McKenney: "I have not failed to use my influence [on the Indians] of conversing the friendly views of the Government towards them." McKenney had previously pointed out to Levi Colbert in his house that removal was inevitable. Bell seconded that, noting it is "the only means that can secure their future Presperity [sic] and happiness."

Bell continued, saying he had talked with Maj. (Levi) Colbert several times about removal and "he seemed to agree with me." But, "he is afraid of avowing it to his nation as there is considerable opposition to the measure"

Bell felt a crisis was looming and that "decisive measures on the part of the Government are necessary to prevent the impending evil that await them [*presumably by not removing*] and secure to them a situation in which their future Presperity [sic] & happiness will be confirmed [*by removing*]."

A year later in 1830, Bell no longer had the funds to provide board and clothing to the students, so he hoped to place the students with white people living in the area who would be willing to support a student. He closed by saying that the only people living "at the Establishment" are himself, his wife, one black woman, and three hired hands. There are also 40 to 50 cattle and 25 or 30 hogs.

Apparently Bell was successful in securing housing for the students because the school apparently continued to operate into 1832. In what appears to be his final report Bell provided a list of "names of pupils that have been taught in this school." There are 41 boys and 20 girls. All but four have Anglicized names, and of the total, 15 are named Colbert.

In summary, he wrote that attendance was irregular and the students received no help on their lessons at home. Many ... were loth [sic] to leave their parents and associates at home," Bell wrote. His point was, in modern vernacular, one step forward, two steps back.

Even so, he said 21 on the list could read well and "write a good hand." Seven boys made considerable progress in arithmetic and several made some progress in English grammar. Some 22 others could read and write on a limited or very limited extent. He identified by name five students "of sober habits and anxious for improvement": William Barnett, Robenson and Davis James, Christopher Columbus, and Robert Donnell.

Good News

On April Fool's Day, Mrs. Conover told Regina Berna that she would donate and ship the Bell collection to her. Berna thanked her on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation and mentioned portions that especially caught her attention. Mrs. Conover seemed pleased to discuss them. Later, Mrs. Conover was asked if she thought her ancestor, Reverend Bell, would approve. She chuckled first, then said, "I hope so. I think so. You can tell in the letters he was so dedicated to improving the lives of the Chickasaws."

Berna received the collection a few days later and immediately began taking steps to preserve the nearly two-century-old papers. "Considering their age, the papers are in fair shape," Berna said. "While some are very brittle and at high risk of just crumbling in your hands, others are in better shape and the ink isn't so

faded that you can't make it out."

Some of the original papers eventually may be viewed in special display cases at the Holisso Research Center at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. Copies of the originals will be available in the Holisso building and the Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo.

Readers wishing to contact Richard Green may do so at Richard.Green@Chickasaw.net or at 405.947.5020. To access Green's webpage: http://www.chickasaw.net/history_culture/index_671.htm

Talent Show



Citizens from the Achille Senior Center participating in the Division on Aging Talent Show from left, Katrinka and Larry Skinner, Neva Hodge, Mary Barcenas, and Dolly Nichols. Photo submitted by Beth Alexander.

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

OKLAHOMA ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

Rabies Clinic
June 2; Achille Senior Site from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saundra Seeley (580) 436-7256

ADA
Rabies Clinic
May 25; Chickasaw Nation Landscaping Building from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saundra Seeley (580) 436-7256

ARDMORE
Rabies Clinic
May 13; 2350 Chickasaw Boulevard from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saundra Seeley (580) 436-7256

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

Rabies Clinic
June 9; Connerville Senior Site from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saundra Seeley (580) 436-7256

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
Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion)
May 20: 5-11:30 p.m.
May 21: 10 a.m.-2 a.m.
Terri Haney (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.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

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

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 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

LOUISIANA
Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI
St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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, 505-450-4802

NORTH CAROLINA
Raleigh Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

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

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Texarkana Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

Mid-America Powwow set for July 9

WICHITA, Kan. – The Mid-America All-Indian Center Contest Powwow is set for July 9 and 10 in Wichita.

The powwow will be at the Century 2 Performing Arts & Convention Center, 225 W. Douglas. Admission is \$5 daily for adults, or \$8 for a two-day pass. Elders over 55 and active military will pay \$4 daily, and children ages six to 16 will pay \$3. Children under six are free.

Doors open July 9 at 10 a.m. The Grand Entry will be at 1

p.m. and 7 p.m. Doors open July 10 at 10 a.m. and Grand Entry will be at 1 p.m.

Dancing competitions will be conducted in a variety of categories. The junior division is for dancers ages nine to 16. The adult division is for all dancers 17 and older. Cash prizes for first, second and third will be paid in each category.

For more information call (316) 350-3340 or go to the powwow website at www.theindiancenter.org

Memorial Day Gospel Singing May 30 at Reagan

The Annual Veterans Memorial Day Gospel Singing is scheduled for Monday, May 30 at the Abiding Glory Church grounds at Reagan, Okla.

The Chickasaw Honor Guard will present a program honoring our veterans at 3 p.m. Singing will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Reagan is located on State Highway 7, five miles west of State Highway 377.

From Ada, take Highway 377 south 35 miles. From Atoka, take Highway 7 west 35 miles. From Tishomingo, take Highway 377 north nine miles to Highway 7, then go west five miles.

Concessions will be available featuring Becky's famous fry bread and Ben's famous chili.

Supper will be at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a great afternoon of music, singing and fellowship.

To sign up your groups or for more information please call Ben Alexander at (580) 371-1514.

Any food or monetary donations for the supper will be appreciated.

Ashlyn and James Kellam



Ashlyn, 12, and James Kellam, 6, are the children of Steven and Tabitha Kellam, of Durant, Okla. They are the grandchildren of Tonya Grant and Steve and June Kellam. They are the great-grandchildren of Frances Grant, Patsy Graham and Stanley and Wanda Kellam, all of Durant.

Ashlyn attends the sixth grade at Silo School. She is active in showing animals and softball.

James attends kindergarten at Silo School and he is active in all sports.

As grandparents we never knew life could be so good until we had grandchildren. Thank you for making our life complete.

Kaya Duncan



Kaya Duncan is the daughter of Shannon and Tracy Duncan. She is the granddaughter of Phil and Geneva Stapler.

Kaya is our only grandchild. She is a fifth grade student at Carl Sandburg.

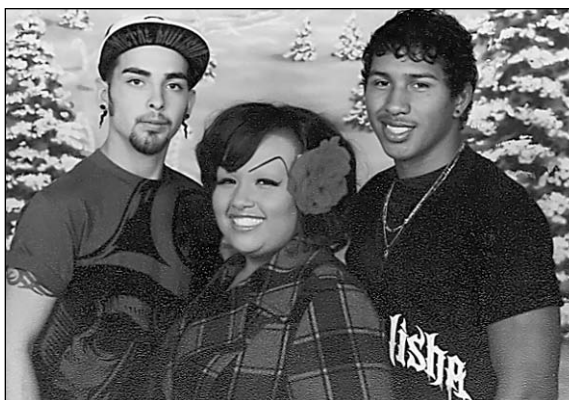
Ella Jane Key



Ella Jane Key is the daughter of Chad and Charity Key. She is the granddaughter of Trent and Diane Briggs, Mary Jane Key and Danny and Michelle Key.

Ella Jane brightens the room with her beautiful smile! She is the sweetest bundle of joy and brings abundance of happiness.

Mercedes, DJ and Vince



Mercedes, DJ and Vince are the children of Rose Anne Pipins and Joe and Angela Pipins.

My children are my pride and joy because Mercedes is in her third year of college and holds a 4.0 grade point average. The boys are in their fourth year at the Rio Grande Fire Station as volunteer firefighters and will graduate from Belen (N.M.) High School this May.

Could never be blessed with better kids.

Love you guys!

Hannah West



Hannah West is the daughter of Bill and Melissa West. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Kay West and Ron and Becky Henson.

She is our miracle and she is such a blessing to our lives. She is very beautiful, smart and friendly.

Kelsie Ann Short

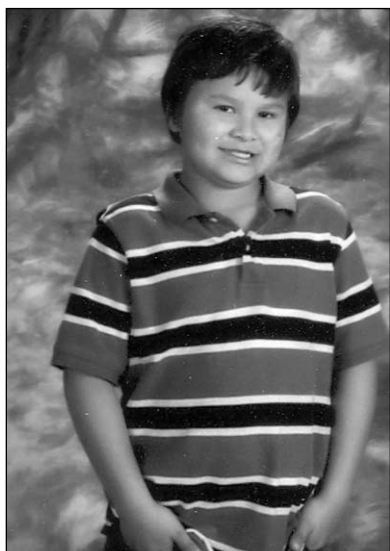


Kelsie Ann Short is the daughter of Matt and Shirley Short. She is the granddaughter of the late Kelsie Morris and Colson Miller, and Annie Short, of Norman, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Fern Short, of Weatherford, Okla.

Kelsie attends the third grade at Central Elementary School, Moore, Okla. She has been on the Principal's Honor Roll throughout the school year. She won the Red Ribbon Award poster contest this year, placing first in the entire third grade class and received a trophy. Her poster won the district wide contest where she received a larger trophy for her accomplishment.

Kelsie is our pride and joy because she is beautiful, smart, loving and caring to her family and friends. We love her very much.

Matthew Caleb Wayne Short



Matthew Caleb Wayne Short is the son of Matt and Shirley Short. He is the grandson of the late Kelsie Morris and Colson Miller, and Annie Short, of Norman, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Fern Short, of Weatherford, Okla.

Caleb attends the third grade at Central Elementary School, Moore, Okla. He has been on the Principal's Honor Roll throughout the school year. He was the first student in his class to learn all the multiplication facts and received a reward for his accomplishment. His favorite subjects are math and reading.

Caleb is our pride and joy because he is handsome, smart, loving and kind to those he loves and meets. We love him very much!

Thank you for the Pride and Joy submissions.

Taylor Brooke Jordan



Taylor Brooke Jordan is a 2011 graduate of Tom Bean High School, Sherman, Texas. She is the daughter of Brad and Hayley Jordan. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Nancy Harrison.

Taylor is a member of Dancendy's Dance Center Hip Hop Company and has won numerous awards. She is vice-president for Family, Community and Career Leaders of America (FCCLA) and last her and her team captured first place at the National Convention at Chicago. She is currently competing at the state level in Houston after winning regionals. Taylor is very active in her church, The Summit, Howe, Texas. She enjoys volunteering in her community. She recently worked with the Special Olympics, one of her favorite organizations. Her favorite activity is watching the University of Oklahoma's awesome baseball team play.

Her plans are to attend East Texas Baptist University, Marshall.

Haley Marie Hann



Haley Marie Hann is a 2011 graduate of Wilcox High School, Santa Clara, Calif. She is the daughter of Robin Hann and George Hann. She is the granddaughter of Ron and Barbara Cyr.

Haley has been a member of honor roll through out her school years, and has made school her priority by participating in honor classes. She has competed in dance since she was five-years old and started competing in cheerleading at the age of 10 and has won numerous National Championships throughout the years. Her greatest attribute is simply 'Her'. She is a success in life. Her brother Jeff is currently serving our country in Afghanistan and is her hero.

Her plans are to pursue a career in the medical field as a nurse, to attend Mission College awaiting her acceptance in the nursing program at San Jose State University.

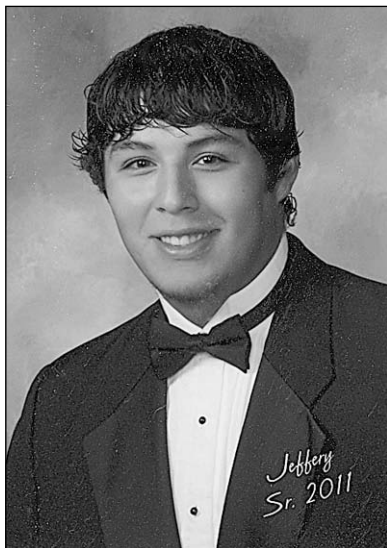
To know Haley is to love her. We are all very proud of her and know that she will be a huge success in life.

Jeffery Scott Wilson

Jeffery Scott Wilson is a 2011 graduate of Blair High School, Blair, Okla. He is the son of Rex and Virginia Wilson. He is the grandson of the late Rev. Willie and Ruth Johnson. He is the nephew of Darlene Adams and Elvis and Paula Johnson, of Allen, Okla.

Jeffery currently carries a 3.8 grade point average and has been active in basketball and baseball for the Blair Broncs for six years. He played first baseman for the Broncs and was chosen for the Western District All-Star basketball team for the past two years, which was a great honor. He is currently a candidate for 2011 Blair Prom King. He is a very active member of Future Farmers of American serving as sentinel. He has participated in showing pigs for the past two years. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, noodling, four-wheeling, and being with friends and family. He volunteers for many community projects. He is currently employed at Blair Supperette.

His plans are to attend Western Oklahoma College, Altus, for two years then Oklahoma State University for four years to obtain a degree as a game warden/government trapper.



Nikki Warren



Nikki Warren is a 2011 graduate of Fos High School, Fox, Okla. She is the daughter of Teddy and Donna Warren. She is the granddaughter of Don and Marcella Ellis and the late Theodore and Neta Warren.

Nikki was active in basketball for three years, softball for four years, cheerleading for one year, served as football manager for two years, Family, Community and Career Leaders of America (FCCLA) for three years, Business Professionals of American for two years, a member of the National Honor Society for one year, has been named the Daily Ardmoreite Student of the Week and has attended Southern Oklahoma Technology Center for two years, where she received perfect attendance. She received Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award. Her community service includes

canned food drive for the last two years, Quarter's for Troops and Special Olympics Bowling for the last two years.

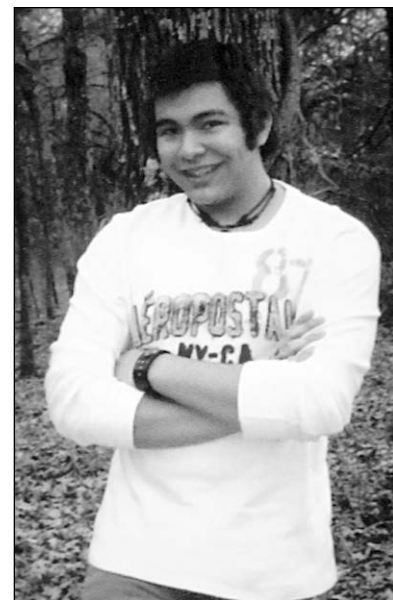
Her plans are to attend AHEC and earn a degree in nursing.

Marc Byles

Marc Byles is a 2011 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. He is the son of Melisha Byles and Jerome Fields. He is the grandson of Belinda Byles and Jimmy Byles.

Marc has been involved with choir, student council and the Spanish Club.

His future plans are to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, to pursue a degree in nursing and forensic science.



Morgan Rutledge



Morgan Rutledge was homeschooled and will graduate in 2011. She is the daughter of Greg and Robin Rutledge. She is the granddaughter of Jamie and Charlotte Rutledge and Tilford and Juanita Clement.

Morgan was active in varsity cheerleading, ballet and modern dance, civil air patrol, National League of Junior Cotillions, pageants, her church youth group, chorus, theater, Chikasha Apichi Ikbi and S.C.U.B.A. Diving.

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma to major in modern dance and to one day own her own dance studio.

Sarah Kate Jones

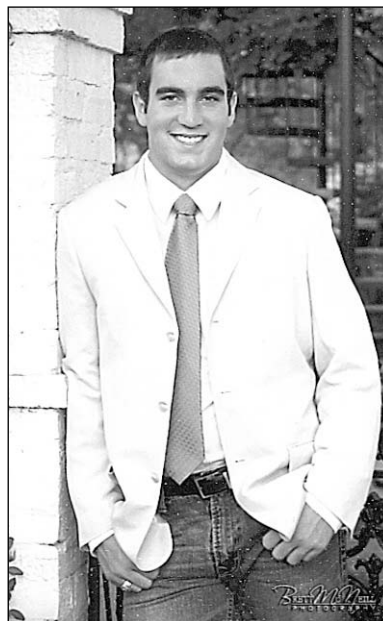


Sarah Kate Jones is a 2011 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Daniel and Elaine Jones. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Loretta Martin.

Sarah is a member of the Byng Band and has been in band seven years. She plays the clarinet and saxophone and serves as the drum major. She served as assistant drum major her junior year. She has been a member of cross country for six years.

Her plans are to attend East Central University, Ada.

Cohen Ray McKinzie



Cohen Ray McKinzie is a 2011 graduate of Plainview High School, Ardmore, Okla. He is the son of Kenneth and Rhonda McKinzie. He is the grandson of Ronnie and Linda Harris, Margaret McKinzie, all of Pauls Valley and the late Everett McKinzie.

Cohen lettered with the Plainview High School football, baseball and wrestling teams. He volunteers with the mentoring program and Football Buddies. He has been awarded the Plainview Principal's Citizenship Award, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, received Ardmore Young Men's Outstanding Leadership Award, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Rotary Academic Student of the Month, Chickasaw Nation Governor's Academic Honors, FOX News Network 2008 and 2009 Chickasaw Spotlight athlete and was chosen as 2010 All District First Team Of-

fensive Lineman.

His plans are to study science and business at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and pursue a master degree at a school of veterinary medicine.

Blake Keenan

Blake Keenan is a 2011 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Candy Keenan and Jeff Keenan. He is the grandson of Jerry Keenan, Judy Fisher and Joann Keenan.

Blake was active in mock trial, journalism and multi-media activities.

His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada.



Brittany Paulin



Brittany Paulin is a 2011 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Tracey and Isreal Vasquez. She is the granddaughter of Joyce Howard-Wesley, and Larry Cripps, all of Milburn, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Emily and Raymond Howard, of Ada, Okla., and the great-great-granddaughter of Phoebe Keel an original enrollee.

Brittany is a member of the art club and serves as secretary.

She is majoring in pharmacy and will attend college this fall as a pre-pharmacy student. Her goal is to complete her doctorate degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy and become a pharmacist.

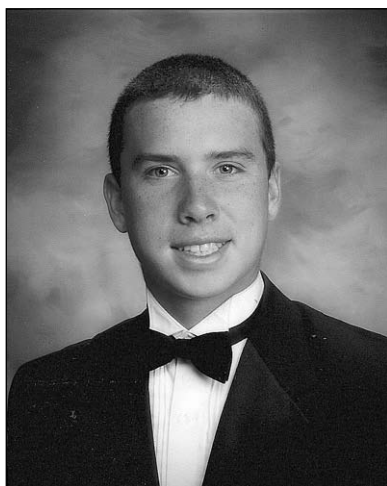
F. Wesley Schwabe

F. Wesley Schwabe is a 2011 graduate of Amador High School, Plymouth, Calif. He is the son of Forrest and Carol Schwabe. He is the grandson of Barbara and Mozell Wagner. He is the great-grandson of Edmond Lewis, an original enrollee, and Curtha Hyde.

Wesley played varsity soccer and baseball for two years. His soccer achievements include: All-League 1st Team, Coach's Award his senior year, Senior Excellence Award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, and has played Men's U19 indoor soccer team since he was 12 and has joined two coed adult leagues. He received the baseball Coaches Award his junior year.

His volunteer work includes: The Association for Developmentally Disabled Citizens (two of their programs serving the handicap of El Dorado County); Mother Lode Youth Soccer League, assisting the coaches with drills and skill building techniques; and his freshman and sophomore year, he volunteered with Fiddletown Community Church with Vacation Bible Camp.

His future plans are to attend Sacramento City College, majoring in criminal justice. He plans on playing soccer and baseball through the Los Rios Community college district while working on his degree, eventually entering into the police academy.



Katie (Katherine) Marie Barrick

Katie (Katherine) Marie Barrick is a 2011 graduate of home school. She is the daughter of Roland and Melissa Barrick, of Wynnewood, Okla. She is the granddaughter of the late Jack and Katherine Pickens Barrick, of Velma, Okla., and Joe and Wanda Urban, of Oklahoma City.

Katie is an accomplished musician, having played the violin/fiddle since she was three. She is very active in her church's music ministries and enjoys bluegrass festivals and is a four-time recipient of The Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival's Mike Clark Memorial Scholarship. Twice she attended the Mark O'Connor Strings Camp in Tennessee, and participated in the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy the past two years as a music composition major and will attend this summer also. She was a featured composer on OSHTALI, the first Native American student composition album.

Her plans are to attend Oklahoma City University to major in music business. In recognition of outstanding academic performance and involvement in extracurricular activities, she has received the OCU Scholarship Tuition Waiver Award and the OCU Arts and Science Departmental Tuition Waiver Award.



Paige Ann Miller



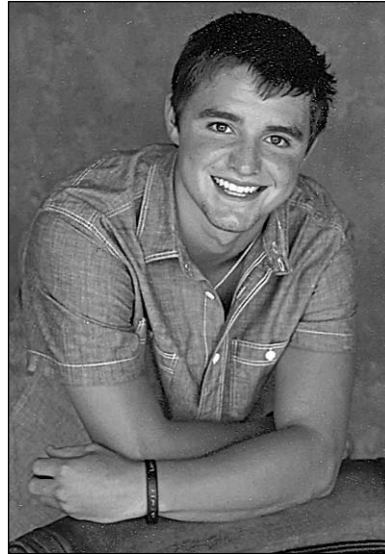
Paige Ann Miller is a 2011 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Tommy and Sherie Miller. She is the granddaughter of Lillian Miller, the late Ben Miller, the late Barbara Watkins and the late Roger Kropp.

Paige was active in the Spanish Club and STUCO. She was named to the the A&B Governor's Honor Roll and she made the highest grade in desktop publishing, and named "Biggest Flirt" in her senior class.

Her plans are to attend the PTA or OTA program at Murray State College, Tishomingo.

I wish to thank my family, especially my Mom and Dad for all my achievements.

Cooper Norris Biggers



Cooper Norris Biggers is a 2011 graduate of Putnam City North High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Mike and Kellie Biggers. He is the grandson of Harvey and Rita Norris and Jerry Biggers.

Cooper has been a leader and an athlete for Putnam City North Panthers. He played football and baseball and played varsity baseball his junior and senior year. He was active in student council serving as parliamentarian his senior year, attended Basic Leadership camp and Leadership Development instructor for the past three years. He was named Student of the Week 12 times during high school.

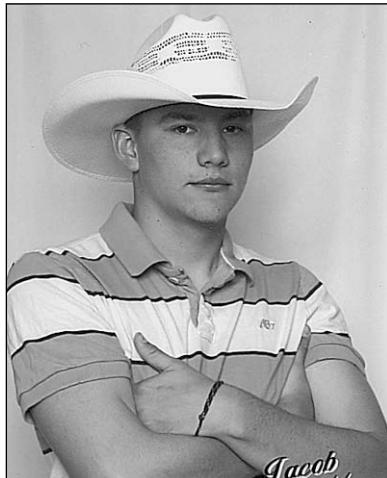
He is currently exploring his options including playing college baseball or attending the University of Oklahoma to major in pre-law.

Jacob Joshua Johnson

Jacob Joshua Johnson is a 2011 graduate of Tuttle High School, Tuttle, Okla. He is the son of Travis and Tara Johnson. He is the grandson of Terry and Susan Fryear, Delbert Johnson and the late Vivian Johnson.

Jacob attended Canadian Valley Vo-tech in Chickasha, Okla., for occupational services and auto collision. He likes fishing, hunting and hanging out with friends. He currently works at Braum's Dairy Farm.

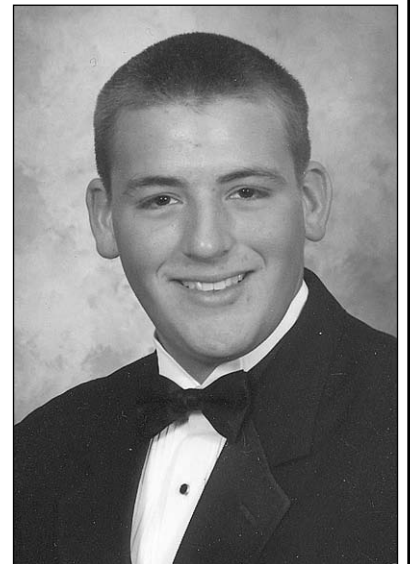
His plans are to attend fire training at Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton, to be a fire fighter.



Ricky Johnson

Ricky Johnson is a 2011 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Richard and Cheryl Johnson. He is the grandson of Shirley and Howard Jackson and Betty and Lloyd Woodruff.

Ricky likes music, comedy and weight lifting.

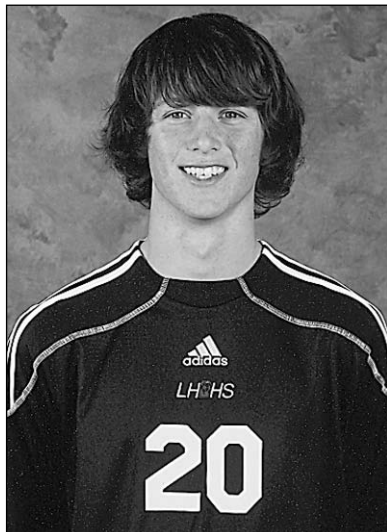


Drew Donica

Drew Donica is a 2011 graduate of Lake Highlands High School, Dallas. He is the son of Steve and Corinne Donica. He is the grandson of Winnie Donica and Elze and Jean Hemmen.

Drew was active in soccer for nine years, six of those years with FC Dallas. He played four years of high school soccer and served as captain of the varsity team his senior year and named First Team All District Defender. He was a member of Mu Alpha Theta.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall to major in computer or civil engineering.



Carmen Jean Jackson

Carmen Jean Jackson is a 2011 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, OK. She is the daughter of LaDana Ahrens and Roy Dean Anderson. She is the granddaughter of Doyle Arnold, LaWanna Arnold, and Debbie and Brian Shannon, all of Ada.

Carmen plans to attend the Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada.



Alia Nichelle Willie

Alia Nichelle Willie is a 2011 graduate of Sequoyah High School, Tahlequah, Okla. She is the daughter of Bill and Traci Willie. She is the granddaughter of Dorothy Willie, of Finley, Okla., the late Bill Willie, Sr., Leonard Frazier, of Ada, Okla., and the late Nancy Frazier.

Alia is an accomplished student and a member of the National Honor Society. She is the first female student to participate in the Sequoyah High School Robotics program all four years of high school. Serving as captain of the robotics team she led the team to a world competition in Orlando, competing against teams from China, Japan, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and others placing 74 out of 500 teams. She enjoys reading, watching movies, playing stickball, attending various cultural activities and hanging out with her friends and family.

Her plans are to pursue a career in film production using her background in robotics. Her goal is to attend the University of Applied Technology in Tempe, Arizona.



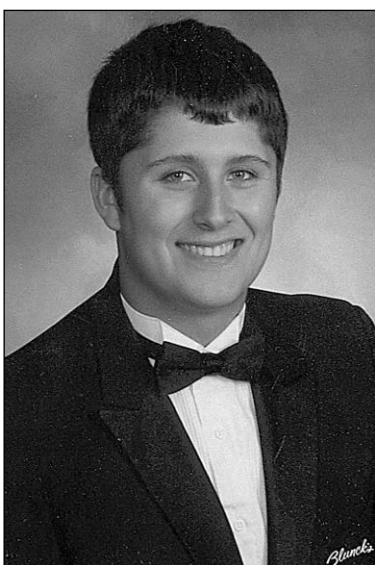


CJ Pedersen

Christopher John Austin 'CJ' Pedersen is a 2011 graduate of Bedford High School, Bedford, N. H. He is the son of Chris and Susan Jane (Willis) Pedersen. He is the grandson of Laura Jane Dow, daughter of Betty Green Thompson-Taylor.

CJ lettered in lacrosse and football for three years, serving as captain of both sports his senior year. He is passionate about muscle cars, drag racing and pheasant hunting with his father. He is spending the summer working in Rocky Mountain National Park.

His plans are to attend Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo.



Derek Lee Owens

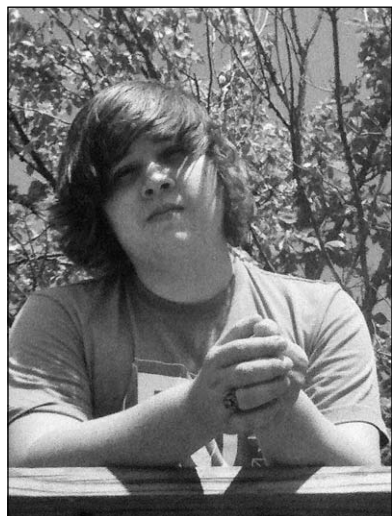
Dereck Lee Owens is a 2011 graduate of Pauls Valley High School, Pauls Valley, Okla. He is the son of Chris and Linda Owens. He is the grandson of the late Rusty Blackwood, the late Dorthy Blackwood, Brenda and Alan Agee and Donnie and Neva Owens. He has one brother, Matthew Owens.

Dereck has been active in basketball, football, track, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). He is a member of Wynnewood First Baptist Church.

He has been accepted to Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Dereck, we are so proud of you!

Blake Lynn Griffin



Blake Lynn Griffin is a 2011 graduate of Healdton High School, Healdton, Okla. He is the son of Tony and Johnetta Griffin. He is the grandson of Pat and Kenny Wilkinson, the late Johnny Beshirs, Pat Griffin and the late Roland Griffin. He has three brothers, Chad, Brad and Gage.

Blake attended the Healdton School System for 13 years. He loves to draw and even thought of becoming a ratio artist. He enjoys skateboarding and spending time with his girlfriend, Shelby. He loves his two dogs, Ares and Tank.

His plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., to become a veterinarian assistant or to study the field of computers.



Holden Short

Holden Short is a 2011 graduate of Owasso High School, Owasso, Okla. He is the son of Kim and Glendon Short. He is the grandson of Vanda Harvey, of Allen, Texas and the late Jerry Harvey. He is the great-grandson of George and Anna Lee Burkhart, of Marietta, Okla., and Anna Burkhart and the late George Burkhart. He is great-great-grandson of the late Dory Souse Sanders, an original enrollee.

He is very happy to be graduation and his plans are to attend culinary school.

Jessica Marie Campbell

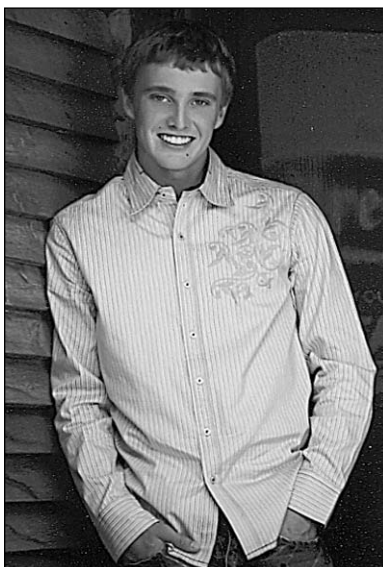


Jessica Marie Campbell is a 2011 graduate of Livingston Academy, Rickman, Ten. She is the daughter of Ms. LaDonna Jackson. She is the granddaughter of Hershel and Joyce Lacy and the great-granddaughter of Christine A. Lacy.

Jessica has been a member of the National Honor Society, BETA Club, and a varsity cheerleader. She loves the outdoor activities, water sports, music and hanging out with friends and family. She is graduating with honors maintaining a 3.92 grade point average.

Her plans are to attend Tennessee Technological University to major in nursing with an emphasis on pediatrics.

Andrew Scott Cole



Andrew Scott Cole is a 2011 graduate of Edmond North High School, Edmond, Okla. He is the son of Keven and Kemp Cole.

Andrew has been involved with student council, varsity golf, the National Honor Society and Youth Leadership Edmond.

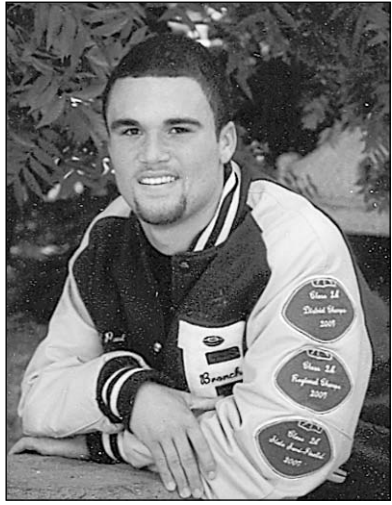
His plans are to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater to major in mechanical engineering.

Lynsey Danielle Loudermilk

Lynsey Danielle Loudermilk is a 2011 graduate of Coalgate High School, Coalgate, Okla. She is the daughter of Dan and Ricky Loudermilk. She is the granddaughter of Mary Heck, of Ada, Okla., the late R.L. Heck and Loyd and Marietta Loudermilk.

Lynsey is a member of 4-H, Family, Career and Community Leaders of American (FCCCLA), the art club, the karate club and Aikido Club for seven years. She has been an active volunteer for Relay for Life for 10 years, and East Central University Upward Bound for three years.





J. Michael Paul

J. Michael Paul is a 2011 graduate of Bethany High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Tracy Paul. He is the grandson of Michael and Debbie Paul.

Michael has been active in football, baseball. His favorite times are spent hunting and fishing and spending time with family and friends.

His plans are to continue his education at Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Okla., and to play football on a scholarship.

Vanessa Hill



Vanessa Hill is a 2011 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Tjuana Hill and Jeff Jackson. She is the granddaughter of Shiela Hallford and Carl Hallford.

Vanessa has been involved with basketball, softball and students offices. Her senior year she is serving as secretary treasurer of student council.

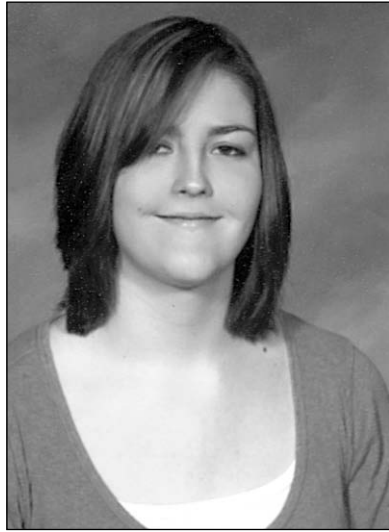
Her future plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, then attend Southeastern Oklahoma University, Durant, to receive an architect degree. She plans to continue living in the Mannsville, Okla., to be around family.

Kristen Rhea

Kristen Rhea is a 2011 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Joe and Tammy Rhea. She is the granddaughter of Edward and the late Linda Lenard, of Mill Creek, Okla., and Carolyn and the late Johnny Rhea, of Kingston, Okla.

Kristen has been a member of school choir from middle school through high school. She is a member of the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Roll and the Principal's Honor Roll.

She plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Okla.



Andrew Lee Mullican

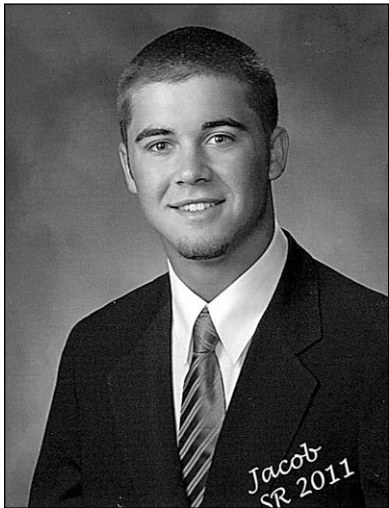
Andrew Lee Mullican is a 2011 graduate of Bethany High School, Bethany, Okla. He is the son of Dr. Walter and Kathy Mullican. He is the grandson of A.V. Daugherty, the late Lucille Daugherty, the late Mc Mullican and the late Mildred Underwood Mullican. He is the great-grandson of Louis Joel Underwood an original enrollee.



Andrew has been involved in soccer, cross country, bowling, golf and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). He has been a peer tutor, flag tech captain and helped design the homecoming banner. He was chosen as al All-State candidate. He has been active at the Portland Avenue Baptist youth group, Falls Creek, Super Summer Leadership Camp and various community ministries and mission trips. His hobbies are hunting, fly fishing, long-boarding and mountain biking.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma State University to major in natural resources ecology and management.

Jacob Allen Wallace



Jacob Allen Wallace is a 2011 graduate of Washington High School, Washington, Okla. He is the son of Nathan and Donna Wallace, of Goldsby, Okla. He is the grandson of James Wallace, Jane Webb and James and Joyce Henderson.

Jacob has been active in football, baseball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Business Professionals of American (BPA), Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the science club.

His plans are to attend college to major in engineering.

Megan Michelle Payne



Megan Michelle Payne is a 2011 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Perry and Michelle Payne. She is the granddaughter of Perry Sr., and Bille Sue Payne.

Megan's senior year she participated in student council as a class representative.

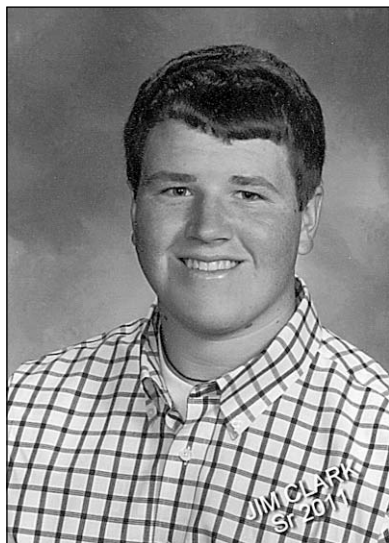
Her plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., to pursue a degree as a physical therapy assistant.

James Clark Hadlock, Jr.

James Clark Hadlock, Jr., is a 2011 graduate of Woodland High School, Fairfax, Okla. He is the son of Glen and Marilyn Myers Hadlock. He is the grandson of Elaine Farren and the late Jim Farren.

James served as president of Future Farmers of America (FFA) and received a State FFA degree his senior year and was named co-valedictorian of his graduating class. He was active in football and golf for four years, basketball for three years, baseball for two years. His football team won the Class A State Championship and he was named to the All-District Football Team.

His plans are to attend Northwestern State University, Alva, or Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.



Khali Marie Anderson

Khali Marie Anderson is a 2011 graduate of Great Bend High School, Great Bend, Kan. She is the daughter of Steven Anderson and Laura Jordan. She is the granddaughter of David and Patricia Anderson, of Great Bend, and the great-granddaughter of Maggie Anderson, of Coalgate, Okla.

Khali was a dance student at Bates Dance Studio and a teacher assistant at Lincoln Grade School.

Her plans are to attend Barton Community College to study elementary education and business education.



Taylor Sylene Nichols

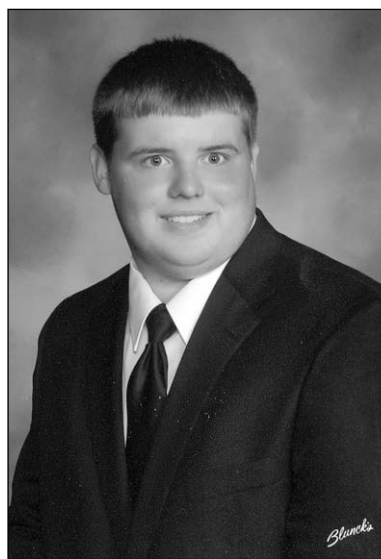


Taylor Sylene Nichols is a 2011 graduate of Hughson High School, Hughson, Calif. She is the daughter of Tanya Nichols. She is the granddaughter of Helen and Robert Lillie and Curt and Connie Holley.

Taylor was active in school choir, drama and made all the costumes for Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory play. She facilitated twice at the Teen Alcohol Forum. She serves as chair of the Hughson Youth Council, member of the Hughson Methodist Church choir. She was honored in the Teen Hall of Fame.

Her plans are to attend Modesto Junior College.

Tal Wayne Scaff



Tal Wayne Scaff is a 2011 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Thea Jane Pope and Russell DeWayne Scaff. He is the grandson of Gale Pope.

Tal was active in football, baseball, powerlifting, shot put and a 4-H officer.

His plans are to attend college to become a physical therapist.

Christopher McClendon

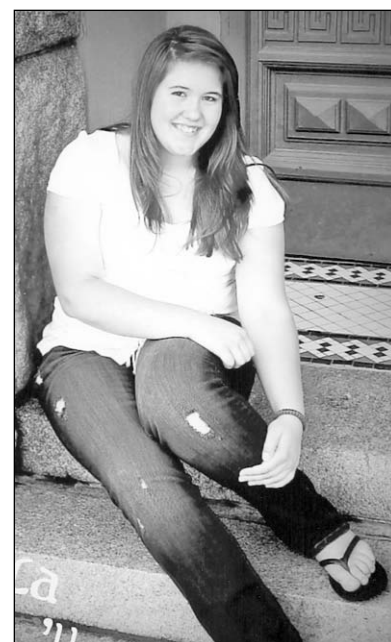


Christopher McClendon is a 2011 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Kelley and Traci Gold, of Ada, Okla., and Tommy and Angie McClendon, of Madill, Okla. He is the grandson of Frank and Pat Schultz, of Red Oak, Texas., Tom and Pearl McClendon, of Madill, and the great-grandson of Pauline Green.

Chris has been active in Ada High Band, playing the french horn and trumpet. He is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), the golf team, the high school academic team and was a member of the Ada High tennis team.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, to major in sports media and to play in the OSU band.

Rebecca Parker



Rebecca Parker is a 2011 graduate of Yukon High School, Yukon, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and Debbie Parker. She is the granddaughter of Don Smaistrle, of Oklahoma City, Earline Smaistrle, of Yukon, and Marion and Charlotte Parker, of Yukon.

Rebecca is very involved in her drama classes, she directs and acts in plays. She loves softball, her youth group at church and hanging out with her friends.

Her plans are to attend University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, to become an elementary school teacher.

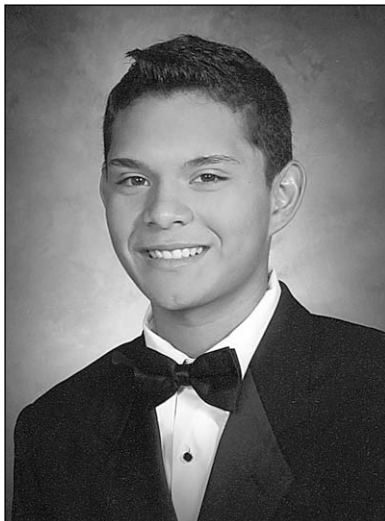
Quannah J. Lindsey

Quannah J. Lindsey is a 2011 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Steven and Debra Davis. He is the grandson of Roy and Jannie Samis, and Terry Davis, all of Ada. He has a brother, Sequoyah M. Lindsey.

Quannah serves as vice president and cultural coordinator for Native Voices. He has been a member of the Byng Drama Club for the past five years, a member of the swim team for two years and competed in the state finals in 2010. He enjoys swimming, playing tennis and spending time with his family and friends. Quannah is a very caring person who is proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to pursue a degree in the medical field. He would like to work for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health in some aspect to help Chickasaw citizens.

We are so proud of Quannah and the goals he set for himself. We know he will be successful at whatever he attempts.



Sophia Gabrielle Wells



Sophia Gabrielle Wells is a 2011 graduate of New Covenant Academy, Springfield, Mo. She is the daughter of Jef and Margie Wells. She is the granddaughter of the late Ben Wells and Linda Wells, of Ada, Ken and Karen Horne, and Rev. Jess and Paula Gibson, all of Springfield.

Sophia serves as secretary of her class and holds a grade point average of 3.9. She is a member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and the National Honor Society. She is a gifted vocalist and dancer and was recently cast in Evangel University's production of "Hello Dolly". She has 11 years of dance experience in lyrical, ballet, tap, hip-hop, musical theatre, pointe, technique and modern. She has recorded a self-entitled CD of cover tunes, participates in

Chamber Choir, ensemble and concert choirs at NCA. She leads worship both at her school chapels and in her church youth group. She recently returned from a mission trip with her senior class to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she was able to touch the lives of many children. She has numerous community volunteer hours. For 10 years she has been a part of the performance troupe "Sing!Sing!Sing!" which benefits the Children's Miracle Network.

Her plans are to pursue a bachelor of applied technology in vocal performance at the Academy of Contemporary Music at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

Her parents, and two little brothers, Ben-Soloman and Isaiah are very proud of her.

Kaylea Zoe Arnett



Kaylea Zoe Arnett is a 2011 graduate of Spring High School, Spring, Texas. She is the daughter of Kevin and Terrie Arnett. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Sharron Elron and ArlaZoe Arnett.

Kaylea will be diving for the H2 Okies. In May 2011 she will represent the United States of America at the Canada Cup, Montreal. She will graduate Cum Laude with a 4.88 grade point average.

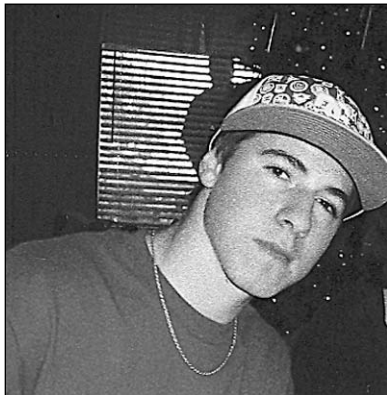
Her plans are to attend Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg.

Stephen Joseph Thompson

Stephen Joseph Thompson is a 2011 graduate of Poly High School, Riverside, Calif. He is the son of Ron Thompson, Jr., and the grandson of Ron Thompson, Sr., and Sharon Thompson.

Stephen enjoyed playing freshman football. His favorite subject is math and his hobbies include video games, and playing the guitar.

His plans are to be a musician or teacher.



Dakota Britton Miller Dial

Dakota Britton Miller Dial is a 2011 graduate of Stratford High School, Stratford, Okla. He is the son of Becky Dial and the late JR Dial, of Byars, Okla.

Dakota's activities include, football, member of the 2010 Class A State Runner-up football team, powerlifting, and has attended the diesel technology program at Mid-America Technology Center for two years. His hobbies include four-wheeling, mudding, fishing, hunting and brush-hogging on the farm. He attends Galey Holiness Church.

His plans are to work as a diesel mechanic.

We are so proud of you.
Love Mom and Tanner.



Bethany Thomas



Bethany Thomas is a 2011 graduate of Derby High School, Derby, Kan. She is the daughter of Danny Thomas and Shelley Thomas. She is the granddaughter of the late Russell and the late Jennie Beth Thomas and Kenneth and Donna Pearce.

Bethany was involved in drama and creative writing.

Her plans are to attend college and work towards becoming a professional writer.



Jalen D. Williams

Jalen D. Williams is a 2011 graduate of Sumner Academy of Arts & Science, Kansas City, Kan. He is the son of the late Dr. Rev. Larry Williams and Geraldine Poteat-Williams. He is the grandson of James and Martha Poteat, of Springer, Okla., and Evelyn and the late Homer Williams, of Oklahoma City.

Jalen will graduate the top ten of his class out 128 students and is currently holding a 4.02 grade point average. He serves as vice president of the National Honor Society and contributes to his community on a monthly basis. The projects he has been involved with include: the Humane Society, raising money for a Zambian orphanage, collecting lost oral history to help rejuvenate an old Kansas neighborhood as part of Douglas and Sumer Historical Project (D.A.S.H.). He leads a student chapter for People to People International, he has been a four year member of the Spanish Honor Society and spent six weeks at the summer math and science program at Carnegie Mellon University, Pen. He is a full diploma candidate for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. He is a member of Leaders of Tomorrow Kansas City Chapter, served with the CDF Freedom School summer program, on the the Oak Ridge Baptist Church Pastor's Honor Roll and has been a member of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Roll.

Jalen has received letters of admission to Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa., the University of Southern California, Los Angeles and the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. Upon his decision he plans to major in economics and minor in political science.

Zoe Lorayn Swaffar

Zoe Lorayn Swaffar is a 2011 graduate of Portland High School, South Portland, Maine. She is the daughter of Rebecca Maiorano and David Swaffar. She is the granddaughter of John and Lorayn Swaffar. She is the great-granddaughter of Lillie Mae Hobbs.

Zoe was active in varsity ice hockey and lacrosse since her freshman year and field hockey since her sophomore year.

Her plans are to attend the University of Maine.



Tiffany Lynn Owens

Tiffany (T.O.) Lynn Owens is a 2011 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Joe and Jennifer Owens. She is the granddaughter of Ronnie and Shirley Owens and Ann Futischa.

Tiffany has been active in softball for four years, fast-pitch for four years and basketball for three years. She has been a cosmetology student for two years and is an active member of the Assembly of God Church, Byng. She has been on the honor roll from elementary school and throughout high school. She loves to cut and color hair, sing, hang out with friends and go to church.

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma and to become a registered nurse.

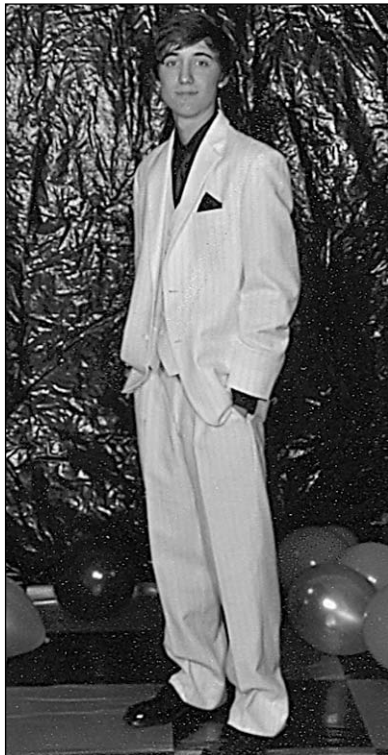


Clint Michael Hardison

Clint Michael Hardison is a 2011 graduate of Atoka High School, Atoka, Okla. He is the son of Clint and Stacy Hardison and Deanna Hill, of Valdosta, Ga. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hardison, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hill, all of Atoka, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, of Valdosta, Ga.

Clint was a member of student council for four years serving as president his senior year. He was a member of the AHS Golf Team for two years. He was active in planning of all events and coordinating blood drives and fundraising activities.

His plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, focusing on computer technology.



Savannah Burwell

Savannah Burwell is a 2011 graduate of Stonewall High School, Stonewall, Okla. She is the daughter of Jason Burwell and Leta Burwell, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Virginia "Gingy" Nail, of Ada, Bedford Burwell, of Terrell, Texas, and the late Kelsie Alexander and the late Colson Miller.

Savannah was active in basketball, softball, Citizens Bank's Citizens for Tomorrow and the academic bowl team. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Club. She served as class president her junior and senior year, named homecoming queen, received the Kenneth Murphy Award in basketball, represented the East girls basketball team for the Ada Evening News All-Star Classic and was in the top 10% of her class.

Her plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant.



Taylor Marie Pate



Taylor Marie Pate is a 2011 graduate of Central High School, Keller, Texas. She is the daughter of Mark and Teri Pate. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Linda Cook, of Hurst, Texas, and Bobby and Charlotte Rogers, of McLoud, Okla.

Taylor served as senior ad editor of the yearbook and was a member of LINK Crew and the I Am Beautiful Club.

Her plans are to attend Texas A&M University, Galveston to major in marine biology.

Garrick B. Harrison

Garrick B. Harrison is a 2011 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Vickie Harrison and Gary Harrison. He is the grandson of Sue Billingsley and the late William F. and Mary Harrison and Gordon E. Parnell.

Garrick was active with Latta 4-H skeet and trap, a member of Ada Skeet & Trap Club. He is enrolled at Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada, in the ASE certified automotive class since 2009 as an automotive service technician and will graduate May 3. He is an avid deer and turkey hunter and fisherman. He is a member of the Ada Bass Masters.

His plans are to work as an auto service technician at a local dealership and open an auto detail shop.



Kaylee Dawn Davis

Kaylee Dawn Davis is a 2011 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. She is the daughter of Allen and Kristi Davis, of Reagan, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Marion Norton, of Reagan and Gerri Norton, of Edmond, Okla.

Kaylee has spent her entire school career in the Dickson School System. She was active in softball, track, the Spanish Club and athletic training.

Her future plans are to attend Murray State College for two years, then transfer to the University of Oklahoma School of Dental Hygiene.



William Hickman



William Hickman is a 2011 graduate of Stratford High School, Stratford, Okla. He is the son of William and Sandra Hickman. He is the grandson of Bill Hickman.

Congratulations William! We are so proud. Remember through Christ all things are possible.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Carla, Cheyenne, Jacob, JJ, Renee and Edward

Victoria Lee Turrentine



Victoria Lee Turrentine is a 2011 graduate of Ursuline Academy of Dallas. She is the daughter of Trish and Brian Turrentine. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Coffey and Dr. and Mrs. James Turrentine.

Victoria is fluent in Spanish. She has been on the honor roll, a former dance company troop, and volunteered for various activities including the Scottish Rite Hospital. She works 20 hours a week at Pinkberry Yogurt Shop.

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Brian Michael Roberts



Brian Michael Roberts is a 2011 graduate of Palma High School, Salinas, Calif. He is the son of Craig and Roberta Roberts. He is the grandson of Stella and the late Calvin M. Short and Frank and Gloria Roberts.

Brian has achieved high honors throughout high school. He is a lifetime member of the National Honor Society and a varsity track athlete and served as junior class president.

His plans are to attend the University of California at Santa Barbara focusing on environmental studies.

Makenzie Rae Brown

Makenzie Rae Brown is a 2011 graduate of Savanna High School, Savanna, Okla. She is the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Brown. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Mary Skaggs and Joe and Alice Brown.

Makenzie's academic achievements include: Oklahoma Heritage Scholarship 2008, ranked four in her senior class, Oklahoma Honor Society for four years, Oklahoma State University Academic Achievement Award, student council president 2010-2011, class president (4 years), homecoming candidate 2010-2011. Her athletic achievements include: Fastpitch named to All Conference (Pitt 8) for two years, All Tournament (Pitt 8) for two years; Basketball: All Conference (Pitt 8) for four years, All Tournament (Pitt 8) for four years, Daily Oklahoman



All State Honorable Mention 2010, Tulsa World All State Honorable Mention 2010, Mid-America Bertha Teague All Tournament Team 2009, Tournament of Champions All Tournament Team 2011, McAlester News Capital 1st All Area Team 2010, March Madness All Indian Showcase Tournament 3-point winner 2011, March Madness All Tournament Team 2011, Pre-season Top Five Players Class 2A All State in Daily Oklahoman, Tip-off 1st team class 2A All State Honorable Mention 2010, Vype Magazine 1st Team class 2A 2010-2011, Coaches Aide Magazine top 5 'Players to Watch' class 2A and Area Player to Watch (3 years). She was recently named to the Oklahoma Coaches Association All State Girls Basketball Team and O.G.B.C.A All State basketball; track achievements include state runner-up Class 2A Discus in Track, Regional Champion 2009 Discus in Track, Meet of the Champions in Track (all class); cheerleading: Regional Champion Class 2A 2010-2011 and state qualifier Class 2A.

Her plans are to attend Oklahoma Christian University and play basketball for the OC Eagles.

Rachel Dianne Turner

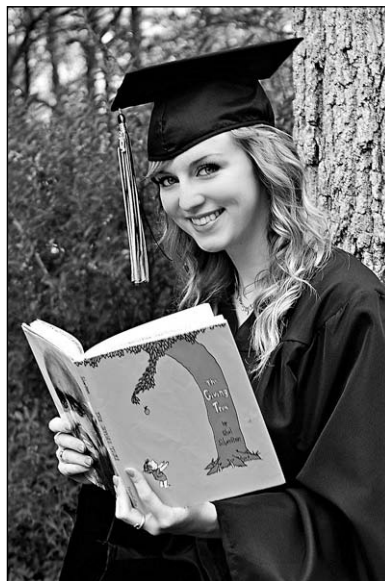


Rachel Dianne Turner is a 2011 graduate of Skiatook High School, Skiatook, Okla. She is the daughter of Rocky and Tracy Turner. She is the granddaughter of Patricia (Shico) Jones and the late Richard Jones, of Madill, Okla., Jim and Ruth Burke, of Tulsa, and Jim and Irene Turner, of Inola, Okla.

Rachel was active in softball, basketball, track, the National Honor Society and Jr. Chamber. She was named to the All Conference Honorable mention third base her sophomore year, All Conference second base her junior and senior years, and All State Big East second base her senior year. She lettered four years in softball, basketball and a three year state qualifier in track. She was voted most athletic and basketball homecoming queen for 2011. She is a member of First Baptist Church of Skiatook.

Her plans are to attend Northern Oklahoma College on a softball scholarship and pursue a degree in dentistry.

Alexandra (Alex) Cole



Alexandra (Alex) Cole is a 2011 graduate of The Colony High School, The Colony, Texas. She is the daughter of Donna and Rob Cole. She is the granddaughter of Louise and the late Marvin Calhoun and Mae and Bob Cole.

Alex is an honors student, the student liaison for the PTSA and is a member of the student council. She has danced on the TCHS Topcats Drill Team for four years and served the positions of: dance officer (sophomore year), co-captain (junior year), and captain (senior year). She has danced since age three and has performed at Dallas Cowboys games including Thanksgiving halftimes, the Macy's Parade for the past two years and most recently at the Cotton Bowl halftime.

Her plans are to attend Texas Women's University where she was selected for the honors scholars program. She plans to major in dance education and hopes to become a secondary school dance teacher/drill team director.

Joshua Ellis Lacy



Joshua Ellis Lacy is a 2011 graduate of Clay County High School, Celina, Tenn. he is the son of William and Lisa Lacy and Dwayne and Wendy Key. He is the grandson of Hershel and Joyce Lacy, Jean and the late Jack Pickens and Dean and the late Donald Green.

Joshua has been a member of the math club, history club, science club, and choir.

His plans are to attend Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro to major in English and minor in history and attend law school.

Kadan Christine Brady



Kadan Christine Brady is a 2011 graduate of Healdton High School, Healdton, Okla. She is the daughter of Bill and Shannon Brady. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Naomi Brady, of Healdton and Karen Martin and Rusty Martin, both of Checotah, Okla.

Kadan is a member of the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and serves as student council secretary. She has been chosen for All State honors in fastpitch softball, basketball and track.

She plans to attend the University of Tulsa on a basketball scholarship.

Rance Christian Gilliam



Rance Christian Gilliam is a 2011 graduate of Coalgate High School, Coalgate, Okla. He is the son of Jeff and Angie Gilliam. He is the grandson of the late Rev. Raymond Carney and Paula Carney and Bear and Cleo Gilliam. He has an older sister, Karnie.

Rance has attended the Coalgate School System for six years. He was active with football for four years, basketball for four years, and golf for two years. He is a member of 4H, the National Honor Society, president of the art club, a member of the drama club and serves as student council representative of his senior class. He was selected to attend Boy's State the summer of 2010. He likes to hang out with his friends and family and loves to watch Sooner Sports.

His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., then to pursue a degree in civil engineering from the University of Oklahoma.

Dancing Star "Fichik" Frazier



Dancing Star "Fichik" Frazier is a 2011 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Sonya and George Frazier. She is the granddaughter of Lorene Scott, Preston Scott and Velma Frazier.

Fichik has been actively involved with the Native American Club, Business Professionals of America (BPA), Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and ProStart. She was selected JOM Student of the Year her kindergarten, freshman and senior years.

Her plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Damien Christopher Hamilton

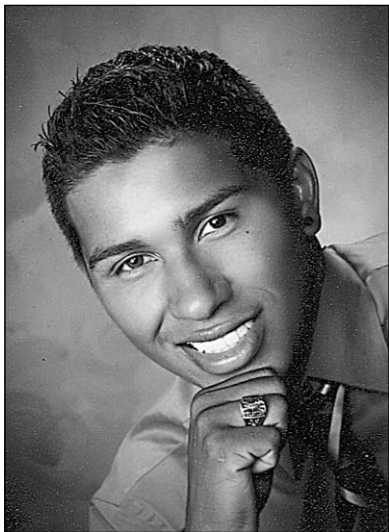


Damien Christopher Hamilton is a 2011 graduate of Coalgate High School, Coalgate, Okla. He is the son of Amick and Taloa Birdshead. He is the grandson of Joseph and Joann Birdshead, of Billings, Mont., Rev. Gary and Cheryl Weeden, of Coalgate, and Leland Hamilton, of Duncan, Okla. He has two siblings, Tvli and Warren, of Coalgate, and Samantha and Dakota of Duncan.

Damien has attend the Coalgate School System for eight years. 'Day Day' has been a member of the Wildcat football team for four years, basketball team for three years and track for four years. He was a member of Future Farmers of American for two years. He enjoys spending time with his friends and family including his church family at Grace Christian Fellowship Church. He is all heart. He works hard, plays hard and loves to fish.

His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., and to go where the lord leads him from there.

Donald Joseph Wands



Donald Joseph (DJ) Wands is a 2011 graduate of Belen High School, Belen, N.M. He is the son of Rose Anne Pipins. He is the grandson of Angela and Joe Pipins.

DJ has been a member of the honor roll his four years of high school. He is a volunteer firefighter at the Rio Grande Fire Department.

His plans are to become a firefighter and to make it in this world.

He plans to attend the University of New Mexico.

We are very proud of you!

Mary J. Johnson

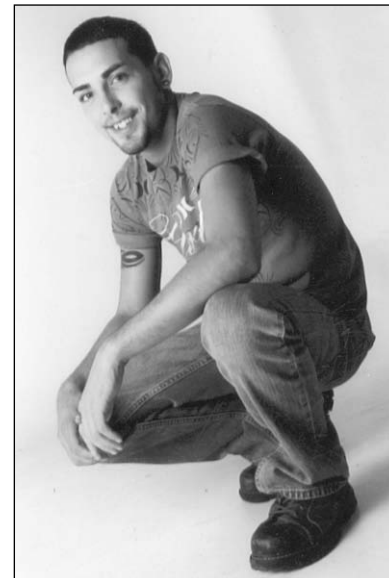
Mary J. Johnson is a 2011 graduate of Master's Independent High School, Odessa, Texas. She is the daughter of Shirley Kelly and Carl Johnson, of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mary Etta Dick Kelly and Elijah Kelly, Sr.

Congratulations from your mom, Ja'Nashia and MaJavion.

We love you!



Vincent Ray Jaramillo



Vincent Ray Jaramillo is a 2011 graduate of Belen High School, Belen, N.M. He is the son of Rose Anne Pipins. He is the grandson of Angela and Joe Pipins.

Vincent enjoyed wrestling and being social to all. He is a volunteer firefighter for the Rio Grande Fire Department.

His plans are to attend the University of New Mexico and become a firefighter.

We are proud of you!



ShaLane Cobble

ShaLane Cobble is a 2011 graduate of Mill Creek High School, Mill Creek, Okla. She is the daughter of Mark and Kacey Cobble.

Shalane has been involved with the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program and East Central University Talent Search.

Her plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to receive a degree in counseling and make a career with the Chickasaw Nation.

Kimberly Ann Ross

Kimberly Ann Ross is a 2011 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Rodney and Elizabeth Ross, of Mannsville, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Calvin and Rhonda Ned and Ella and the late Loyd Ross.

Kimberly is a member of Future Farmers of America (FFA), choir, track and the academic team, A-B honor roll, Governor's Honor Roll and was a member of the Chickasha Apihchi Ikbi program.

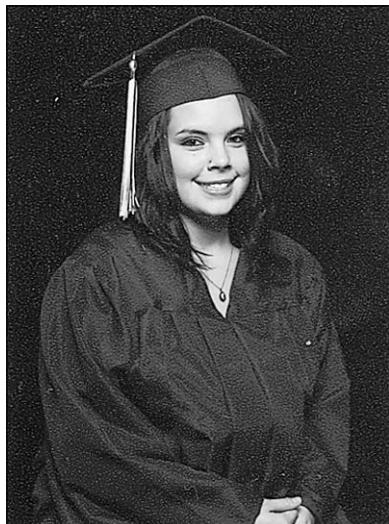
Her plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.



Amber Marlett

Amber Marlett is a 2011 graduate of Crosswinds High School, Grand Prairie, Texas. She is the great-daughter of Nancy Myers and the granddaughter of Dawn Cross.

Amber graduated four months early and plans to start Tarrant County College to become a dental hygienist.



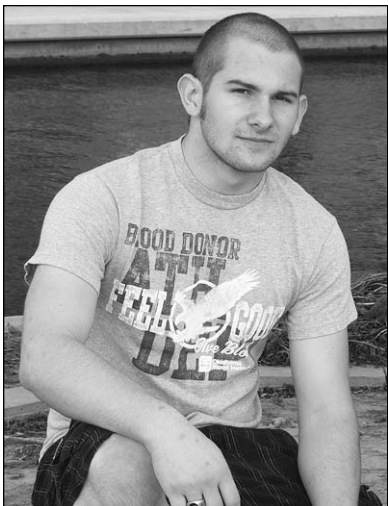
Michael C. Posey

Michael C. Posey is a 2011 graduate of Tuttle High School, Tuttle, Okla. He is the son of Kristine and Donnie Lindamood.

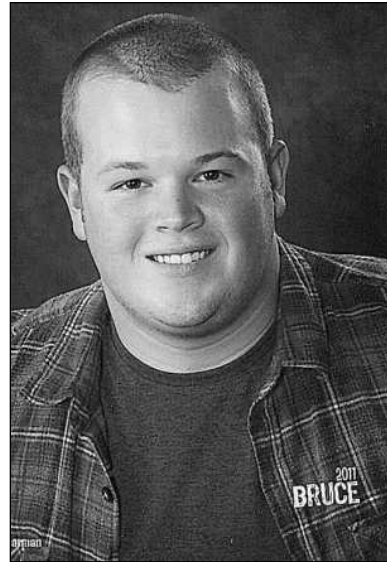
Michael has completed the two-year program for graphic design/advertising at Canadian Valley Technology Center, Chickasha. He is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and competes in the Skills USA Leadership contests.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma State University.

We are very proud of him and his accomplishments!



Bruce Kemp Rochelle



Bruce Kemp Rochelle is a 2011 graduate of Durant High School, Durant, Okla. He is the son of Randy and Lesa Rochelle. He is the grandson of Wendell and Jolene Rochelle and C.B. and Linda Andis.

Bruce is active in football starting as center for three years, named first team All District his senior year. He lettered three years in baseball as pitcher, catcher and first and third baseman. He lettered one year in power lifting and track. His hobbies consist of playing his guitars, hanging out with his girlfriend and friends and family, riding his dirt bike and working on his truck.

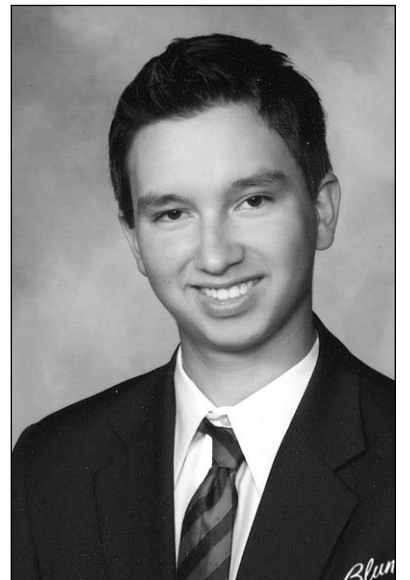
His plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant.

Timothy J. Pritchett

Timothy J. Pritchett is a 2011 graduate of J.J. Pearce High School, Richardson, Texas. He is the son of Lou Karen and Tom Cain and Tom Pritchett. He is the grandson of Ann and Joseph Pritchett, of Prague, Okla.

Tim lettered in cross country, is a member of the National Honor Society and the track team and participated in the Gamers Club. He enjoys volunteering at his church and local food bank. His senior year art project centered around Chickasaw cultural images expressing his interest in his heritage.

His plans are to attend college in California to pursue a degree in digital arts focusing on animation.



Taylor Batey



Taylor Batey is a 2011 graduate of Lee High School, Midland, Texas. She is the daughter of Tiana Daniel and sister to Bailey Clinton. She is the granddaughter of Merle and Sylvia Daniel. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Juanita Weaver and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Adeline Groves an original enrollee.

Taylor's is passionate about volleyball and choir. She qualified for All Region Choir for four years. She has received numerous Chickasaw Honor's Club awards, is a member of the National Junior Honors Society, a recipient of the MISD Shining Star Award which included a \$2,500 scholarship and laptop. She volunteered at the Midland Teen Court, Casa de Amigos, and Keep Midland Beautiful while finishing high school one year early.

Her plans are to attend Midland Junior College to pursue a degree in veterinary.

She is an amazing mother, daughter, sister and granddaughter. We are all very proud of her.

Jamie Taylor Christie



Jamie Taylor Christie is a 2011 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. She is the daughter of Gloria Christie and the late James Christie, Sr. She is the granddaughter of Catherine and Jake Jacobson, of St. Paul, Minn., and the late Gilbert and Dena Christie, of Madill.

Jamie has been involved with basketball, softball (slow pitch and fast pitch) and vocal music. She likes going to church, hanging out with her family and friends, being an aunt and loves being with her fiancé, Michael Bugos.

He plans are to attend college to become a physical therapist, get married and raise a family.

Lauren Elizabeth Sunter



Lauren Elizabeth Sunter is a 2011 graduate of East Forsyth High School, Kernersville, N.C. She is the daughter of Mark and Jane Sunter.

Lauren was a member of the Eaglette Dance team for four years and served as co-captain her senior year.

Her plans are to attend Campbell University (NC) to major in pre-dental.

Amy Pettigrew

Amy Pettigrew is a 2011 graduate of Lone Grove High School, Lone Grove, Okla. She is the daughter of Joe and Stacey Pettigrew. She is the granddaughter of Dana McMillan, Emma Pettigrew, Rocky and Janie Souther William C Pettigrew and Betty Williford.

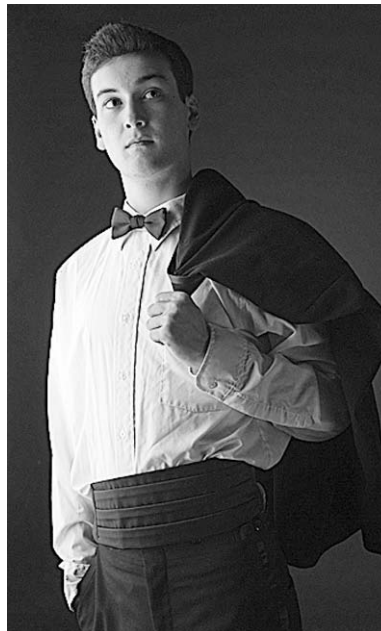
Amy was active in basketball, named basketball homecoming queen, was the three-point leader for this year and listed as third overall in the Lone Grove Record Books. She served as captain of the color guard, is a member of the Governor's Honor Roll and the Principal's Honor Roll.

Her plans are to become a physical therapist.

Amy, I know that you will do great in whatever you decide to do with your life. You are a great person with a very likeable personality. Your fun to be around. I love you very much and will be here for you no matter what!



Brendan Patrick Choshemataha Kinney



Brendan Patrick Choshemataha Kinney is a 2011 graduate of Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of Arts in the Technical Theatre Department, San Francisco. He is the son of David Kinney and Dolores Ferguson. He is the grandson of Priscilla Jane Kinney and the late Ludie Kinney, Jr. He is a direct descendant of Cyrus Harris, first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and original enrollees Sarah Minnie Harris and Ludie Kinney, Sr. He is named after his ancestor Choshemataha William Colbert.

He is interested in visual anthropology and archeology/material culture of Native Americans. His honors include Juror's Awards in SEASAM Youth Art Photography in 2009 and 2010, certificate of Outstanding Participation in the AHSTF/Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, the San Francisco Unified School District Indian Education Program Leadership Award 2011, Outstanding

Youth artist Award in Theatre Tech and Photography 2010 and the Ohlone College HSTF second place trophy in set design. He has a wide range of interests. He has worked on 10 theatrical productions during the past four years and gained experience as a stage manager, set designer, prop master, and has worked on set construction, fly and running crews. He is an active volunteer with the Indian Education Program in San Francisco and is passionate about nature and wildlife photography, and works on his own video and claymation projects. He loves boxing and has taken classes for the past 3 years. He has enjoyed white water kayaking in Idaho, Washington, and in Canada. He also writes songs and plays the electric guitar. Brendan travels regularly to Oklahoma and enjoys visiting his grandmother and the Chickasaw Nation. He has learned to cook "Oklahoma style" Bar-B-Que! His dream car is a 1968 VW Bus and he hopes to drive one someday. His favorite Television program is Man Vs. Wild with Bear Grills.

Tiffany Rachelle Braswell

Tiffany Rachelle Braswell is a 2011 graduate of New Life Christian School, Bridgeton, Mo. She is the daughter of Keith and Barbara Braswell, of Florissant, Mo. She is the granddaughter of W.C. and Betty Parkey, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and David and Jana Braswell, of St. Charles, Mo.

Tiffany has been a member of the volleyball team, the Crusaders, participated in track events, archery, is active in music and has sung in the choir, ensemble and Trio in several competitions. Her junior year she received the CAP Award at the annual Association of Christian Teachers and Schools Convention for placing in all events she competed in receiving a score of 59/60. She will compete again this year and will participate in several categories. She is an Oklahoma Sooners fan and the fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. Hot summers, ferris wheels, old pictures, thunderstorms, Sonic limeades, Quick Trip Convenience stores, cowboy boots, Toms, sour patch kids and going barefoot on the beach are a few of her favorite things.

Her plans are to attend St. Charles Community College to pursue a nursing degree.



Monica Rae Eddy

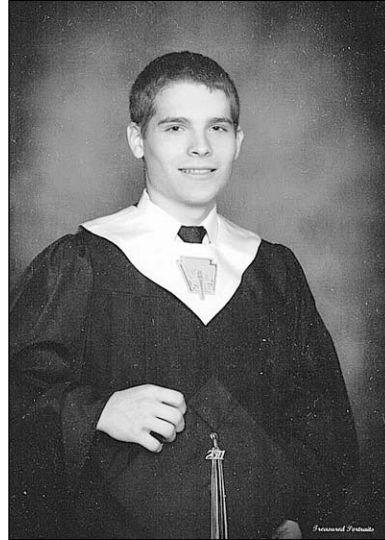


Monica Rae Eddy is a 2011 graduate of Lexington High School, Lexington, Ala. She is the daughter of Larry and Charlotte Eddy. She is the granddaughter of William and Shellie Thigpen and the great-granddaughter of Lilly Wisdom. Her special uncle and aunt are Noah and Sunny Eddy.

Monica received her cosmetology license February 2011 through the Allen Thornton Career Technincal Center, Kilten, Ala.

Her plans are to find a job in a salon.

Lucas Bailey Bowyer



Lucas Bailey Bowyer is a 2011 graduate of Sealy High School, Sealy, Texas. He is the son of Ronald and Wyoma Bowyer. He is the grandson of Robert and Shelby Bowyer, of Sutton, W.Va., Ruby (Gorrell) Thomas and the late Charles Thomas, of Barberton, Ohio.

Lucas participated in football, marching band and theater. He served as vice president of the German Club and is a member of the National Honor Society. He received his Eagle Scout Rank from the Boy Scouts of America.

His plans are to attend Texas A&M, Galveston. He has been accepted in the Corps of Cadets (NROTC) and he plans to major in marine engineering and to start a military career with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Taylor Mackenzie Marshall

Taylor Mackenzie Marshall is a 2011 graduate of Midlothian High School, Midlothian, Texas. She is the daughter of Mike and Candy Marshall. She is the granddaughter of Wayne and Georgeanna Black and R.C. and Viola Marshall.

Taylor served as manager of the girls varsity basketball team and competed in power lifting. She attends First Baptist Church in Midlothian.

Her plans are to attend Navarro Junior College, Corsicana, Texas. She hopes to work with children when she completes college.

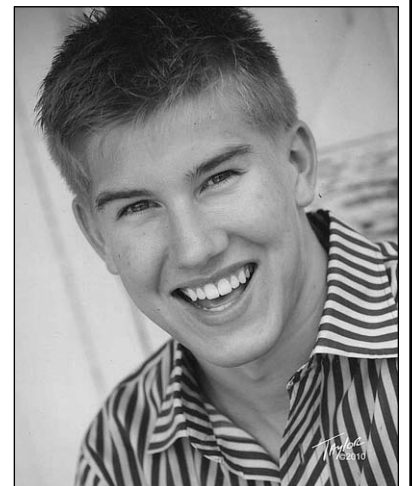


Dillon Duke

Dillon Duke is a 2011 graduate of Edmond Memorial High School, Edmond, Okla. He is the son of Lance and Dayna Duke.

Dillon is a member of the State Superintendent's Supervisory Council. He was a varsity wrestler for three years and received the Outstanding Leader Award, a member of the National Honor Society, a recipient of the Wendy's Heisman Athlete Award, a member of the Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, Bulldog Mentor for freshmen, Boys State Delegate, received the Rotary Youth Leadership award, People to People Student Ambassador for seven years, Red Earth volunteer, mountain bike state champion, and American Red Cross lifeguard and pool manager.

His plans are to receive a college degree then start a career in the U.S. Navy.



Jordan Caleb Richardson



Jordan Caleb Richardson is a 2011 graduate of Frisco High School, Frisco, Texas. He is the son of Jay and Heather Richardson. He is the grandson of Ben and Peggy Bell, of McKinney, Texas and Bill and Flo Richardson, of Aubrey, Texas.

Jordan will graduate in the top 15% of his class of 350 students. He was awarded the Ruter Scholar Award by Southwestern, Advance Placement and International Baccalaureate Award and a Distinction Bonus Award based on his grades and aggressive course work. He is currently completing an Advance Practicum in Veterinary Medical Applications (Level III) at the Career & Technical Education Center and volunteers at a local veterinarian clinic and enjoys the hands on with the animals. He is an American Red Cross Water Safety instructor and a certified Red Cross lifeguard. He enjoys

teaching swimming classes at the Frisco Athletic Center and was voted the Best with Preschoolers during the 2010 summer session. In his free time he enjoys caring for his own dogs, Shane and Sierra, hanging out with friends and playing video games. He was a member of the Frisco High School varsity swim team and earned a letter during his junior year.

He is looking forward to starting college and plans to attend Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas where he has been accepted, to pursue a degree in animal behavior.

Alyssa Nicole Hindman



Alyssa Nicole Hindman is a 2011 graduate of Philomath High School, Philomath, Ore. She is the daughter of Lynne and Greg Hindman. She is the granddaughter of Jeanette and Charles Hindman and Joyce and Steven W. Dawson, Sr. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Gladys Wilson Berry an original enrollee and the late Homer Jackson Berry.

Alyssa has been very involved with serving her school and community. She was active in advanced math, science, English and ballet classes. She served as captain of the Philomath High School Dance team, was active in band (flute/piccolo first chair), theater and the National Honor Society. She has been very involved as a volunteer at the local food bank and "Kids Closet" and served on the Benton County Youth Commission.

Her plans are to attend Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah where she has been accepted.

Kamesha McGee



Kamesha McGee is a 2011 graduate of Putnam City North High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Evelyn Taylor and Shrodic McGee. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Taylor, Mittie Mae Anderson, Lawrence and Sharon McGee, Elouis Webb, Charles and Lizzy Brown, Helen McGee and the late Betty Anderson.

Kamesha was active on the Putnam City North basketball team and was chosen panther of the month for February.

Her plans are to attend the registered nursing program at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. She would like to be a doctor.

I want to give thanks to my mama and grandparent, without them I don't think I would have made it and to say thanks to my beautiful daughter Kamille Powell.

Erin Kyla Clarke



Erin Kyla Clarke is a 2011 graduate of Buchanan High School, Clovis, Calif. She is the daughter of Kevin and Jehri (Maytubby) Clarke. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Sue Maytubby, George and Venita Clarke and the great-granddaughter of Morris and J. and Elsie Maytubby.

Erin is a lifetime CSF member, a member of the varsity softball team for three years, the leadership program, the Spanish Club, volleyball, on the Principal's

Honor Roll, photography, Fresno Force Travel softball.

She has been accepted to the University of Oklahoma, Texas Christian University, the University of Portland and Rocky Mountain College. She will attend college to obtain her teaching credentials to teach U.S. History.

Braden Niles Miller

Braden Niles Miller is a 2011 graduate of Sunset High School, Portland, Ore. He is the son of Doug and Alison Miller. He is the grandson of Mary-Lynn and Victor Sachse III, of Baton Rouge, BJ and the late Alan B. Miller, of Blue Hill, Maine and William G. Paul and Barbara Paul, of Oklahoma City. Mr. Paul is a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Braden will serve as salutatorian of his graduating class and is an International Baccalaureate diploma candidate. He is a member of the National Honor Society and served as its tutoring director this year. He is a member of the French Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, Key Club, and French Club. He started a Native American Club at school to elevate awareness of the Native American community and currently serves as president. He participated in Model United Nations his junior and senior year. He played soccer at Sunset for 4 years as a defender and midfielder and played competitively on a soccer club team, the Westside Metros, for all four years of high school. Braden enjoys snowboarding on Mt. Hood every chance he gets.

His plans are to attend Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

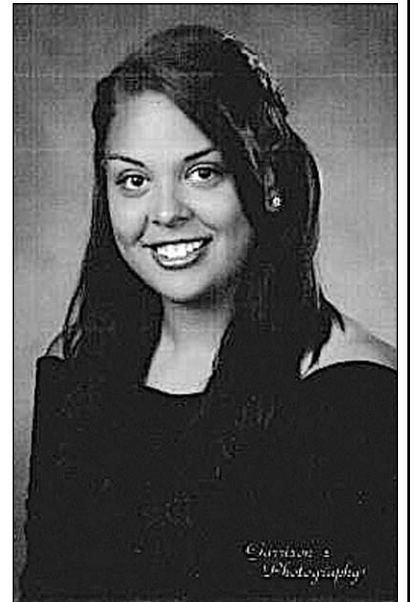


Taylor Cheyenne Martin

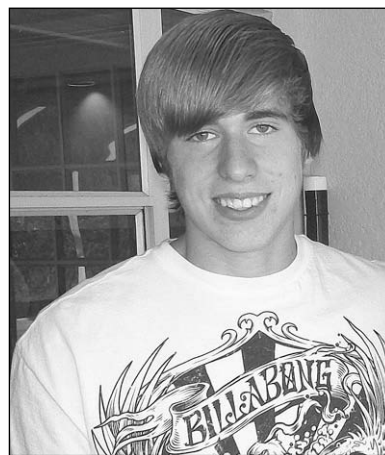
Taylor Cheyenne Martin is a 2011 graduate of Harding Charter Preparatory High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Angela Clayton and Floyd Martin. She is the granddaughter of Shirley Clayton and the great-granddaughter of the late Babe and Josie Stout Harjo.

Taylor is a four-year academic honor student and a member of the National Honor Society. She participated in choir, basketball and track. She is a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

She plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, where she has been accepted and pursue a degree in nursing.



Austin James Pelitera



Austin James Pelitera is a 2011 graduate of Lincoln Park Academy, Port Saint Lucie, Fla. He is the son of Michael and Catherine Pelitera. He is the grandson of Patty Sue Poorbaugh, the late Jack Poorbaugh, Marilyn Pelitera and the late Charles Pelitera.

Austin will graduate with honors. He has taken 24 credit hours of college courses through his junior and senior year as a dual enrollment student at Indian River State College maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. He was named 2009-2010 Power Lifter of the Year, is a member of the high school rugby club receiving the MVP award in his first game. He has received second place awards in two categories at the Annual Digital

Media Student Exhibition at Indian River State College. He volunteers time and media skills running the computer station for church services and has donated blood for numerous blood drives.

Austin plans to attend the University of Central Florida in Orlando where he has been accepted. He will major in Biology.

Cameron Monet Seethoff



Cameron Monet Seethoff is a 2011 graduate of homeschool. She is the daughter of Scott and Arnette Seethoff, Amarillo, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Ardell and the late Charles "Jack" Brown, of Bedford, Texas, and Geraldine Seethoff, of Fort Worth.

Cameron is a member of student council for the Panhandle Christian Home Educators Association having served as vice president her freshman and senior year and secretary her sophomore and junior year. She has volunteered 150 hours of community service through the student council. She is active in Amarillo Lady Flames sports, playing volleyball her sophomore year and basketball where she lettered four years and served as co-captain. She is employed at Westgate Mall Chik-fill-a restaurant and received the Beacon of Light employee award

in 2010. She attends Golden Plains Church of Christ.

She plans to study forensic psychology and plans to attend Amarillo College.

Jessica Lynn Ruiz



Jessica Lynn Ruiz is a 2011 graduate of Perris High School, Hemet, Calif. She is the daughter of Eleanor (Parks) Ruiz and Ernie Ruiz. She is the granddaughter of KC, Jr., and the late Irene Parks. She is the great-granddaughter of KC Parks and Josephina (Clark) Parks-Dunn. She is a proud descendant of original enrollee Phoebe-Julia Underwood, daughter of Gabriel and Nancy (Owens) Underwood.

Jessica has been a member of the drama club for four years and a student of the arts.

Her plans are to attend Mt. San Jacinto College before serving a full time mission

for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She has set goals to continue her education in the arts while majoring in the medical field.

Rose Elizabeth McGuire

Rose Elizabeth McGuire is a 2011 graduate of Benton High School, Benton, Ark. She is the daughter of Mark and Wanda McGuire. She is the granddaughter of Rosie Postoak, of Allen, Okla., Jeanette McGuire, of San Diego, and John Patrick McGuire, of Oklahoma City. She is the great-granddaughter of Pauline Walker, Ada, Okla.

Rose activities and community service includes: Builder Club, the fishing club, Chickasaw Nation Honor Club, Principal's Honor Roll, student council, the National Honor Society, Crown Club, Junior Auxiliary, Key Club, Kiwanis Honor Scholar, Diamond Dolls, dance team, softball, basketball (lettering three years and serving as captain her senior year), named All Conference senior year, All State Tournament Team, soccer, mission trips, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Pure Energy, Upper Room Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Reality Weekend, Salvation Army and Paint Your Heart.

Her plans are to attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville to pursue a degree in pre-optometry.



Benjamin (BJ) Lee



Benjamin (BJ) Lee is a 2011 graduate of Newcastle High School, Newcastle, Okla. He is the son of Joe and Pam Lee. He is the grandson of Jim and Sherry Upton, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Julia and the late Bob Lee, of Moore, Okla. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee Gladys Colbert.

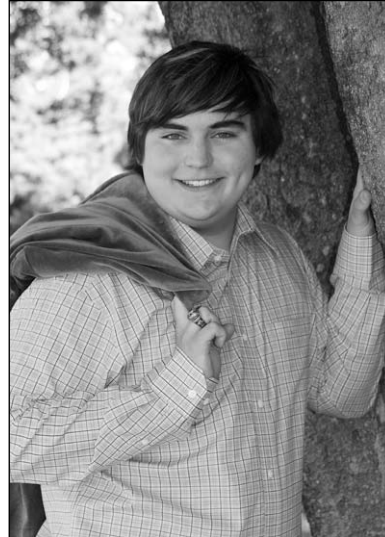
BJ will serve at class valedictorian of his graduating class. He was a 2010 Oklahoma Boys State delegate, a member of the National Honor Society (3 years), member of student council, lettered three years in basketball, lettered two years in soccer and was named to the 2010 All District 4A soccer team. He is a recipient of the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Scholarship and Honor Club. He holds a USSF 08 Soccer Referee certification

and actively officiates for Tri-City Soccer Association in Newcastle. He has played competitive soccer for seven years for the Celtic Soccer Club in Norman, Okla., and the South Lakes Soccer Club, Oklahoma City.

His plans are to attend college on an academic scholarship to pursue a degree in medicine/surgery and to play collegiate soccer.

Thanks Governor Anoatubby for the support!

Michael Kelly Medders



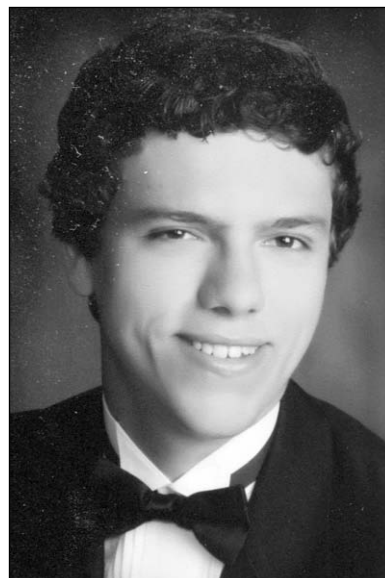
Michael Kelly Medders is a 2011 graduate of Broken Arrow High School, Broken Arrow Okla. He is the son of Kelly and Melvina Medders. He is the grandson of John and Gloria Wilkens, Gene and Vida Smith and John Medders.

Michael is active in his church youth group. He teaches vacation bible school and has helped with various programs, musicals and dramas. He served as a missionary last summer to Arlington, Texas and is hoping to serve on a mission team this summer. He is a member of the Tiger Rhythm Show Choir which was recently awarded the FAME award competition in Branson, Mo. He has performed in four different productions produced by the Broken Arrow Senior High Drama Department.

He loves fishing and camping in his spare time.

His plans are to attend college at Tulsa.

Andrew Wayne Bullard



Andrew Wayne Bullard is a 2011 graduate of South Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie, Texas. He is the son of Anna Bullard. He is the grandson of Clarence and Mary Ann Lee, of Edmond, Okla.

Andrew is an Eagle Scout and currently serves as Assistant Scout Master for Troop 533 in Grand Prairie. He is principal cellist in the SGP Orchestra and will attend state competition in May. He is a member of the National Honor Society, National Math Honor Society and is a staff writer for the school newspaper. He has received various academic awards including all "A's" through high school and AP Scholar with honors. He is an active member of the youth group and youth choir at Plymouth Park UMC and serves on the church mission committee.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma to major in chemical engineering. He would like to specialize in biochemical engineering to improve water treatment facilities, environmental monitoring systems and pollution control efforts.

Ashli Wieck

Ashli Wieck is a 2011 graduate of Sherman High School, Sherman, Texas. She is the daughter of Nathan and Bobbi Wieck. She is the granddaughter of the late Vicki Davis-Bush, Elizabeth Wieck, the late Larry Smithson and Larry Wieck.

Ashli is a member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. She serves as student body treasurer and is a member of the leadership team. She will graduate with a Distinguished Achievement Diploma and is in the top 10% of her class. She has volunteered in many civic and faith based groups during high school.

Her plans are to attend Texas Tech College to major in engineering. She has been accepted to Texas Tech Honors College.



Zachary Don Wynn



Zachary Don Wynn is a 2011 graduate of Moore High School, Moore, Okla. He is the son of James and Kim Clagg and Kenny and Kim Wynn. He is the grandson of Charley and Linda Pettenridge.

Zach has been involved in swimming and has competed in state competitions and is a state qualifier in both individual and team events. He is also a competitive swimmer for the Chesapeake Swim Club. He has been involved with Boy Scouts of America and has obtained the rank of Eagle Scout, (the Boy Scouts of America highest honor), and holds youth leadership positions in the council. He has obtained Vigil honor which is the highest camping society honor in Order of the Arrow. He continues to work with younger boys to help them earn ranks in Boys Scouts. He

has earned 15 college hour.

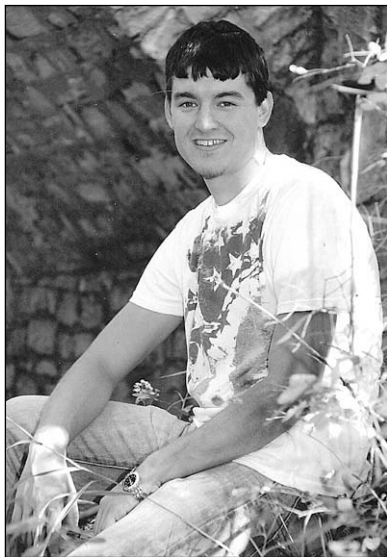
His plans are to attend college and obtain a degree in graphic design. After college he plans to go into the military to serve his country.

Shanne Anthony Henry

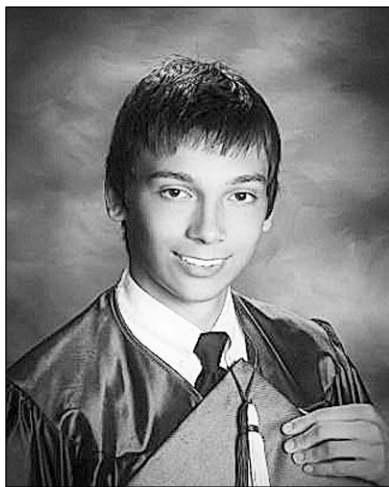
Shane Anthony Henry is a 2011 graduate of Elmore City-Pernell High School, Elmore City, Okla. He is the son of Paul David and Sheila Henry. He is the grandson of Opal and the late Paul Henry and Dona and the late Clyde "Cotton" Kennedy.

Shanne is a member the National Honor Society. He is active in basketball and baseball and has been active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America since the first grade. In August 201 he joined his brothers, Chadrick and Devvin, obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank available in Boys Scouts of America. He is a member of the Satterwhite Missionary Baptist Church.

His plans are to follow in his "Pops" Cotton Kennedy, footsteps by obtaining a coaching/teaching degree from East Central University, Ada, Okla. He then plans to marry his high school sweetheart, Taylor.



Nathaniel Blakely Inmon



Nathaniel Blakely Inmon is a 2011 graduate of Huntsville High School, Huntsville, Texas. He is the son of Frank and Regina Inmon and the grandson of Kenneth and LaQuita Bond.

Nathan is a member of the tennis team where he is top senior doubles player. He takes flying lessons at Huntsville Municipal Airport and performed his first solo flight in the Spring of 2010. He will complete his lessons and hours towards his private pilot's license.

His plans are to attend Sam Houston State University to major in business administration then attend a commercial flight school to obtain his commercial pilot's license.

Adria Ruth Brown



Adria Ruth Brown is a 2011 graduate of Ladue Horton Watkins High School, St. Louis, Mo. She is the daughter of Andrew and Amy Brown. Adria is the granddaughter of Donald Keel and Kay and Keith Brown. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee the late Freeman Keel and Hilda Keel and the great-niece of Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel.

Adria served as editor-in-chief of the yearbook, AP Scholar, organized an elementary school tutoring club and earned a National Latin Exam Award. She participated in church leadership roles, played piano for her church choir, volunteered in the community and worked a part-time job after school.

Her plans are to attend Dartmouth College.

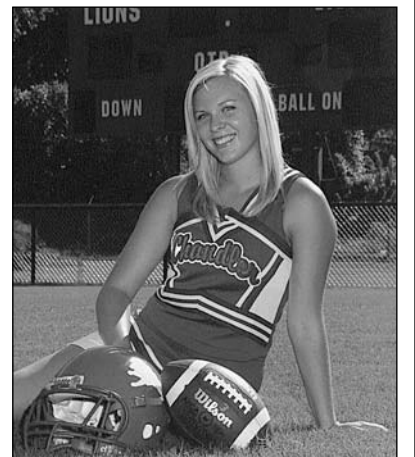
Hillari Marie Snider

Hillari Marie Snider is a 2011 graduate of Chandler High School, Chandler, Okla. She is the daughter of John and Cynthia Snider. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Liz Snider, of Cushing, Okla.

Hillari's accomplishments include: senior class vice president, class treasurer of the junior class, 2010 Oklahoma Girls State representative, Chandler Lions Club August 2010 Student of the Month, Chandler Business Woman September 2010 Student of the Month, Chandler Rotary November 2010 Student of the Month, varsity cross country team from 2007 to 2010, state qualifier in 2007 and 2009, academic state champs in 2007, 2008 and 2009, freshman basketball team, freshman cheer squad (captain),

NCA All American Nomination (2007). Varsity cheer squad (2008-2011): ACA Camp Star Cheerleader (2008), OSSAA Regional Runner-up (2008), OSSAA state qualifier (2008 and 2009), OSSAA Academic Achievement Award (2008 and 2009), OSSAA Academic State Champs (2010), varsity track team (2008 and 2011). Varsity golf team (2008 to 2011): conference tournament champion (2010), Kingfisher Tournament Champion (2011), OSSAA State Team Qualifier (2009 and 2010), OSSAA State Academic Champions (2010). Chandler HS Band: superior ratings at state concert band, Music in the park Concert, trumpet, band queen attendant (2007 to 2009), 2011 band queen, 2011 prom queen candidate. Wrestling mat maid (2008 - 2011): sophomore queen candidate, At-Large queen candidate (2010), wrestling queen (2010), senior queen attendant (2011). Baseball concession manager (2008-present), Positive Peers (2008-2011), chemistry club (2009-2011) serving as vice president 2010-2011, collected donations for Haiti Relief Efforts, member of Family, Careers and Community Leaders of American (FCLA) serving as vice president of finance (2007-2009), vice president of national programs (2009-2010), chapter president (2010-2011), North 4 District Leadership meeting (2007-2010), state convention (2007-2009), state officer interviews (2007-2009), district officer interviews (2008). She participated in all local chapter activities, fundraisers and community service projects, cluster meetings (2007-2009), National FCCLA Leadership meeting (2007-2010), Chapter Spotlight presenter, Chapter Showcase Manual (Silver Award 2008, Gold Award 2009, 2nd place at state 2008 and 2009), National Programs in Actions (2nd place at Regional 2007), Teen Times, FCLA National Magazine cover photo September/October 2008, Take Air Leadership training. Chorus line of production "OKLAHOMA". Member of the National Honor Society, Oklahoma High School Honor Society. Participated in Pennies for Patients, Habitat for Humanity, reading to elementary students, blood drives. Hillari is a member of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, Chickasaw Youth Golf Camp, Chickasaw Honor Club, Sac and Fox JOM Program, Sac and Fox Pow Wow and Title VII, ACT workshop. She is very involved with her community, active with the Rotary Club, American Legion, Chandler VFW, Chandler First Christian Church, Girl Scouts of America, swim instructor, served as page at State Capital for Rep. Danny Morgan, Cheer for the Cure and many other activities.

Her plans are to attend college to complete pre-optometry requirements for entry into a school of optometry.



Jessica Kristen Renea Craft



Jessica Kristen Renea Craft is a 2011 graduate of Homedale High School, Homedale, Idaho. She is the daughter of Tom and Alana Craft. She is the granddaughter of Rick and Emma Wilson. She is the great-granddaughter of Harrison and Jaunita Byars and Leona Wilson.

Jessica spent most of her senior year working with fundraisers and activities. She served as captain of the varsity cheerleaders. She loves to be with family and friends.

Her plans are to attend the Art Institute of Seattle to study photography. Afterwards she plans to open her own studio.

Hayden Swann



Hayden Swann is a 2011 graduate of Williams Field High School, Gilbert, Ariz. He is the son of Suzan Foushe. He is the great-great-grandson of William (Willie) Brooks Courtney, Sr. an original enrollee.

Hayden served as captain of the varsity soccer team for three years and president of the local Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Chapter.

His plans are to attend Chandler-Gilbert Community College where he received the President's Scholarship.

CHICKASAW COLLEGE GRADUATES

Teena Kay Bailey



Teena Kay Bailey is a 2011 graduate of Georgia Health Sciences University, Augusta. She is the daughter of Paul and Cecilia Bailey. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and the late Mrs. Shelbert D. Bailey, the late Mr. Cecil P. Powell and Jeanne G. Powell.

Teena received her bachelor of nursing science degree, May 5, 2011. She earned the Millennial Scholarship, the General Scholarship and the Chickasaw Graduation Honor Stole from Chickasaw Nation Educational Services throughout her four years at GHSU. She also received the HOPE Scholarship of Georgia. She participated in many community events such as senior day, Halloween at the Children's Medical Center, Home Health Care visits and elementary school projects.

Her plans are to work in the nursing field in the Augusta, Georgia area.

Cody Bentley



Cody Bentley is a 2011 graduate from Park University, Parkville, Mo. She received an associates degree in nursing and is a registered nurse. Cody is the daughter of Willie Juanita and Jimmy Wynne, of Stratford, Okla. Willie Juanita is a granddaughter of Carlton Family, original enrollees. Cody is married to Mark Bentley and has two daughters, Chloe and Meah.

We are all so proud of you Cody. God bless you in your bright future as a nurse.

Love all your family, especially your Mom and Dad.

Her plans are to work in the Kansas City area.

SharLee Dawn Knighten



SharLee Dawn Knighten is a 2011 graduate from East Central University, Ada, Okla. She is married to Scott Knighten and mother of Gaius. She is the granddaughter of Willie Juanita and Jimmy Wynne, of Stratford, Okla. Willie Juanita is a granddaughter of the Carlton Family, original enrollees.

She received a bachelor of science degree major in English.

We are so proud of you SharLee. God bless you in every path you take.

Her plans are to continue her education.

Nicholas Shawn Drannon



Nicholas Shawn Drannon is a 2011 graduate from the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

He received a bachelor's of science degree in construction science.

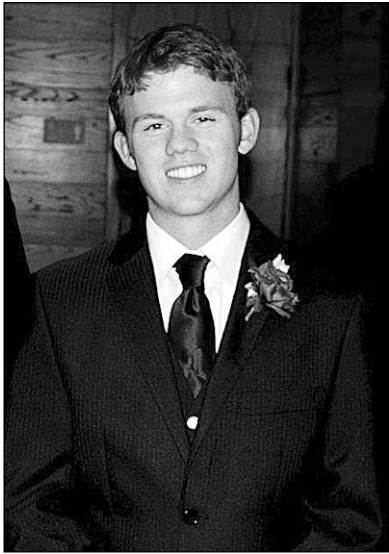
We are all so proud of you Nick, God bless you in all of your future endeavors.

Love all of your family, especially Grandma Willie Juanita and Grandpa Jimmy Wynne.

Willie Juanita is the granddaughter of the Carlton Family, original enrollees.

Nick plans to work in the Norman area and he is engaged to Morgan Jones.

Michael Nixon



Michael Nixon is a 2011 graduate of Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. He is the son of Steve and Kara Jack Nixon. He is the grandson of James Thomas Jack, Sr., the great-grandson of Tom Jack and the great-great-grandson of Walter Thomas Jack. He is the great-great-great-grandson of original enrollee Mary Sugars Johnson-Jack.

Michael received his bachelor of business administration in business finance with a minor in leadership studies.

His plans are to pursue his master of business administration at the University of Texas, Arlington.

Mahate Ann Parker



Mahate Ann Parker graduated from the University of North Dakota College of Medicine. She is the daughter of Judy Goforth Parker and the granddaughter of the late Bill Goforth and Nell Goforth.

Mahate finished her medical degree at the University of North Dakota in May 2010. She has just completed her first year of OBGYN residency in Tulsa with the University of Oklahoma.

Madison Rae Miller

Madison Rae Miller is graduate of Sonoma State University. She is the daughter of Jeff and Linda Miller. She is the granddaughter of James "Lake" Moore, of Lindsey, Okla., and Toyoko Failing, of Enid, Okla.

Madison received a bachelors degree in molecular cell biology. She has been accepted to the Trinity School of Medicine where she is planning to specialize in neonatal-preinatal medicine. She attend the Chickasaw Nation's Entrepreneurship Academy in 2007 and this helped to motivate her and will help in setting up her practice when she graduates from medical school.

Madison would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for their continued support of her education.



Benjamin Patrick McGuire



Benjamin Patrick McGuire graduated December 2010 from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He is the son of Mark and Wanda McGuire, Benton, Ark. He is the grandson of Rosie Postoak, Allen, Okla., Jeanette McGuire, of San Diego and John Patrick McGuire, of Oklahoma City. He is the great-grandson of Pauline Walker, of Ada, Okla.

He received a bachelors degree in mechanical engineer.

He is thankful for the opportunities and support the Chickasaw Nation provided throughout his four years of higher education.

Tyson Barber



Tyson Barber received her associates degree in accounting from Kaplan University. She will be attending the August 6, 2011 graduation ceremony in Chicago.

She was recently inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

She currently resides in Arlington, Texas, with her husband Jermaine and two children, DaRayvion and KiMora Barber.

She is the daughter of Shirley Kelly and Carl Johnson of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mary Etta Dick Kelly and Elijah Kelly, Sr.

She practices as a pediatric licensed vocational nurse.

Courtney Dawn Mason



Courtney Dawn Mason is a 2011 graduate from the University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Steve and Terri Mason. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Nancy Harrison.

Courtney will graduate May 6, with a bachelors degree in child development from the College of Education. She is a member of The National Association for the Education of Young Children, Southern Early Childhood Association, Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma and Campus Council on Family Relations. She has been on the President's Honor Roll for the past three semesters and is active with volunteer work on and off campus. She is currently finishing her internship at Child Abuse and Evaluation.

Her plans are to have a career with children that have been abused and to help change the world one family at a time. She plans to continue her education this fall working on her masters degree in social work at the University of Oklahoma

Billie Kaye Mobley

Billie Kaye Mobley is a 2011 graduate of Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Willie Juanita and Jimmy Wynne, of Stratford, Okla. Willie Juanita is a granddaughter of the Carlton Family, original enrollees.

She received an associates of applied science degree in computer information systems.

Her plans are to continue her education.

We are all so proud of you Billie Kaye. God bless you in all of your future endeavors.

Love all of your family, especially your Grandma Willie Juanita andd Grandpa Jimmy Wynne.



Native Americans in Philanthropy

The Chickasaw Foundation hosted the central region meeting for the Native Americans in Philanthropy 20th Anniversary Journey at the Chickasaw Cultural Center (CCC) in Sulphur on March 16th. Ms. Johnna R. Walker, executive director of the Chickasaw Foundation, welcomed the group to the CCC, and Mr. Leerene Frazier, Chickasaw elder, provided the opening prayer. Upon conclusion of the event the group was led on a tour of the beautiful cultural center. Mr. Kennedy Brown, chairman of the Chickasaw Foundation, gave the closing prayer.

Native Americans in Philanthropy is a national organization that strives to increase the

effectiveness of philanthropy related to Native American people. The universal theme for the journey is Weaving Leadership, Indigenous People and Resources. The event focused on enhancing Native American leadership in philanthropy, shared information about Native American philanthropy and assessed issues and opportunities within the central region.

Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

Mr. Tanner Britt, a senior from Velma Alma high school, was selected as the March 2011 student of the month. He is the valedictorian and senior class president,  tanner Britt and is active in band, student council, BETA club and the National Honor Society. Tanner has been a member of Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) for four years. He serves on the CFUB Leadership Council and participates in the Math/Science program as well.

Tanner is a member of Velma Baptist Church youth group, and helps teach karate to young children. He enjoys

playing drums, guitars and singing as well as writing, blogging, journaling and exercising. His future goals include attending Oklahoma State University with a double major in political science and history.

National Volunteer Week Celebrated by Chickasaw Foundation

Every year the Chickasaw Foundation recognizes their many volunteers by celebrating National Volunteer Week (NVW). President Richard Nixon signed an executive order in 1974 to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Every year since that time, each U.S. president, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting NVW.

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, in unison, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. NVW is about taking action, encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of so-

cial change—discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to foster positive transformation.

National Volunteer Week is not only our moment in time to celebrate our volunteers, but to enable a nation to share ideas, practices, and stories, wherever they happen, and shaping a movement to re-imagine the notion of citizenship for the 21st century. The Chickasaw Foundation thanks our many volunteers for their dedication, generosity and kindness!

(Information obtained from the Hands On Network)



Assn. of Fundraising Professionals Intl. Conference in Chicago

Johnna R. Walker, executive director, and Tracie Carter, special projects coordinator for the Chickasaw Foundation, attended the Association of Fundraising Professionals 48th International Conference on Fundraising on March 27th

-29th in Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Walker and Ms. Carter are both members of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and recently served on the Oklahoma Chapter board.

Keynote speakers for the conference were Blake Mycoskie, who is the founder and chief shoe giver of TOMS shoes; Queen Latifah, musician, television and film actress, philanthropist, and author; and former President of the United States, Bill Clinton.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents nearly 30,000 members in more than 190 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession.

(Information obtained from the Association of Fundraising Professionals)



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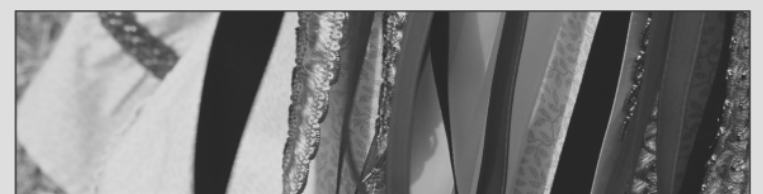
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All scholarship applications

must be delivered or post-marked by the stated deadline date to be considered for funding.

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, and dedication to Native America and a commitment to learning. If you would like to obtain a copy of this year's application you can find it on our website, www.chickasawfoundation.org. For additional information, please contact our office at (580) 421-9030.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound had their annual Spring Break trip to Arlington, Texas on March 17-19. The trip served as a student reward for perfect attendance to upward bound meetings as well as good grades in school.

The trip included dinner and a movie at Studio Movie Grill, fun at Six Flags over Texas, and a Dallas Mavericks basketball game. The event ended with a visit to the GDX Group Dynamics facility.

Students enjoyed the afternoon participating in a number of activities focusing on team-building, leadership, and self-esteem along with spending a few hours up on the high-ropes challenge course.



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students participating in a ropes course challenge.



Diaper Dash winners included: Gold Medal: Jensen White, Parents: Angelica and Starsky White, of Paden. Silver Medal: Traevon Lyons, Parents: Shelby Lyons and Denny Williams, of Ada. Bronze Medal: Mathew McDaniel, Parents: Sarah and Mathew McDaniel, of Ada. Tie for 4th Place: Allison Cooper, Parent: Ian and Desirea Cooper, of Ada and Kyson Fields, Parents: Raine Easley and Quinton Fields, of Roff.

Marcy Gray

Over 2,100 at tribal Children's Fair

More than 2,100 people attended the 10th Annual Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair March 19 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex in Ada.

Sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation in combination with community organizations, the family-oriented event celebrates young children and the individuals involved in their education and care.

A youth talent showcase, the annual Diaper Dash and baby party, demonstrations by Lighthouse Police and area fire fighters, face painting, games, a variety of inflatable bounce houses and several informational booths were included in the fair.

The date of the fair fell at the end of spring break for many area children. Coalgate second

grader Kallie Chapman has attended the event several times.

"When my parents told me about it, I looked forward to coming all week!" she said.

Amy Bradley, of Roff, brought her three small children.

"It's great that there are so

many activities geared toward younger children," she said. "Much better than staying at home watching Saturday morning cartoons."

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Parents steady their babies at the starting line before the annual Diaper Dash.

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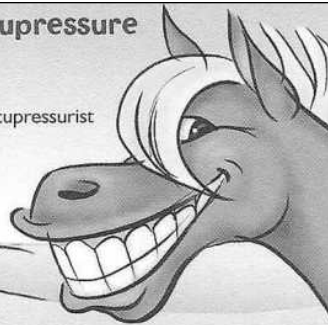
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Note of thanks

The family of Charles Newsom would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the love, support and prayers you have surrounded us with during this most difficult time. We wish to thank all the generous and loving family and friends for the prayer, visits, calls, cards, gifts, messages, flowers, donations and food.

I will never be able to fully express my appreciation to Sammy and Charla Powell, Tony Lawson, John Key and of Bill Main of Griffin-Hillcrest and the Carter County Sheriffs deputies, for seeing me through the darkest hour of my life.

We want to thank Pastor Bill Freeman, Sommer Wall, Randy and Nancy Wade, Carrie Mayes, the Chickasaw Honor Guard, Griffin-Hillcrest and the many family and friends for your contribution and assistance in the celebration of Charles' life.

We extend a special thank you to the Chickasaw Nation, Michelin, and New Covenant Fellowship family and friends for the special support provided us.

I want to thank God for the many blessings he has provided, especially our last day together. What a beautiful family day we enjoyed. We are assured Charles is in paradise and we will meet again.

Roxanna, Chris, Sherry and families

Cecil Chestine Carney



Cecil Chestine Carney, 55, died April 12, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were April 16, 2011 at Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel, Ardmore with Rev. Steve Wall officiating. Interment followed at Russett (OK) Cemetery.

Mr. Carney was born June 10, 1955 at Lawton, Okla., to Cephus Carney and Era Mae (Underwood) Carney.

He attended Mannsville Schools as a child. He worked for the City of Ardmore most of his life and in the past four years he worked for First Staffing. He was an avid wood carver and was known for making walking canes and peace pipes. He loved riding his motorcycle and attending car shows. He also enjoyed playing pool.

He was preceded in death by his mother; two brothers, Melvin "Gube" Underwood and William Tyson; an uncle, Andrew "Bud" Underwood; and aunt, Geraldine "Babe" Mose.

He is survived by a son, Waylon Gene Carney, of Oklahoma City; father, Cephus Carney, of Las Vegas; five brothers, Sonny Tyson and wife, Cindy, Charley Carney, Calvin Carney and companion, Patricia, Richard Carney and wife, Angie, and Thurman Carney and companion Linda; two sisters, Nora Lampkin and husband, Raymond, and Gloria Battice and husband, David; a very special nephew, Brandon Battice; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Devon Fobb, Kris Redbird, Cody Noisey, Alfred Bob, Richard Carney and Billy Carney. Honorary bearers were Brandon Battice, Drew Battice, Lennon Carney, Mark Carney, Randy Carney, Justin Carney, Jace Carney, Dakota Cryer, Mark Joe and Ricky Tyson.

Condolences can be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Dovie Jean Le Flore DeBord



Dovie Jean Le Flore DeBord, 74, died Friday, April 15, 2011 at Ardmore Okla. Services were April 20 at Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel with Pastor Michael Sampson officiating. Interment followed at Thackerville (OK) Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 10, 1937 at Talahina, Okla., to Wilmond Wallace Le Flore and Lillie Hyatt Le Flore.

She was born the third daughter in a family of 10 children in Eastern Oklahoma. She was raised by her older sisters after their mother died when she was 10 years old. Her father walked the Trail of Tears with the Choctaw Tribe. His parents drowned while crossing the Mississippi River leaving him with three allotments of land. She was a direct descendant of Greenwood Le Flore who was the one time chief of the Choctaw Tribe. Greenwood Le Flore was the son of a niece of Chief Pushmataha.

She married James A. DeBord, Sr., "Jimmy John" December 26, 1957 at Ardmore.

Mrs. DeBord loved her children and had many hobbies including ceramics and her animals. She was proud that all of her children graduated from high school. She was a volunteer firefighter at Thackerville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Billy G. DeBord; a son-in-law, Larry Fleck; four brothers; and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband James Sr., of Thackerville; children, Coy Sue Fleck, Emmitt W. DeBord, James A. DeBord, Jr., Jerry D. DeBord and Eugene DeBord; eleven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Pallbearers were David Hatcher, Fred Grice, Keith White, Duane Spradling, Clyde Clark and Jason Bone.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 603, Ardmore, OK 73402 or to Mercy House, 1708 Cherokee Place, Ardmore, OK 73401.

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Joseph Cornell 'J.C.' Hawkins



Joseph Cornell (J.C.) Hawkins, 69, Ada, died Feb. 7, 2011 at a local hospital. Services were Feb. 10 at the Chickasaw Community Center with the Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Burial followed at Hickory Hill Cemetery. Chickasaw Honor Guard conducted military honors at the cemetery.

He was born May 3, 1941 at Ada, to Sam and Bertha Milligan Hawkins.

He attended Ada schools and graduated from Chilocco High School.

He married Martha Ann Stick Aug. 24, 1996.

Mr. Hawkins was a custodian at Carl Albert Hospital and also the Pontotoc County Health Department. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of High Hill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Richmond and Caroline Milligan.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Ann Hawkins, of the home; two grandchildren he reared, Kimberly Walton, of Seminole, Okla., and Nicholas Walton, of Ada; three step-children, Thalia Walton and husband Jeff, of Ada, Cynthia Walton and husband Chris, of Ada, and Darla Walton and husband, Ron, of Shawnee; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two aunts, Geneva Ducote and Ruby McKinney; and an uncle, Jack Milligan.

Bearers were Randy Wil-

liams, Terry Stick, Freddie Hill, Chris Vann, Ron Ahhaitty and Jeff McDonald. Honorary bearers were Tom Cooper, Daniel Thomas, Roger Stick, Houston Stick, and Ervin Walton.

Sharla Jean Fisher

Sharla Jean Fisher, 61, died March 7, 2011. She was born Jan. 22, 1950 to Ray and Jean Hardwicke at Dallas.

She graduated from Putnam City High School, Oklahoma City, and was a resident of Bristow, Okla., for the past ten years. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City.

She loved painting and spending time with her family, specially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ray Hardwicke.

She is survived by her mother, Jean Hardwicke, of Oklahoma City; a daughter, Kimberly Weaver and husband, Mitch Weaver, of Bristow; two grandchildren, Tyler and Joel Weaver; a brother, David Hardwicke, of Kingwood, Texas.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

Lula M. (Lou) Bourland

Lula M. (Lou) Bourland Morrissey, 76, died March 31, 2011. Services were April 2 at Country Estates Baptist Church.

She married (July 1952) and raised five children. She worked as a lab tech at Midwest City Hospital for 27 years. She taught and played piano for the three-year-old Sunday school department for 40 years and retired in 1997. She loved to travel and attend OU Sooners football games until her health kept her home most of the time.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Vivian Bourland; a sister Vivian Frances; two sons, Richard and Ray Morrissey; and grandmother, Lula A. Bourland.

She is survived by her son and caretaker, Bert, of the home, Midwest City, Okla.; daughters, Gail and partner, Charlszye, of Calera, Okla., and Lynn and husband, Sid, of Edmond, Okla.; sister Catherine and husband, Dewayne, of Oklahoma City; brother, Frank and wife, Mary, of Corinth, Texas; two nieces; one nephew; and two grandsons. Memorials

can be made to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

A very special thank you to Dr. Dubois and his team and Dr. Chandra for their care last week and to 21st Century Home Helath and Oklahoma Heart Hospital.

Pamela Ann Green



Pamela Ann Green, 56, died Dec. 29, 2010 at her home. Services were Jan. 4, 2011 at Sandy Creek Presbyterian Church, Fillmore Community, with Brother Allen Beck and Brother Jerry Imotichey officiating. Interment was at Condon Grove Cemetery, Milburn, Okla.

Mrs. was born June 11, 1954 at Talihina, Okla., to Johnnie Green and Dorothy Lowery Green. She grew up in the area and graduated from Milburn High School.

She later attended Murray State College. Most of her working life she spent as a dental assistant working for the Chickasaw Nation at the Tishomingo (OK) Clinic.

She was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by a son, E.J. Green, of Tishomingo; grandmother, Patience Green; mother, Dorothy Green, of Tishomingo; three sisters, Norma John, of Tishomingo, Sandra Seeley and husband, Leslie, of Pontotoc, Okla., and Mary Corbin and husband, Gene, of Durant, Okla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Pam's family wishes to express their appreciation for the many acts of kindness during this time of sorrow.

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 18, 2011**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Member absent: Linda Briggs

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

Guests present: Dana Lance, Michael Watson, Wilma P. Stout Watson, Ron Frazier, Tim Harjo, Jeff O'Dell, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - January 18, 2011

Mrs. Alexander noted there were omissions of statements made during the Land Development Committee and she asked they be added.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to table the minutes of January 18, 2011.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond
4 yes votes

Members voting no: Connie Barker Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

8 no votes

The motion to table the minutes of January 18, 2011 failed.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve the minutes of January 18, 2011.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

2 no votes

The motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2011 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**(A) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairperson David Woerz

Chairperson Woerz passed the gavel to Secretary McManus to report the Executive Committee did not have a report to present.

(B) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report

(C) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 28-019, Approval of Development Budget Amendment Madill Senior Center Addition

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Madill Senior Center Addition, Project Number 20-0058-05 in the amount of \$246,500.00. The Chickasaw Nation, through the Division of Aging, helps to enhance the quality of life of our elders by providing programs and facilities geared for their specific needs and desires. The existing facility is used to serve hot, nutritious meals to its elders and to provide a facility for social interaction through games, crafts, exercise, etc.

The Madill Senior Site has served the community well, but with the increased use the program has outgrown the capacity of the building to provide adequate service to our elders. The building needs to be expanded and renovated so the program can continue to grow and serve the Madill and Marshall County areas.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR28-019.

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

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-019 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(D) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number GR28-020, Approval of Application for Funding Grants for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Administration of Children and Families; Administration for Native Americans for funding to help the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture preserve the Chickasaw language. The grant will provide for the digitization of both "A Chickasaw Dictionary" and "Chickasaw, An Analytical Dictionary." Both dictionaries would then be available on the Internet with a hyper-link to an audio file. The application requests federal funding in the amount of \$150,000.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-020.

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

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-020 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(E) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

Ms. Green gave the report.

General Resolution Number 28-018, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept, as a gift, real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, located at 130 West Main Street, Ada, Oklahoma (McSwain Theatre).

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR28-018.

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

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-018 carried unanimously.

Ms. Green concluded her report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Watson commented on per capita payments and the Ardmore Senior Citizens project.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Submitted by,

Dean McManus, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



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APRIL 2011 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number GR28-023**Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Justice****Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation**

Explanation: The fiscal year 2011 cycle of Department of Justice grants to tribes has been released. The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation application will be made for one purpose area: Community Oriented Policing (COPS). The COPS grant will provide funding for vehicles including one tactical vehicle, one mobile surveillance tower (M.U.S.T.) van, five Dodge Charger vehicles and four Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles and training for 30 sworn officers to increase the capacity of the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department (LPD) for safer communities and to enhance the ability of LPD to prevent, solve and control crime in the Chickasaw Nation.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-025 Recreational Lease No. G09-1766 in Bryan County

Explanation: This resolution approves Recreational Lease No. G09-1766, for recreational purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw

Nations, described as: All land lying North and South of the thread of the North Channel of the stream of the Red River as it runs now in the NW¼ of Section 20, Township 8 South, Range 12 East, and accretions thereto to the banks of the Red River, Bryan County, Oklahoma, containing 132 acres, more or less, in favor of Rick Raney. The proposed lease will be for a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2011, and expiring on December 31, 2015, with a per annum payment of \$826.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$206.50.

Property Location: Bryan County

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins

No votes: Tim Colbert, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Permanent Resolution Number 28-003**Amendments to Title 16, Section 16-207 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislature and Legislation)**

Explanation: This resolution amends Section 16-207 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that it accurately describes the procedures of the Legislature while in session. If enacted, it would cause Section 16-207 to read as the attached Exhibit "A."

Presented by: Legislative Committee

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole

April 11, 2011

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Dean McManus

Finance Committee

April 11, 2011

Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Health Care Committee

April 4, 2011

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Human Resources Committee

April 4, 2011

Present: Katie Case, Mary Jo Green,

Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Dean McManus, Scott Colbert

April 11, 2011
Present: Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Dean McManus

Land Development Committee

April 4, 2011

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

Legislative Committee

April 4, 2011

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Scott Colbert, Dean McManus

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2010-2011 Tribal Legislature

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