

## 2010 a year of achievement for tribe

The year just completed proved to be an important one for the Chickasaw Nation.

The culmination of generations of plans and dreams occurred in 2010. The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, in Ada, and the Chickasaw Cultural Center, in Sulphur, were both dedicated last summer.

The state-of-the-art, 370,000 square-foot medical center represents the pinnacle of Indian health care in the U.S. The fa-

cility offers exceptional access, cutting edge technology and the highest quality health care.

The medical center features a 72-bed in-patient hospital, Level 3 emergency department, Diabetes Care Center, ambulatory care center, dental clinic, women's health center and diagnostic imaging center. The imaging center has a 256-slice magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) device, one of the finest in the country for detecting

heart conditions.

The medical center is designed to provide convenient access to the clinics, and proper flow of patients, caregivers and information.

"This facility will be a place where patients can receive top quality, innovative health care for generations to come," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said during the medical center's dedication.

The medical center, built at

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## New U.S. quarter will feature Chickasaw Recreation Area

All Americans will become better acquainted with the word "Chickasaw" and the historic "peaceful valley of rippling waters" next year when a U.S. quarter featuring Chickasaw National Recreation Area is released.

The new quarter, featuring the Recreation Area's Lincoln Bridge and the word "Chickasaw," will be released as part of the U.S. Mint series "America the Beautiful" Quarters Program.

Established in 1902, the Recreation Area is the only national park area in the United States established at the request of an Indian tribe, the Chickasaw Nation.

"The Chickasaw people have had a sacred connection with the springs and streams of the park for many years," Gov. Bill

Anoatubby said. "It is exciting and humbling that this area was selected to featured on the Oklahoma quarter."



Lincoln Bridge, built to honor Abraham Lincoln, is the featured landmark in a quarter design honoring the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Chickasaw people came to the "peaceful valley of rippling waters" in the late 1830s after

their Removal to Indian Territory. After settling in their new home, Chickasaw leaders found the area culturally significant and a place to continue tribal traditions.

When development later threatened the springs and streams, Chickasaw people joined with their pioneer neighbors to protect and preserve the precious resource for future generations.

The Atoka Agreement among the federal government and the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations ceded 629.33 acres of land to the federal government with the understanding the land and the water would remain under the control of the U.S. government and be protected for future generations.

That agreement set the stage to establish Sulphur Springs Reservation on Nov. 19, 1902, which later became Platt National Park and, in 1976, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, in honor of the tribe which sought the springs' protection.

Lincoln Bridge, built in 1909 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, spans Travertine Creek. It was selected from three park attractions to be featured on the quarter. The quarter is ex-

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Tiara Roberts gives Santa Claus a big hug at the Tishomingo Christmas Celebration, Thursday, Dec. 9. All four Christmas Celebrations, in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo and Oklahoma City were well-attended this year.

## Children enjoy Chickasaw Nation Christmas Celebrations

Yuletide cheer was spread throughout the Chickasaw Nation during the annual Children's Christmas Celebrations, conducted in several cities last month.

Santa and his helpers made four stops - Oklahoma City, Tishomingo, Ardmore and

Ada, during the month of December.

**Oklahoma City Area Children Get a Holiday "Atti-tube"**

Several Chickasaw families from across the metro area gathered Thursday, Dec. 2, at

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## Chickasaw.tv high def network debuts online

Chickasaw.tv, a high-definition online video network focusing on the Chickasaw people, history, traditions, art, culture and services is now live.

Launched in January, the website is a portal for Chickasaw citizens and others to view Chickasaw past, present and future.

"Given its global reach, this network is designed for all

Chickasaws, here and around the world," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "And, as the network of channels grows, we believe it will propel us forward as leaders and a united tribal nation."

The constantly updated website consists of nine channels: government, commerce, news, history and culture, arts and

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a cost of approximately \$145 million, will generate a sizable return to Chickasaw health care through a Joint Venture Construction Program between the tribe and the U.S. Indian Health Service. The IHS will potentially provide up to \$500 million in additional funds to the tribe for staffing and operational costs.

Also dedicated in 2010 was the Chickasaw Cultural Center, in Sulphur.

Located on 109 acres of rolling hills, woodlands and streams adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, the Cultural Center evokes the heritage and history of the Chickasaw people, and promotes study and scholarly en-

deavor through the facility's Holisso Research Center.

The Cultural Center utilizes the latest technology, live demonstrations, ancient artifacts and outdoor spaces to tell the Chickasaw story.

"This fantastic facility is a wonderful addition to the wealth of cultural treasures in the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Anoatubby said at the Cultural Center's dedication.

The Cultural Center campus features more than 96,000 square feet of indoor space, including the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center and the large-format Anoli' Theatre. The Aba'Aanowa Sky Terrace offers vistas of the Chikasha Inchokka' Traditional Village,

an accurate reproduction of a pre-Removal Chickasaw settlement.

Artwork, stomp dance presentations, cultural activities, traditional and non-traditional food, and so much more promise to draw many visitors to the Chickasaw Nation.

In October, the tribe broke ground on the unique, historically rich Artesian Hotel project in Sulphur. Located adjacent to the main entrance to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, the Artesian will be a reflection of the original grand hotel which stood in Sulphur for more than 50 years.

"Our investment in the Artesian is a vital part of our effort to promote continued tourism growth in southern Oklahoma," Gov. Anoatubby said during the Artesian dedication.

The hotel, tentatively scheduled to open in late 2013, will be true to the original Artesian design, plus modern amenities. The new Artesian will have 81 guest rooms, an indoor/outdoor pool, retail space, restaurant, banquet room, exercise facility and indoor spa.

The spa will utilize artesian water wells that helped draw visitors to Sulphur and to the original Artesian.

There were plenty of other significant happenings in 2010:

-A record number of Chickasaws and friends attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chickasaw Festival in Tishomingo.

-Global Gaming Solutions, a company wholly owned by the Chickasaw Nation, purchased Remington Park in Oklahoma City, the largest track in the state.

-"Pearl," the heartwarming story of the late Chickasaw pilot Pearl Carter Scott, was released to critical acclaim.

-The tribe's WinStar Casinos in Thackerville underwent significant improvement and expansion including the addition of a Toby Keith's Signature Restaurant.

- The tribe's Commerce Division recorded record revenues and net income despite a slow national economy.

- The state's only tribally-owned compressed natural gas auto fueling station was dedicated by the Chickasaw Nation in Ada.

- The Chickasaw Nation Re-Use Center, a "green" recycling operation, was opened in Ada.

- Chickasaw student participation in sports, environmental, arts, outdoor and leader-

ship camps reached an all-time high and included many out-of-state participants.

- New tribal legislative and judicial buildings were dedicated on the tribe's headquarters campus.

- Chickasaw student composers combined with professional musicians and producers to compile a recording of original Chickasaw compositions.

- The Chickasaw student robotics teams, which focus on mathematics and science disciplines, were expanded to include children in elementary through high school grades.

- The Chickasaw Press published a number of volumes including "Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art," by Robert Perry; "Chickasaw Lives, Vol. II," by Richard Green; "Chickasaw Renaissance" by Phillip Carroll Morgan; and "A Nation in Transition" by Michael Lovegrove.

- The Chickasaw Speakers group and the student Chickasaw Language Club helped promote new interest in our language and its continued use.

- Record resources were dedicated to educational grants, scholarships, stipends and other forms of assistance for Chickasaw students.

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pected to be minted in November 2011.

Five coins were minted in 2010 - Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas, Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Yosemite National Park in California, Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona and Mount Hood National Forest in Oregon.

Five more coins will be released in 2011 - Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, Glacier National Park in Montana, Olympic National Park in Washington, Vicksburg National Military Park

in Mississippi and Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Oklahoma.

In all, the America the Beautiful series will have 56 quarters, one for every state plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands. The last coin is to be minted in 2021.

The quarters are being minted in order of park establishment.

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**Correction**

The people in a photo in last month's *Times* were misidentified. The photo of the mother and daughter at the

trick or treat celebration were actually Daira Saunders and daughter Mara Littlefield.

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humanities, water, destinations, people and Chickasaw online. Collectively, the video network offers fascinating stories, timely news and useful information on a variety of topics.

The website currently consists of more than 600 short videos covering Chickasaw government, programs and services, people, history and

culture, arts and humanities, with more to be added in future.

The website is also the new home of Chickasaw Nation Television (CNTV), a monthly video production highlighting events and activities within the Chickasaw Nation. Viewers will now be able to watch two CNTV shows each month at Chickasaw.tv.

In addition, Chickasaw.tv also consists of links to other Chickasaw websites like Chickasaw.net, Chickasaw Times, Bedre Chocolates, Chickasaw Cultural Center and many more.

For more information, please visit [www.chickasaw.tv](http://www.chickasaw.tv).

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# 'Bricks and mortar' projects promote enhanced citizen services

The beginning of the new year offers each of us time to reflect on the past, and make plans for a bright future for ourselves and our families.

For the Chickasaw Nation, the year just completed marked several notable accomplishments. We broke ground on our new Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, which promises to become a great destination spot for visitors. We dedicated our new Chickasaw Cultural Center, also in Sulphur. And what a fantastic achievement the Cultural Center is! We also dedicated our new tribal legislative and judicial buildings on the headquarters campus.

Probably most important of all, we dedicated our new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. Our commitment to the highest quality health care for Chickasaws and our other Indian patients is manifested in this tremendous new facility.

The year 2010 was truly a banner year for the Chickasaw Nation!

It is important to note that our "bricks and mortar" projects are much more than simple buildings. We are builders because the facilities we develop or acquire lead to improvement of services and environment. They are an important pathway that leads us to do our jobs better.

As a prime example, most of us have now utilized or toured our new medical center. Patients, caregivers and actual care flow much more efficiently. If we



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compare our new medical center to the facility that preceded it, it is obvious the layout and design of our new facility accommodates a much higher level of service.

Our tribe is, and has always been, fully dedicated to the education of Chickasaws. We believe that a quality education is fundamentally important to the success and happiness of our Chickasaw families. In the year just completed, the Chickasaw Nation invested more resources than ever before in education programs for the full range of Chickasaw students. From our Head Start students to our post-doctoral academicians, our tribe offers tremendous levels of support.

The Chickasaw Nation invests in Chickasaws seeking educational achievement. The tribe provides a growing list of scholarships, grants, stipends, and support for equipment, books and other essential items. Whether a Chickasaw is a young child or a mature adult, the Chickasaw Nation is investing in their education.

We have also dedicated millions to additional health care programs, housing initiatives, employment opportunities, career development and much more. The Chickasaw Nation understands that buildings and facilities are important, but by far our most important investments are in our people.

Two years ago, in January 2009, the entire country

was in economic turmoil. Americans had lost confidence in their financial institutions and their historic markets. Huge firms failed or were bailed out by the federal government, the stock market had crashed and the housing market was moribund. Things didn't look good.

Our Chickasaw Nation businesses stayed on course, and did more than survive. By strategically reinvesting in our businesses while competitors were scaling back, we attracted new customers and built loyalty among our returning customers. We expanded our stable of commercial ventures by acquiring Remington Park in Oklahoma City, updating the facility and opening to great results.

Our valued employees rededicated themselves to great service and that commitment has resulted in even more business. While companies across the country cut work forces, we have avoided layoffs and kept our people working.

For the fiscal year that began October 1, our businesses are experiencing exceptional growth and producing resources that continue to drive our critically important programs and services for Chickasaws. We are now setting records for productivity, net income and total business.

For the Chickasaw Nation, 2010 was a watershed year filled with achievements that will pay dividends far into the future. Together, as the most progressive tribe in the country, we are laying the strong foundation that will serve our people well for many generations.

Best wishes for a successful, productive and very happy 2011!

## City exhibit showcases work of Chickasaw designers

OKLAHOMA CITY - Paintings and musical compositions by Chickasaw artists can be seen and heard across Oklahoma and around the country. But there is a new breed of tribal artist striving to make a name for Native American designers in the fashion industry. The Chickasaw Nation recently highlighted their work with the opening of "New Identities in Chickasaw Art."

The exhibit, located in Oklahoma City's Bricktown, featured three Chickasaw designers: Margaret Roach Wheeler, textile artist; Maya Stewart, handbag designer; and Kristen Dorsey, jewelry designer.

Wheeler acted as curator for "New Identities in Chickasaw Culture" and was excited by the energy of the opening, which marked the first time the three designers were able to meet in person.

"This is the first chance we've had to get together," she

said. "It's amazing; we have so many ideas."

"We want young Chickasaw artists considering design to know that they are supported in their efforts."

Wheeler also serves as an instructor of textile design at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, an intense two-week arts session sponsored each summer by the tribe to foster the talents of young artists.

A dream of all three designers is to see Native designers featured in the global fashion market.

Dorsey said the Chickasaw Nation's innovations in supporting its artists would create an ideal environment for that to happen.

"We have so much emerging talent within our tribe," she said. "And it is partly because the Chickasaw Nation is actively creating opportunities for these artists and promoting their work."

Echoes of traditional Native American designs are apparent in the work of Wheeler, Dorsey and Stewart.

"Nothing else is like it," Stewart said of the Native American aesthetic, "and there are so many designs and techniques that are slowly being lost."

"I want to help keep them in our native communities and also share them with a wider global community."

Dorsey said wearable designs were an integral part of Native American culture.

"Fashion and jewelry are personal adornment; our people are no strangers to this concept," she said. "The motifs and forms were used to tell stories about complex Chickasaw identities."

"By creating my jewelry, I seek to keep the visual languages of my ancestors alive."

Dorsey's designs draw upon nature and she is inspired by traditional materials like shell,



Governor Bill Anoatubby with Chickasaw fashion designers, from left, Kristen Dorsey, Maya Stewart and Margaret Wheeler. The work of Dorsey, Stewart and Wheeler was recently highlighted at the opening of "New Identities in Chickasaw Art" in Oklahoma City.

pearls and copper.

Also featured in the exhibit were pieces by Chickasaw artists Mike Larsen, Jeannie Barbour, Daniel Worcester, Dustin Mater, Tracie Tuck Davis and

Joanna Underwood.

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# Leadership students jump into variety of activities



Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Leadership Chickasaw) Program participants Devin Lyon, left, and Macee Wyatt record radio liners for the tribal community radio station KCNP Saturday.

Kelcee Chandler joined the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Leadership Chickasaw) Program because she thought it would be “a fun and good way to learn about our history and culture.”

The 15-year-old from Dickson, Okla., said she has learned “more than that” in the few months she has been with the program.

Her sister agrees. “It teaches you to be a better leader and get out of your comfort zone and talk to people you don’t know,” said Kailee

Chandler, 17.

The year-long program is offered by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services for students age 14 to 18. Students gain the opportunity to participate in a series of activities that develop their leadership, communication, cultural, creative and professional skills.

About 110 students are involved in this year’s program, which kicked off in September.

Since then students have participated in several teambuild-

ing and leadership activities. They have also made a visit to Oklahoma State University.

In November, more than three dozen leadership students learned about the “do’s and don’t’s” of professional behavior. The etiquette training was facilitated by Dennis Harris, training coordinator at the tribal Training and Career Development Department. Topics included cell phone etiquette, proper greetings, professional clothing and much more.

“Throughout this program, we travel to a lot of different places and meet some prestigious people, leaders within the Chickasaw Nation and the state of Oklahoma and sometimes even nationally,” youth leadership coordinator Ashlee White said. “Whenever the students introduce themselves to these people, we want them to present themselves well.”

Masheli Billy said the training taught him “how to act in a professional manner.”

“A lot of these skills I am going to remember and it’s going to show wherever I go,” said the 16-year-old from Purcell, Okla.

He also said he will be trying the dining etiquette tips he received at the training the next time he goes out to eat with his family.

During the day, students also visited the tribal community radio station KCNP located at 100 East 13th in Ada, Okla., where they learned about the

station’s programming and offerings as well as recorded some radio liners. The liners will be used between the station’s programming to give listeners brief station identification.

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## About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Leadership Chickasaw) Program

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Leadership Chickasaw) Program members meet monthly and cover a wide variety of topics including leadership, small business, ethics and etiquette.

Beginning in September, the group meets one Saturday a month for 12 months. Lunch is provided.

Cultural aspects including Chickasaw language, Chickasaw history and the different creative crafts that Chickasaw people have developed over the years are also studied.

Included on the itinerary are tours of the Oklahoma State

Capitol and visits with state officials and trips to other tribal headquarters.

A final out-of-state tour is planned for the end of the session.

Students will also have a class project which will involve community service and/or a fund raiser.

Applications are accepted year-round.

For more information about the program, please visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net) or contact Ms. Ashlee White, youth leadership coordinator, at (580) 310-6620.

## Chickasaw Nation Landscaping Distribution Seminar set for January 11 in Ada

The Chickasaw Nation landscaping products distribution program seminar is set for 5:30 p.m., Tues., Jan. 11 at the old Chickasaw Nation Gym, 520 East Arlington, Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw homeowners or those purchasing a home are eligible to receive trees, shrubs, and sod for their home.

Attending the seminar is a requirement to participate in the landscaping products distribution. Topics covered in-

clude how to care for and tend the 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.

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<p><b>Chickasaw Children's Village</b> Phone: (580) 564-3000 Fax: (580) 564-3005 Administration Building 1185 Village Road, Kingston, OK 74350</p> <p><b>About</b> This is a residential and educational care facility for Native American children.</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> • Must be in the 12th grade • C-1280 • 12-week transcription record • Birth certificate • School transcripts • Current census list • Copy of insurance, Medicaid or Senior Care</p> <p><b>Other information</b> Residential services are available at www.chickasaw.net or can be mailed upon request. Applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. An application should have no less than 30 days of lead time for the program.</p>	<p><b>Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA)</b> Phone: (580) 272-6526 Fax: (580) 272-9225 and mail to: PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821</p> <p><b>About</b> CSAA is a two-week academy that provides opportunities to gain experience in the various fields of acting, writing, dance, music, competitive video production, visual and verbal arts. Respected films are available at the show address. Residency available.</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> • Must be in the 10th-12th grade • Must be willing to commit to a two-week program • Participants should have appropriate concentration skills, superior to age, based on standard educational training • Film and/or audition required</p> <p><b>Other information</b> • C-1280 and/or verbal aptitude test • Completed application</p>					
<p><b>Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA)</b> Phone: (580) 421-7711 Fax: (580) 310-6621 300 Riverside Road, Ada, OK 74820</p> <p><b>About</b> This is a week-long academy for students interested in space, aviation, earth and science.</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> • Must be in the 10th-12th grade • Chickasaw citizenship card • Completed forms</p> <p><b>Deadline</b> April 15th</p> <p><b>Other information</b> There are no application fees. Transcripts will be provided.</p> <p><b>More information:</b> <a href="mailto:cnasa@chickasaw.net">cnasa@chickasaw.net</a> Limited scholarships available. See web page.</p>	<p><b>Entrepreneurship Academy</b> Phone: (580) 421-7711 Fax: (580) 310-9531 SOSU Campus, Durant, OK and mail to: 300 Riverside Road, Ada, OK 74820</p> <p><b>About</b> Through this program, students receive college level instruction, business simulation and field work opportunities which allows students an opportunity to test their own business.</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> • Students interested in business ages 18-19 with a preference given to previous attendees • Chickasaw citizenship card • Completed application</p> <p><b>Other information</b> Respected films are available at the show address or at <a href="http://www.chickasaw.net">www.chickasaw.net</a>. The deadline for this program is one week prior to April 30 and students are assigned.</p> <p><b>More information:</b> <a href="mailto:info@entrepreneur.chickasaw.net">info@entrepreneur.chickasaw.net</a></p>					

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## School to Work students graduate

Several Chickasaw Nation School to Work students are on their career paths after completing course work from area schools and universities in the last few months.

**Graduating with a bachelor's degree from East Central University in Ada, Okla., in December were:**

James Reynolds, of League City, Texas, environmental health science;

Zayne James, of Stonewall, Okla., business administration with a concentration in management information system;

Bobby Hatton, of Ada, biol-

ogy;

Michael Worcester, of Pontotoc, Okla., chemistry;

Stormy Busby, of Sulphur, Okla., Native American studies;

Courtney Cook, of Ada, Native American Studies and

Kevin Farve, of Ardmore, Okla., elementary education.

Also graduating in December was Norman, Okla., resident Candeleine Kay Hoelscher, who obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology from University of Oklahoma in Norman. She aspires to obtain a master's degree and become a therapist.

Arli Jo Foster, of Overton,

Texas, completed a certificate program in surgical technology from the Canadian Valley Technology Center in Chickasha, Okla. She is currently completing her clinicals at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

Kasie D. Graham, of Ardmore, completed a cosmetology program from Southern Oklahoma Technology Center in Ardmore. The licensed cosmetologist seeks to operate her own salon.

Stonewall native Derrick Seeley graduated from the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada with a desktop support technician certificate.

Completing her associates degree in applied science from Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla., was McKenzie Phillips, of Fittstown, Okla. She was offered employment as an occupational therapy assistant within just a few weeks after her October graduation.

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### About School to Work

The program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students complete their education while gaining work experiences through an on-the-job training.

Students attend class and work in internship programs, typically in an area associated with their field of study. Stu-

dents are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for their efforts.

For more information about the School to Work Program, please visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net) or contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada and Don Mose at (580) 222-2839 in Ardmore.

### CDI

The Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications.

CDI is a six-month transitional program for qualified Chickasaw citizens in the Ada area. The program helps to accomplish the goals of

gaining full-time employment for citizens, who have a barrier to employment. For additional information or to apply, please contact the CDI Office at (580) 272-5085.

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### Clothing grant deadline February 1

All applications for the Youth Services Clothing grant program for the 2010-2011 academic year must be received by close of business, February 1, 2011. Applications can only be accepted from eligible applicants who have not yet received a grant for the current academic year.

Chickasaw school children between the ages of 3-18 may apply for the clothing grant. The clothing grant is issued in the form of a \$200 VISA card usable at any clothing vendor accepting the VISA card. The grant allows Chickasaw school children to purchase the necessary apparel needed for school attendance.

Applications may be submitted online at <https://>

[services.chickasaw.net](http://services.chickasaw.net) by establishing an electronic user account for the student. Printable applications are also available at [www.chickasaw.net/ysclothinggrant](http://www.chickasaw.net/ysclothinggrant) or applications by mail can be requested by calling 580-272-5585 or emailing [clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net](mailto:clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net).

Applications can also be picked up in person at the youth and family services building at 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, Oklahoma.

For any additional questions or information please call 580-272-5585.

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## 2011 offers opportunity for a new start, or direction change

A new year provides the opportunity to start fresh, or at least change direction! For the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature it ushers in a new representative for the Pontotoc District. We now have an official total of 13 elected representatives in the Legislative Branch again.

According to the Constitution, Legislators are lawmakers. In order to draft legislation that will govern our Tribe and address the needs of our citizens, Legislators need to be accessible and spend time with constituents. Attending Community council meetings sends a positive message and provides accessibility for citizens. It is an excellent way to stay current with the needs and ideas of our citizens.



**BETH  
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The Chickasaw Nation has a wide variety of programs and services. Trying to figure out where to begin can be a daunting task. There are many tribal workers waiting to assist you, whether it is by phone call or personal contact. Many times, a legislator is viewed as the "go to" person. While we don't have all the answers, we are able to point you in the right direction.

An elected position is one of honor and of servant hood. It is an honor to be selected by your peers to represent them when doing business for the Chickasaw Nation. Being elected doesn't always allow for special privileges. To be elected is synonymous with servant hood.

One way we serve is by being available to listen, answer questions and to assist citizens in their personal journey to gain information and success when dealing with their Tribal government and services.

Citizens play a vital role in helping Legislators be successful in their positions. Positive feedback and constructive comments offer a standard for accessibility, accountability and humility. 2011 will be a great year. Contact your representative; let your thoughts be known. Your input will help make our job easier by knowing the thoughts, and needs of the citizens we serve.

"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. Luke 16:10

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## A productive 2010, and much more for 2011!

Chukma,  
I hope that everyone had a joyous and safe holiday season with family, friends and associates. It is always a pleasure to see the excitement that the season brings to our young people and our elders as everyone prepares for and enjoys visitation and gift giving. It is always a special time for us due to the most important theme of Christmas - the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, and what that birth means to us.

It is during the month of January that I always think about change and what type of changes occurred that served to improve my abilities to make a meaningful difference in the life of another. A close to a very productive year for the Greater Chickasaw Nation has occurred, and we reflect on the events of the year and the many accomplishments that have occurred with enthusiasm, zeal, hope and trust for things to become even more positive for all of our tribal industries, programs, and services in the new year. The political change our country faces, along with the economic events of America affects all of us in a very real way; however, the Chickasaw Nation continues to be a good steward of the revenues obtained from all revenue generating divisions, and we go stronger due to the commitment from all branches of Chickasaw government. Our Tribal leadership continue to



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exercise due diligence in all areas of operations in an effort to ensure that we remain unconquered and unconquerable.

This is who we are and we remain proud, steadfast and secure in the belief that we will continue to develop positive programs for the people to include an evolving and dynamic healthcare system along with all of the many other programs that have been placed to assist the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. Our heritage must be preserved, our stories must be told, our young people must be taught, and our cultural center is a positive example of how we can make a dream come true. Our dreams for the future, as we welcome the New Year, will only grow stronger and we will become even more determined to maintain self governance, generate new segments of business, and provide as much as possible to the citizens of our great nation.

I look forward to serving you in the New Year.  
Tribal Legislator Connie Barker  
Pickens District

## Return on investment a subject of importance

Hello Everyone,  
I hope the holidays went well for you and your families.  
As we embark upon the journey that is this New Year, we need to be focused forward with a clear understanding of today's reality. The health of our national economy is uncertain at best, and while our local economies tend to not rise and fall to the extent that the national economy does, we have historically followed the national trends.

As we enter another economically uncertain year, we should give much thought to the expected amount of return on investments that we make and the timeliness of that return.

Specifically, I am speaking to voiced concerns regarding the Chickasaw Nation's purchases of land and construction of buildings in a time of economic uncertainty.

Some of you have thoughtfully posed the questions, "How much land do we, as Chickasaws, need to own, and how many buildings should we build?"

While we need investments in both business and government infrastructure to continue to provide and improve programs and services, we need to do so in ways that ensure desirable and timely return on investment. Our investments also need to be scrutinized and painstakingly measured against the mission on enhancing the lives of Chickasaw citizens.

The best investments are those investments in people.

Investments in the construction of buildings and the purchases of land are often more visible and tangible than investments that have more immediate impact and long lasting, positive results for people. Therefore, we politicians sometimes seek voter approval and positive perception of job performance by supporting the construction of buildings and purchases of land. But, in reality, these endeavors often fall short of the mark of enhancing the lives of Chickasaw people.

As resolutions for the purchase of land and the construction of buildings are presented this year, I will be working to and encouraging my fellow legislators to consider return on investment as measured in dollars and time. More importantly, I will be considering the proposed expenditures as measured in positive, immediate and long term benefit upon the lives of Chickasaw citizens.

You input, support and prayers are very much appreciated.

Happy New Year!  
Respectfully,  
Katie

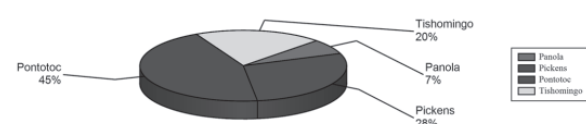


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### Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,765	Pontotoc	11,434
Pickens	7,344	Tishomingo	5,152
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## Parents, grandparents most valuable teachers

**H**ello Everyone,  
I hope you all were able to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends. Many times we get so caught up in the hustle and bustle of trying to do it all, that we miss out on the peace and joy that Christmas represents.

We need to remember the traditions and pass them down to our children and grandchildren. It's been said that many families have lost the tradition of sitting around the table to share, not only their meals, but also that sharing time of, "How was your day?" or "What did you do in school today?"

Our children need to hear the stories of our lives.

Last month, I attended a conference sponsored by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education. The theme for this year's conference was entitled, "Indian Education beyond the Classroom." The main idea was that "education should not be limited by the walls of the regular classroom. Instead it should involve all available resources."

The Chickasaw Nation has provided many resources to help educate our youth, such as our many children's camps, the Lego and Robotics Leagues, the Leadership Club, the after-school programs, the Language Club, the Council House Museum, the Chickasaw White House, the Cultural Center and many, many more.

I hope everyone will take advantage of all the many resources that we have within the Chickasaw Nation.

However, don't forget that the most important educators in a child's life are the parents and grandparents. Always make time to talk to your children and tell them the stories of your family.

If we ground our kids well in their family values and traditions and then take advantage of all the other resources available, then we can be assured that they will be prepared to take over the task of carrying our great nation forward.

Please let me know if I can help 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.

## Honor Guard provides important services

**H**ello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. Well, 2010 is behind us and we are beginning a brand new year. Let us pray that we will continue to grow our many businesses to greater success.

We all enjoyed the receptions and parties over the holiday season and now we all want to work on those few extra pounds we have acquired. I wish to tell you about one such event.

I attended the Chickasaw Honor Guard's luncheon at Marie Bailey Community Center. They had a large turn out and enjoyed singing and playing games. The Honor Guard is comprised of Indian, mostly Chickasaw, veterans who provide military honors for all veterans at funerals, parades, pow wows and other gatherings and ceremonies. They also provide the posting of colors at many functions per year inside the Nation and also on the state and national level.

On the day of the luncheon, the Honor Guard provided services at two funerals. At veterans' funerals, the Honor Guard includes the playing of taps, 21-gun salute and the presentation of the flag to the next of kin. It is a very appropriate and moving ceremony that they provide as a veteran's last rite. And we shouldn't forget that funerals happen come rain or shine. The Honor Guard is prepared for all circumstances and take their mission very seriously.

Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel and Kennedy and Richenda Brown also attended the yearly event. Officers for this year include President Bernie Seeley, Vice President Michael Reed, Secretary Lura Mullican, Public Relations Officer Jim Perry and Quartermaster Roy Orphan. These officers and all the members serve voluntarily. Their love for and dedication to the Chickasaw Nation, the USA and the men and women who serve or have served in the US armed forces is very apparent in their presentations, and they are wonderful ambassadors for the Nation.

I also wish to recognize the Honor Guard Auxiliary because the Honor Guard does not function alone. The Auxiliary is comprised of spouses and other family members of the Honor Guard who work with equal dedication to the cause and provide the background support that allows the Guard to function as they do. We are truly blessed to have these fine individuals working for and with us and I thank God for them!

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address [mary.green@chickasaw.net](mailto: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.

## Resolve now to learn our Chickasaw language!

**M**erry Christmas and Happy New Year! I pray each one of you had a happy and safe holiday season. This is the time of year we all try to start anew, whether it is starting new projects, making healthier eating choices or spending more time with our families.

How about starting the year out by attending Chickasaw language classes? Did you know we have Chickasaw language classes available throughout the Chickasaw Nation? The Chipota Chikashshanompoli Children Speaking Chickasaw Language Club meets once a month in Ada. They focus on useful language for day to day use, learn traditional hymns as well as newly composed Chickasaw songs and compete at the annual Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair. The outreach coordinator is Rachel Wedlow. She can be contacted at (580) 436-7279.

Community language classes are conducted in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo once a week in a group learning environment. East Central University offers four levels of Chickasaw language classes in the fall and the spring. Additionally, classes are conducted at Byng High School.

Other resources available are the Chickasaw word of the day listed at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net), a Chickasaw language committee, employee language classes, translations services, Chickasaw language materials (mailed upon request) and a family immersion and sports camp. A program is currently in development to make the language more available for our at-large citizens. Watch for more to come. For more information on these language programs, you can contact Teresa McDonald at (580) 272-5310.

*God of our yesterdays, our today and our tomorrows, we praise You for Your unequaled greatness. Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Help us in Your new year to fret less and laugh more. To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them. To teach others to love by loving them. Knowing when love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us. ~Amen.*

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# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Lyra Estes, 3, enjoys herself on a mini carousel at the Dec. 16 Christmas Celebration at Lazer Zone in Ada, Okla.



Santa takes a turn snow tubing at the Oklahoma City Area Chickasaw Nation Christmas Celebration, conducted Dec. 2, at Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City. More than 350 people attended the event.



Three little longhorns and Santa: Ethan Carter, Colton Johnson and Jacob Carter, from left, show their support for the Texas Longhorns at the Tishomingo Christmas Celebration. Meanwhile, Santa has a different opinion.

Bricktown Ballpark to experience Snow Tubing at the Brick, the largest manmade snow tubing slope in the southwest.

"We had a grand total of 353 registered attendees and 161 youth participated in the snow tubing activity, which was a big hit," said Ashlee White, tribal youth services staff member.

More than 200 Christmas goodie bags and 350 fruit-filled stockings were distributed. Holiday refreshments were served including soft drinks, hot cocoa, cookies, s' mores and kettle corn.

The Chickasaw Princesses were on-hand for photos and conversation and photos and visits with Santa were made during the evening.

Santa concluded the evening by dancing and snow tubing along with the children.

**Tishomingo Christmas Celebration Features Family Fun**  
Santa and his helpers helped

ring in the holiday season in Tishomingo at the Johnston County Fair barn during the Tishomingo Christmas Celebration Thursday, Dec. 9.

Children had fun visiting with Santa, eating Christmas cookies, stringing Christmas beads and jumping on the moon bounce.

Making Christmas cards, playing games including bean bag toss, ring toss and fishing were also enjoyed by all.

More than 175 people attended the event and members of the Murray State College Men's Basketball team volunteered at the event.

Tiara Roberts said her favorite thing about the holiday is family time. "All the family gets together and it's Jesus' birthday, she said.

Several children were lucky winners of door prizes during the event. The winning tickets were drawn by the Chickasaw



Kamryn Paige Sampson is ready to skate during the Dec. 14 Chickasaw Christmas Celebration at Skateland in Ardmore, Okla.

Princesses.

**Ardmore Area Residents Skate in the Holidays**

Dozens of Ardmore-area children enjoyed roller skating, visiting with Santa and other events at the Dec. 14 Chickasaw Nation Christmas Celebration in Ardmore.

Conducted at Skateland, children had the opportunity



Neva Harjochee, with tribal nutrition services, stacks stocking full of fruit at the Tishomingo Christmas event.

to skate, enjoy holiday refreshments and went home with a stocking full of goodies.

Eight-year-old Kamryn Paige Sampson said she "couldn't wait to get out of school" to come to the celebration.

"I just want to skate," she said.

Skating was a little "tricky" for three-year-old Abigail Lowe, but she was "excited to see Santa," said her mother Kandie Lowe.

Abigail, along with several other children, visited and had their pictures taken with Santa.

Four children were lucky winners of door prizes during the event. The winning tickets were drawn by the Chickasaw Princesses.

**Ada Children Celebrate the Season**

Chickasaw youth participated in Lazer tag, bowling, miniature golf and other ac-

tivities and games during the Ada Christmas Celebration, conducted Thursday, Dec. 16 at Lazer Zone Family Fun Center.

Besides visits with Santa, refreshments and goodie bags, carnival-style games were also offered.

The Estes children, who "love to come to the Lazer Zone" were "having a blast," their mother Randi said.

She also said the celebration had something for all her children.

Her sons, ages six and eight, played video games while her three and five-year-old daughters enjoyed the carnival-style games and attractions.

Photos with Santa taken at each event are available to view and print by visiting [www.chickasaw.net/cc2010](http://www.chickasaw.net/cc2010).

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## Call for veterans' names

As a part of the ongoing effort to recognize Chickasaw veterans, the Chickasaw Nation is working to create a more comprehensive list of Chickasaw veterans. If you know of a Chickasaw veteran who was not included in the list published in the November *Chickasaw Times*, please contact Ted

Underwood at (580) 436-2603 or *the Chickasaw Times* at (580) 332-2977.

A list of veterans not included in the November issue is scheduled to be published in the February *Chickasaw Times*. Names of veterans submitted by January 20, 2011 will appear on that list.



# Cultural Center Christmas celebrated with shows, classes

Christmas films, Chickasaw cultural and holiday refreshments were enjoyed by more than 700 people Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

Visitors lined up to see an early showing of "Mickey's Christmas Carol" in the Anoli Theater. The classic films, ranging from "A Christmas Story" to "Polar Express" were shown during the month of December.

In the theatre lobby, Santa

and Mrs. Claus were on-hand for photos and cultural artisans were teaching traditional crafts such as miniature stick-balls and cornhusk dolls.

Apple cider, hot cocoa and Christmas cookies were served all day at the Aaimpa Café.

The entire campus was decorated for the holiday season.

Nathlaie and Billy Greenwood, of Vanoss, brought two-year-old Gabe to the event and to see Santa.

The Greenwoods were visit-

ing the cultural center for the first time and said they enjoyed the holiday atmosphere.

Sebe Byrd, 10, of Coleman, said her favorite thing about Christmas is playing in the snow. "I hope we have some snow this year," she said.

For more information about the Chickasaw Cultural Center, visit [www.chickasawculturalcenter.com](http://www.chickasawculturalcenter.com).

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Sede Byrd, left and AJ Bird, both of Coleman, Okla., learn how to make cornhusk dolls from Chickasaw Cultural demonstrator Tyra Lewis during the Chickasaw Cultural Center Christmas Celebration Saturday, Dec. 11. Classic holiday movies, yuletide refreshments and visits with Santa were also offered at the Sulphur facility. Both the Cultural Center and the McSwain Theatre, in Ada, showcased holiday movies throughout December.

## Language club hosts January meeting

"Chickashsha Hilha' Nittak (Chickasaw Dance Fun Day)" is the theme for the first 2011 meeting of the Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club.

The meeting will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Chickasaw Community Center Gym, 520 E. Arlington in Ada.

Participants will learn Chickasaw words associated with dance.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life.

One Saturday each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced

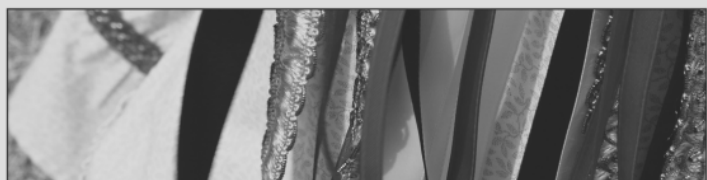
Chickasaw words.

Club meetings are open to all children aged three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language.

To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator at (580) 436-2603. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

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# Groundbreaking Foster Grandparent coordinator retires



Ardmore Foster Grandparent area coordinator Dorothy Holt, left, receives an appreciation plaque from Delta Community Action officials Mynan Hutto, center, and Karen Nichols for her 30 years of service. Mrs. Holt began working with the Chickasaw Nation and the Foster Grandparent program in 1980 and retired last month. Foster Grandparents assist at several Chickasaw Nation facilities, including Chickasaw Children's Village and area Head Start centers.

ARDMORE, Okla. - A dynamic Native American woman who has been a fixture on the Carter Seminary Campus for more than three decades, has traded in her beloved job for a passport and a suitcase.

Dorothy Holt, Ardmore Fos-

ter Grandparent area coordinator, was honored in a retirement celebration Friday, Dec. 10 at the Chickasaw Nation Culinary Arts Center in Ardmore.

Mrs. Holt was hired in 1980 to promote the Foster Grandparent program to area schools and recruit grandparents to

participate. Foster Grandparents is a federal program that matches senior citizens to special-needs children in the classroom. Carter Seminary was one of the first schools in the nation to participate in the program.

"It was the only Foster Grandparent site in Carter County, 15 grandparents worked in the Carter Seminary dorm," said Mrs. Holt.

She said her position as site supervisor allowed her to work with both children and older people, thus combining two things she loved the most.

She estimates she helped enhance the lives of about 9,000-10,000 children throughout her 30 years of working with the Foster Grandparent program.

For years, her office was on the campus of the Carter Seminary. Most recently, it was in a corner of the gymnasium.

Before Carter Seminary was her office, it was her home.

She attended school here from 1940 to 1947.

"I've been on this campus more than half my life," she

laughed.

She now has plans to travel abroad with her sister. First stop: Italy.

Mrs. Holt, a Choctaw citizen, also makes frequent visits to

## Foster Grandparents Today

Today, the Delta Community Action oversees schools in six counties, Carter, Marshall, Johnston, Murray, Stephens and Comanche.

Foster Grandparents serve in classrooms in Carter, Marshall, Johnston and Murray counties, including Ardmore, Davis, and Sulphur Public Schools, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Ardmore Children's Shelter, and area Head Starts; including the Chickasaw Nation, INCA and Big 5 Head Start, and the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston.

"Foster grandparents play a special role in the lives of many young people," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "There is a unique bond between grandparents and grandchildren and these foster grandparents help

the Chickasaw Nation senior site for lunch, and will continue after retirement.

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

these students enjoy the benefits of that kind of nurturing relationship."

The program is celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> year this year.

Foster Grandparent Program Director Mynan Hutto said President Lyndon Johnson established the foster grandparent program because he believed grandparents played an important role in the lives of children.

Foster Grandparents provide a variety of educational assistance, nurturing and support for students, easing the burden of the classroom teacher.

For more information about the Foster Grandparent program, contact Mynan Hutto or Karen Nichols, Delta Community Action at 580-252-4085.

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# Progressive dinner features historic Chickasaw sites



Susan Webb, education specialist for the tribal Department of Museums and Historic Sites, demonstrates how to make Christmas tree ornaments.

To celebrate the season, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Museums and Historic Sites hosted a progressive dinner Dec. 11. Participants began a Chickasaw-themed trek at

the Council House Museum in Tishomingo for appetizers and crafting.

First grader Austin Caraway of Tishomingo liked this hands-on portion of the event.

"I really liked making my mouse ornament," he said. "I'm going to put it on our Christmas tree."

They then moved on to the Capitol Building for a tour and a main course consisting of pashofa, stews and chilis.

Finally, dinner guests ended the evening at the Chickasaw White House in Emet for dessert, visits with Santa and Christmas carols.

Pat Cole recently moved to Sulphur from the Dallas/Fort Worth area and this was her first opportunity to visit the White House.

"It's just gorgeous," she said, "especially all decorated for Christmas."

"It was nice to visit, sing and have dessert."

For more information and a 360 degree look at tribal historic sites, visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net).

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.



Participants stopped by the Chickasaw Capitol Building to enjoy a variety of stews and chilis during the progressive dinner.



The parlor of the Chickasaw White House decorated for the holiday.

## Tribal operations produce climbing net assets

### 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 November 30, 2010

#### Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$12.9 million for the month and \$23.9 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$8.1 million for the month and \$14.2 million year-to-date.

#### Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for November totaled \$74.8 million and \$153.4 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$18.4 million for the month and \$37.9 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$14.9 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

### Statement of Net Assets

At November 30, 2010, the tribal government funds had \$122.7 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$18.3 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$186 million in cash and investments which is re-

served for accounts payable and business operations.

As of November 30, 2010, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1.125 billion compared to \$1.079 billion at September 30, 2010 or an increase of \$46 million.

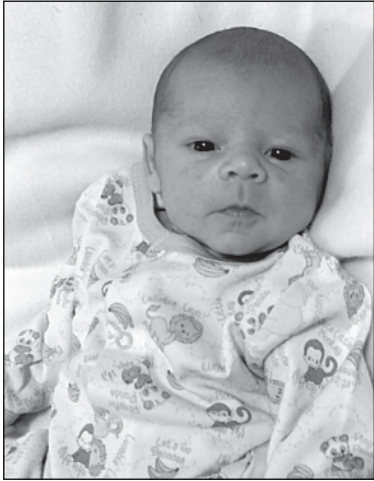
#### Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Two Months Ended November 30, 2010

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
<b>Revenues</b>	\$ 934,959	153,446,412	154,381,371
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	22,973,661	(22,973,661)	(0)
Total funds available	23,908,620	130,472,751	154,381,371
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General government	1,897,587		1,897,587
Legislature	278,621		278,621
Judiciary	167,286		167,286
Education	1,428,268		1,428,268
Heritage Preservation	1,993,128		1,993,128
Health	2,730,760		2,730,760
Youth and Family Services	1,806,969		1,806,969
Nutrition Programs	844,384		844,384
Regulatory	1,525,882		1,525,882
Assistance Programs	1,568,266		1,568,266
Gaming expense		83,880,259	83,880,259
Other businesses' expense		31,604,363	31,604,363
Total expenditures	14,241,152	115,484,622	129,725,773
Increase in net assets	9,667,468	14,988,129	24,655,598
Beginning net assets	519,680,515	580,945,883	1,100,626,398
Ending net assets	\$ 529,347,983	595,934,012	1,125,281,995

#### Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets November 30, 2010

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 122,724,148	186,185,326	308,909,474
Receivables	40,725,582	46,970,214	87,695,796
Inventory		5,474,857	5,474,857
Prepaid expenses		15,730,845	15,730,845
Other Assets		23,214,840	23,214,840
Fixed assets	366,834,764	494,327,915	861,162,679
Less payables	(936,510)	(175,969,986)	(176,906,496)
Net Assets	\$ 529,347,983	595,934,012	1,125,281,995

## BIRTHS



Jett Boyd Harris

**Jett Boyd Harris** was born October 20, 2010 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla. He weighed 7 pounds and .07 ounces and measured 18 3/4 inches at birth.

He is the son of DJ and Sarah Harris.

He is the grandson of Mike and Monda Miller and Dale and Kim Harris, all of Ada.



Kelly Andrew Crittenden, Jr.

Kelly and Jami Crittenden, of Sherman, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Kelly Andrew Crittenden, Jr.**

Kelly Jr., was born December 9, 2010 at the Texoma Medical Center, Sherman.

He weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

Kelly Jr., has a sister Emily, of the home.

He is the grandson of Gary and Pauline Crittenden, of Ada, Okla., and Larry and Darlene Sumpter, of Borger, Texas.

Proud uncle is Kevin Crittenden, of Borger.

He is the great-great-great-grandson of Rhoda May Kemp Huff, an original enrollee.

## Diane Jobe is Customer Survey winner

Congratulations to Diane Jobe, of Edmond, Okla., for winning our quarterly customer service survey \$100 prize!

Thank you to all who completed our Customer Service Survey through the internet and remember we will be having our next drawing soon. Hope to hear from each and everyone of you.

To enter go to [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net) and click on the link for customer service surveys.

## 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](http://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*.



Yuna Sophia Arnold

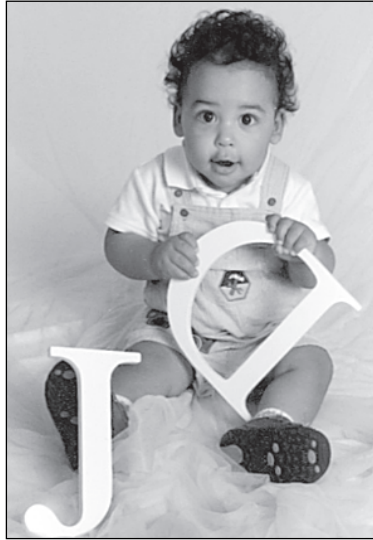
**Yuna Sophia Arnold** was born at 9:14 p.m., Sept. 4, 2010 at Memorial Hospital North, Colorado Springs. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 19.5 inches at birth.

Yuna is the daughter of Matthew Arnold and Katie (Dewey) Arnold, of Colorado Springs.

She is the granddaughter of Mark and Karen Arnold, of Torrance, Calif., and Jeff and Ellen Dewey, of Hell, Mich.

She is the great-granddaughter of Fredwinna (Sperry) and the late Mark Arnold, of Las Vegas, and the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee, Imon (McGee) Sperry.

## BIRTHDAYS



Justin Daniel Jackson

Justin Daniel Jackson celebrated his first birthday June 4, 2010.

Jackson is the son of Julie Norman Jackson and the grandson of J.D. and Joyce Norman, all of Oklahoma City.

He is the nephew of Tony Norman, of Ada, Okla., and the great-grandson of Ed and original enrollee Stella Cravatt Norman.



IsaBella Brie Key

**IsaBella (Izzy) Brie Key** turned one year old August 25. She celebrated with her family at her home in Ada, Okla. She enjoyed playing with the balloons, smashing her cake and playing with her cousins. Izzy attends the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center in Ada.

She is the daughter of Joshua and Summer Key. Her sisters, are Sydney, Lauren and Jazlyn Key and she has a brother, Ben-

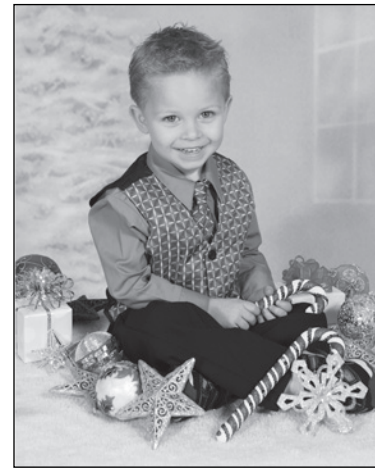
jamin Key, all of Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Allen and Luella Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. She is the great-granddaughter of Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, Kathrine Key, of Holdenville, Okla., the late Sydney Taylor, and the late Minnie Shields.

Aunts and uncles are Allen and Maria Jones, of Sulphur, Leslie and Crystal Cloud, of McAlester, Kerry Key, of Ada, and the late Richard Jones, of Sulphur.

We are very proud of Izzy. She is grown so fast.

With love,  
Daddy and Mommy



Alex Jarrett

**Alex Jarrett** turned 3-years old Christmas Eve 2010! He celebrated his birthday December 18, with a Toy Story party at his home in Ada, Okla.

He was blessed to be surrounded by family and friends on his special day. Those attending (or sending their love) were his parents Daniel and Amber Jarrett; grandparents David and Angela Connor, Robin Jarrett, and Jimmy and Beverly Knight; great-grandparents Maurice and Omega Williams; uncle Kendal Knight and Sarah Cox, aunt Brittney Knight and Josh Lang, uncle Austin Connor; great-aunts Darlene Burton and Tammie Thompson; cousins Skyler Cagle, Deanna and Hannah Burton and family friends Carlos, Brandy and Kody Argo.



Sarah Ann Arles

**Sarah Ann Arles** celebrated her 17th birthday December 10. Sarah is Chickasaw/Mississippi Choctaw. She is a junior at Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla.

Sarah is the daughter of Joe and Armetta Looney, of Davis, Okla., and Albert and Francis Lewis, of Ardmore.

Happy 17th Birthday!

## Fort Sill history 'Silent Witness' authored by Chickasaw historian

A book on Fort Sill history by Chickasaw historian and author Towana Spivey is now available.

"Silent Witness - The Diary of a Historic Tree at Fort Sill" is now available in a hardbound limited-edition volume that combines historical writing with 75 historic photos.

"Silent Witness" is the story of Fort Sill, the important U.S. Army post established in Indian Territory in 1869. The story is presented from the perspective of a famous 250 year-old Bur Oak tree on the post grounds.

Native warriors, U.S. presidents, military leaders, artists and celebrities are brought to life in the framework of Fort Sill history.

Towana Spivey is the longtime official Fort Sill historian and an accomplished author.

"Silent Witness" costs \$21, plus \$4.95 shipping and handling.

To order your book, please contact the Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce at (580) 355-3541 or (800) 872-4540.

## Chickasaw cheerleader performs at Dallas Cowboys football game



Chickasaw student Taylor Taliaferro, of Davis, Okla., was selected from more than 700 hopefuls to perform Dec. 19 at the Dallas v. Washington game at Cowboys Stadium in Irving, Texas.

Taylor Taliaferro was living a dream Dec. 19 as she walked onto the field at Cowboys stadium.

The 12-year-old Chickasaw student earned a spot in a line-up of 100 young ladies to perform at the opening of the Dallas Cowboys game with the Washington Redskins.

From the field of the largest domed stadium in the world, Taylor performed a five-minute routine for thousands of foot-

ball fans.

More than 700 hopefuls from Oklahoma, Texas and surrounding states auditioned for spots during a Nov. 7 Dallas cheer clinic.

Cheerleaders performed a dance they learned during the cheer clinic. The top 100 were selected by members of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders for the pre-game show.

"It was kind of nerve-wracking to audition for the Dallas

Cowboys Cheerleaders, but it was fun to meet them," said the Davis (Okla.) seventh grader.

When asked about cheering in front of thousands of fans, she said she was a bit nervous, but had dreamed about it since she was a little girl.

During the six-weeks between selection and game day performance, Taylor practiced her dance routine repeatedly.

She has been competitively cheering for five years and currently cheers with award-winning Cheer Connection Thunder in Ardmore. Her coach is Ashton Adams-Widhelm.

Like having pride in her cheer team, Taylor is also proud to be a Chickasaw citizen.

"It makes me proud to tell people I am Chickasaw."

When she is not cheering, Taylor can be found with her friends at the soda fountain of the Davis Drug Store and at church. She also cares for a pig she intends to show in the spring county live stock show.

Her future plans include attending college and becoming a veterinarian.

Taylor's family includes parents Brian and Brandy Taliaferro, brother Toby and grandparents, Terry and Wanda Crumb, Phyllis Crumb, Ross and Vicki Reeder and Jack and Yvonne Taliaferro.

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## Enjoying a day of hunting



Julius Adkisson

Seven-year-old Chickasaw Julius Adkisson spent his seventh birthday hunting with his Moshe (Uncle) Irv Cole. Uncle Irv killed an eight-point buck on Nov. 26 in Atoka County, Okla.

Julius is the son of Penny

(Anderson) Adkisson and Jason Adkisson, of McKenzie, Tenn. Proud grandparents are Regina Anderson and Gary Anderson, of Ada, Okla.

All Julius' family wish Julius a "Happy Belated 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday." We love you, Julius!



## Cousins enjoy Cultural Center visit

Chickasaw cousins Blake, Dominick, Logan, Derek and Kendall Havern are pictured with Jeremy Wallace during a recent visit to the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. Jeremy is holding "Chickasaw Removal," which features his photo on the cover. Blake, Logan and Justin Havern are from The Woodlands, Texas, and Kendall, Derek and Dominick Havern are from El Reno, Okla.

## Chickasaw girl bags 20-point



Kelsey McKay bagged this 20-point, 23" spread deer Nov. 21. Kelsey, 13, is an eighth-grader at Tupelo (OK) Junior High. This is her third year of hunting. She is the daughter of John and Helen McKay, of Tupelo.

## CNI booth in DC



Chloe Shi Odom, left, and Erica Hightower Lewis are both Chickasaw and work for Chickasaw Nation Industries. The ladies were in Washington D.C. while attending the National Contract Management Association conference December 9-10 and while sharing CNI capabilities at the CNI booth.

## 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.

*Katie Redman honored at Creativity Forum*

## Young Chickasaw artist recognized for original painting

An untitled painting by Chickasaw student Katie Redman, of Tribbey, Okla., placed third in the Tom and Judy Love Student Creativity Contest in conjunction with the Creativity World Forum conducted last month in Oklahoma City.

"It was so exciting to hear that my painting was recognized," said Katie, 17.

The contest challenged students to share creative ideas for improving communities, schools and businesses to keep

Oklahoma as a creative frontier. Various forms of art were submitted including essays, videos, photographs and drawings.

Katie's painting shows a Native American looking into the "path of the future," which Katie describes as the business industry.

"I wanted to show how the focus of the world has changed and how we can combine the knowledge of the past, present and future to succeed," she

said.

A large American flag waves over the subject of the painting.

"The flag represents that while things are changing, we are all united under God," Katie said.

Katie has been creating art since she was a toddler.

"I drew all over the walls," she said with a laugh. "Then I got upset when my mom cleaned it off."

Katie has also a three-time student in the tribe's Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. She spent two weeks each summer under the instruction of Chickasaw Nation arts instructor Trina Jones and artist Brent Greenwood.

"Trina and Brent were amazing teachers," she said. "It took my desire to create art up two levels!"



An untitled painting by Chickasaw student Katie Redman.

Katie is homeschooled and is preparing for graduation. She plans to attend nursing school

and continue to create art. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

## GED testing sites throughout Chickasaw Nation in January

The Chickasaw Nation Office of Supportive Programs is pleased to announce General Educational Development (GED) testings at selected sites throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

Beginning January 2011, the testing services will be available at the following locations:

Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla.;

Carter Seminary in Ardmore, Okla.;

Chickasaw Nation Area Office in Purcell, Okla.;

Mary E Parker Memorial Library in Sulphur, Okla., and

Murray State Campus in Tishomingo, Okla.

The testing service will add to the other GED services provided by the department's Adult Learning Program, according to Shirley Machin, chief GED examiner for the Chickasaw Nation.

The program provides various levels of academic assistance to adults ages 16 and older within the Chickasaw Nation who withdrew from high

school before graduating and want to complete their GED. The literacy program serves adults who discontinued their education early on while the adult basic education classes assist students needing extra guidance and assistance to better prepare them for the test. The fast-track program serves students who are considered test-ready but possibly need some assistance in one or two subjects. The Adult Learning Program also assists students living outside the tribal boundaries through mail, telephone and online media.

The program and the testing services are free to Chickasaw citizens.

Interested individuals can learn more about the program and download required forms at [http://www.chickasaw.net/services/index\\_3360.htm](http://www.chickasaw.net/services/index_3360.htm) or call Shirley Machin at 1-866-466-1481 or 580-421-7711, Ext. 61034.

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

## About General Educational Development (GED) Testing Program:

General Educational Development (GED) Testing Program provides an opportunity for adults, who did not complete a high school program but continued to learn through a variety of everyday experiences, to have their learning evaluated and recognized.

The GED Tests are designed to measure academic skills and

knowledge in core content areas learned during four years of high school and include the following subject area tests: language arts and writing, language arts and reading, social studies, science and mathematics. For more information, please visit [www.gedtest.org](http://www.gedtest.org) or call 1-800-62-MYGED (1-800-626-9433).

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# 65 ballplayers pick up fine points

## Chickasaw boys hit the diamond for Winter Baseball Camp



Cayman Watkins fields a grounder.

More than 65 Chickasaw baseball players learned tips of the game from the pros during the eighth annual Chickasaw Nation Winter Baseball Camp Dec. 20-21 at Ardmore (OK) High School's baseball facility.

Coaches from several area high schools and colleges and professional baseball players assisted with the camp. Many of the 16 coaches have extensive experience at the college and professional level.

For Oklahoma City University veteran baseball coach Denney Crabaugh, coaching the first time at Chickasaw Nation Baseball Camp was a kind of homecoming.

Crabaugh began his 31-year coaching career at Ardmore High School as baseball coach in 1981.

He said working with Chickasaw youth was rewarding.

"The high point for me is when it all clicks for the players and they have that 'ah ha' moment," he said.

He said working with younger players, rather than college students, was a nice change of pace, but "fundamentals stay the same, no matter if you are eight or 18 years old."

Players came prepared with bats, gloves and cleats for the annual camp.

"Barracudas" teammates, Trejan Blue and Cayman Watkins, attended the camp for the second time.

Both players, from Ada, said they enjoy picking up new tips from the coaches.

"I like pretty much everything," said 11-year-old Trejan, who has been playing baseball for the past eight years.



Coach Denny Crabaugh, of Oklahoma City University, instructs participants during the Chickasaw Nation Winter Baseball Camp.

"I like catching fly balls," said Cayman, who is the team pitcher.

Most baseball camp veteran said the more they attended the camp the more they learned about the game.

Eight-year-old Cole Hammond, a Plainview third-grader, reported he learned the secrets to a good bunt during the first day of camp.

First-time camper Cole Martin said his favorite part of camp was the batting cages.

Camp instruction also focused on improving the fundamentals of pitching and fielding and warm weather made outdoor play in December enjoyable.

Besides baseball fundamentals, life skills such as goal setting, dedication and self-discipline were also stressed by the coaches.

The large coach-to-camper ratio gave each player more personal attention and prac-



Caleb McDonald prepares to make a throw.

tice.

Coaches at baseball camp included:

Zack Birth, Dave Martin, James Martin, Ead Simon, Brad Miller, Chuckie Caufield, Keanon Simon, Shane Coker, Neb Brown, Micha Noland, Zack

Crabtree, Danny Baldrige, Denney Crabaugh, Derek Snell and Will Trisciani.

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# Chickasaw LEGO teams compete in state tournament

The Chickasaw Nation LEGO and Junior LEGO teams competed in the FIRST LEGO League state tournament on December 18. The tournament took place at Edmond (OK) Santa Fe High School.

The state tournament continues to grow and has more competition each year. More than 60 FIRST LEGO teams from across the state competed in the tournament. The teams were judged on project presentation, robot performance, technical design and teamwork.

The Chickasaw Nation teams, Blockheads and Cybernuts, consist of Chickasaw students ages 9 through 14. The teams spent eight weeks learning about science and technology. They also designed and programmed a robot, which they used in competitions.

"Both teams did a great job this season and I am extremely proud of all the students for working as a team and finishing what they started," said Chickasaw Nation Science, Math and Technology Manager Sara Willie. "The students learned creative thinking and problem solving skills that will help them succeed in the future."

The Junior LEGO teams also had an opportunity to compete in the tournament. The Junior Lego team members are Chickasaw students ages 6 through 9. Mini Mayhem, Super Storm and Witty Widgets designed display boards and robots



Super Storm team members from left are Rafael Padilla, Evan Prince and Paisley Mitchell.

about the 2010 Body Forward theme. Body Forward explores innovative ways to repair injuries and overcome genetic predispositions in order to maximize the body's potential.

"The Junior LEGO students really came out of their shells throughout the season and they take pride in explaining everything they learned about their projects," said parent lead Rick Miller.

Mini Mayhem was awarded best project, Super Storm won the technical award and the Witty Widgets won best model.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a national or-

ganization founded by inventor Dean Kamen in 1989. The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs.

Through FIRST, students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

For more information about FIRST and the LEGO teams, contact Sara Willie at 580-421-7711 or [sara.willie@chickasaw.net](mailto:sara.willie@chickasaw.net)

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Mini Mayhem team members, from left, parent lead Rick Miller, Bradley Johnson, Tyler Ireland, Cydnee Miller, MaKylee Miller, Mateo Gutierrez and parent lead Sherri Miller.



Witty Widgets team members, from left, parent lead Heather Duns, Macyee Davis, Skylar Duns, Jesse Clark, Bryce Ireland and parent lead Shannon Ireland.

## Creative Writing contest open to Chickasaws grades six through 12

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities announces the 2011 Chickasaw Nation "Anoli" Creative Writing Contest, an exciting opportunity for Chickasaw youth and young adults to explore their culture and history while competing for cash prizes and awards. "Anoli" is a Chickasaw word meaning "to tell."

The Anoli creative writing contest is open to Chickasaw students in grades six through 12 and Chickasaws through age 24. Young writers may submit from one to a total of three entries in the categories of

poetry (64 lines or less), short story (1000 to 2000 words) narrative or essay (1000 words or less).

The topic for the 2011 contest is "The Chickasaw I Admire Most." Deadline for entries is Friday, February 25, 2011.

A panel of judges will evaluate original works based on age division, category of work, how well the creative writing relates to the topic, artistic form and literary expression. Winners will receive their prizes and medals at the Youth Arts Month Celebration and Reception on March 26, in Ada, Okla.

Forms for the Anoli writing contest are available at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net).

Completed entry forms, a copy of CDIB or tribal citizenship and original entries can be mailed to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, Okla., 74820. Entries may also be hand-delivered by the deadline to the division at 208 East Main Street in Ada.

For more information, call Laura Clark or Lorie Robins at (580) 272-5520 or email [laura.clark@chickasaw.net](mailto:laura.clark@chickasaw.net) or [lorie.robins@chickasaw.net](mailto:lorie.robins@chickasaw.net).

## Enroll now for 'A Saturday Arts Program'

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities and its Arts in Education Department invites students in grades third through sixth to enroll now in "Painting with Paper," the 2011 'A Saturday Arts Program' (ASAP). Students will create an original piece of art using tissue paper in order to "paint," thinking about color, proportion, foreground, background and focal point. Pre-enrollment is re-

quired. ASAP workshop locations and dates are first, Ada on Saturday, January 15, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Chickasaw Nation Community Center Gym, and then Ardmore on Saturday, February 19, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ardmore Nutrition Building. To request an enrollment form or for more information, please contact Cara Criswell at (580) 272-5520 or email [caracriswell@chickasaw.net](mailto:caracriswell@chickasaw.net).

## Landscape painting class scheduled for senior sites in Feb., March, May

Chickasaw Nation seniors will have the opportunity to learn how to paint landscapes when the Arts in Education department conducts step-by-step landscape painting classes at the Purcell, Ada and Duncan sites.

Times and dates for the classes are as follows:

### Purcell

February 17, 24 and March 3  
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Ada

March 29, April 5, 12

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

### Duncan

May 5, 12, and 19  
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Those interested should register with their site coordinators. Attending all class sessions is recommended for optimal success.

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

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.



# 'Y-Not Robots' honored for civic involvement, notes

The Chickasaw Nation's robotics team Y-Not Robots won honorable mention for its community involvement and its outstanding engineering notebook at Oklahoma's FIRST Tech Challenge Championship in Weatherford, Okla., on December 4.

The two honorable mention awards are the "Connect and Think" Awards. The honorable mention Connect Award is given to the team most connected with their local and engineering communities. The honorable mention Think Award is given to the team that best details their experience through the stages of brainstorming, designing and building the robot.

Y-Not Robots is the program's first FIRST Tech Challenge team. The team is made up of students ages 13- 16.

"This is a new team this year and we are very proud of the dedication each student has put into the program," said science, technology, engineering and math teacher Beth Alcorn-

Benton.

FIRST Tech Challenge allows students to work as a team and develop skills in problem solving. Students design and construct robotic devices which can be autonomously programmed or operator-controlled to perform various tasks.

"I enjoy being a part of FIRST Tech Challenge because it gives me a chance to build robots and compete," said Y-Not Robots team member Michael Stick. "My favorite part is brainstorming. I like to come up with ideas on how to make our robot useful during tournaments."

This year the FIRST Tech Challenge team participated in the GET OVER IT! Challenge. Through the challenge, team members navigated their robot through an obstacle course and completed various tasks to gain points. During the season, students learn to build a robot, plan, brainstorm, research and support their teammates.

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Nicole Walls, Public Affairs



Y-Not Robots team members, back row from left, Allison Krause, Byng, Michael Stick, Allen, Jaycee Sellers, Latta and Melissa Ellis, Vanoss. Front row from left, Joshua Tingle, Sulphur, John Luke Garber, Ada, Billy Bonner, Latta and Sean Jesse, Byng, are pictured with their robot and awards. Not pictured: Zachary Walker, Byng

## Elders' Christmas Celebration, December 17



Ada senior site member Charley Russell purchases tickets for one of the many raffle items at this year's Elders' Christmas celebration.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby greets tribal elders gathered to celebrate the holiday.



Kullihoma seniors perform Christmas songs.

## Foster grandparents wish Dorothy Holt a happy retirement



Foster grandparents from around the area help wish Dorothy Holt (center with plaque) a happy retirement after 30 years with the Foster Grandparent program. From left, Georgina Douglas, Cleovonna Jones, Rosa Williams, Irene Fleming, Brenda Bell, Mrs. Holt, Dorothy Shumaker, Darlean Rankin, Shirley Pinkins and Mytle Williamson.

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## Tribal Higher Ed scholarship, grant deadline is Feb. 1

Don't miss your opportunity to receive college funding!

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education spring scholarship and grant application deadline is Feb. 1, 2011. Completed applications are due to the Higher Education Department by that day.

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department offers scholarships and grants

to full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate and doctoral Chickasaw students. The scholarships and grants provide funding for tuition, fees and books for those students pursuing a degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

The scholarship and grant spring semester application deadline is February 1, the

summer semester deadline is June 15 and the fall semester deadline is September 1. Students must submit completed applications by deadline indicated each semester to be considered.

Scholarships and grants are

available to all Chickasaw students regardless of where they live. Students must be Chickasaw and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card. Eligibility requirements vary depending on the type of scholarship or grant.

For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the Higher Education Department at (580) 421-7711, [deborah.hook@chickasaw.net](mailto:deborah.hook@chickasaw.net) or visit [www.Chickasaw.net](http://www.Chickasaw.net).

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## Scholarships awarded through American Indian Graduate Center offers wide range of scholarships

The American Indian Graduate Center is offering scholarships and fellowships to qualified American Indian and Alaska native graduate students. Scholarship and fellowship opportunities are available in various programs from medicine to fine arts.

The AIGC mission is to build, promote and honor self-sustaining American Indian and Alaska Native communities through education and leadership. The graduate center is

a national organization headquartered in Albuquerque. It provides educational assistance to American Indian and Alaska native graduate students throughout the country.

Since its founding in 1969, the AIGC has awarded more than 15,000 scholarships totaling more than \$44 million to graduate students in all fields of study. For more applications and more information, visit [www.aigc.org](http://www.aigc.org).

### **Chickasaw graduate? We'd like to hear from you!**

The Chickasaw Nation would like to hear from you!

If you are a Chickasaw graduate of an accredited college or university, please let us know. Below is a short form for Chickasaw graduates to complete and return to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education, Attention: Deborah Hook, 300 Rosedale Rd., Ada, OK 74820.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

College/University location \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Degree type \_\_\_\_\_

The Division of Education encourages Chickasaw college graduates of all ages and past college graduates to complete and submit the form. Upcoming spring graduates are encouraged to complete the form by April 1 and fall graduates are encouraged to complete the form by November 1.

For more information, email [deborah.hook@chickasaw.net](mailto:deborah.hook@chickasaw.net) or call Deborah at (580) 421-7711.



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# CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net)

## OKLAHOMA

### ADA

### CONNERVILLE

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

### KINGSTON

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

### Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

### NEWCASTLE

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

### OKLAHOMA CITY

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

## PURCELL

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

## TISHOMINGO

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

## ARIZONA

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

## CALIFORNIA

*Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council*  
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.  
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or [wchandler@socal.rr.com](mailto:wchandler@socal.rr.com)

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

## COLORADO

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

## KANSAS

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

## NEW ENGLAND

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

## NEW MEXICO

*New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council*  
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday  
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

## 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 Texas Chickasaw Community Council

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 5, the first Chickasaw Community Council meeting for the Tyler, Texas area was conducted. Over 40 people attended, including at least 29 registered Chickasaw citizens.

Carly Hill, from the Chickasaw Nation's Community Outreach Program, started the meeting and coordinated the support from the Nation.

Mike Wingo, from the Division of Housing and Tribal Development, was the main speaker. He described the various programs the Nation offers to at-large Chickasaws which relate to home ownership: storm shelters, home improvement grants, handicap accessibility grants and the Chuka Chukmasi home loan closing cost grant.

Attendees won door prizes, shared pashofa and asked a lot of questions. Several traveled an hour or more each way just to attend the meeting.

Everyone was pleased to see the Nation reaching out to those living at-large. The most common comment was "We're so happy to see the Nation doing this!"

Tyler-area Chickasaws plan to continue meeting every two or three months, with speakers covering both historical/cultural topics and current programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation to at-large citizens.

The local contact in Tyler is Howard Thompson. He can be reached at (903) 570-9244 or [bhoward@gmail.com](mailto:bhoward@gmail.com).

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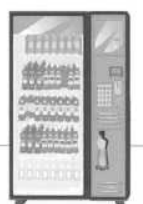
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# Chickasaw Foundation announces scholarship recipients for 2010-2011

After receiving over 1300 request, the Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship recipients. We would like to thank every recipient for all of their hard work and also wish them the very best with their educational endeavors.

## Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

— Mr. Cordial Green is a junior at East Central University majoring in history.



Cordial Green

## Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

— Ms. Allison Raborn is a senior at Texas A&M University majoring in history.



Allison Raborn

## Ann Eubank Health Scholarship

— Mr. Taylor Martin is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University -Oklahoma City majoring in nursing.



Taylor Martin

## Donald D. and J. Wenonah Gunning Memorial Scholarship

— Ms. Calli Conti is a freshman at the University of Texas pursuing a double major of theatre and business. (No picture available)



Adam Byers

## Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship

— Mr. Adam Byers is a junior at Wichita State University majoring in music education.



Caroline Colbert

## Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

— Ms. Caroline Colbert is a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in chemical engineering.



Shelby Long

## Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

— Ms. Shelby Long is a freshman at Oklahoma State University majoring in chemistry.



Shiloh Butts

## Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship

— Mr. Shiloh Butts is a graduate student at Southwestern Oklahoma School of Pharmacy.



## Chickasaw Foundation General

**Purpose Education Scholarship** — Ms. Adele Levine is a freshman at Brown University majoring in human biology.



Adele Levine

**Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship** — Ms. Brooke Cox is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in zoology.



Brooke Cox

**Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship** — Ms. Pamela Filipelli is a senior at East Central University majoring in studio art.



Pamela Filipelli

**Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship** — Ms. Connie Walton is a junior at East Central University majoring in nursing.



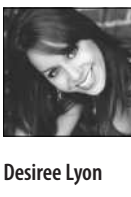
Connie Walton

**Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship** — Ms. Veronica Clement is a senior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in elementary education.



Veronica Clement

**Judicial Scholarship - Law Student Scholarship** — Mr. James Greenleaf is a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma. (No picture available)



Desiree Lyon

**Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship** — Ms. Desiree Lyon is a freshman at East Central University majoring in biology.

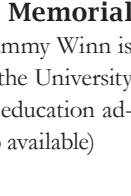


**Computercraft Corporation Scholarship** — Ms. Hannah Thomas is a freshman at the University of Miami, Ohio majoring in international studies.



Hannah Thomas

**Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship** — Ms. Megan Galles is a junior at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center majoring in nursing.



**Mooniene Ogee Memorial Scholarship** — Mr. Sammy Winn is a graduate student with the University of Phoenix majoring in education administration. (No photo available)

**Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship** — Ms. Christina Etheridge is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma.



Christina Etheridge

**Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship** — Ms. Dawn Ryals is a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in secondary mathematics education.



Dawn Ryals

**Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship** — Ms. Brandi Caylor is a freshman at Murray State College majoring in behavioral science/psychology.



Brandi Caylor

**Mitch Sperry Memorial Law Scholarship** — Mr. Matthew Cox is a graduate student at Stanford Law School.



Matthew Cox

**David & Carolyn Nimmo Graduate Business Scholarship** — Ms. Emily Dean is a graduate student at Harding University pursuing an MBA.



Emily Dean

**Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship** — Ms. Ronda Sockey is a senior at East Central University majoring in human resources with a concentration in addiction.



Ronda Sockey

**Chickasaw Foundation Health Professions Scholarship** — Ms. Chelsea Aldridge is a graduate student at Harvard Dental School.



Chelsea Aldridge

**James Michael "Mike" Dunn Scholarship** — Ms. Lindsey Grisham is a sophomore at the University of Arkansas majoring in education.



Lindsey Grisham

**Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship** — Ms. Lauren Ward is a junior at Missouri State University majoring in fashion design and merchandising.



Lauren Ward

**Memory of Mr. Robert Walton** — Ms. Misty Clifton is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma majoring in finance.



Misty Clifton

**Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship** — Mr. Grannon Billingsley is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in business finance.



Grannon Billingsley

**Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship** — Mr. Leslie Wesberry is a sophomore at Labette Community College majoring in pre-law/business management.



Leslie Wesberry

**Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship** — Ms. Allison Wilson is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in education.



Allison Wilson

**Bank2 Ta-ossasha' Scholarship** — Ms. Andrea Johns is a senior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in business administration.



Andrea Johns

**Bank2 Ta-ossasha' Scholarship** — Mr. Carson York is a sophomore at Texas A&M University majoring in business administration.



Carson York

**Bank2 Ta-ossasha' Scholarship** — Mr. Preston McGehee is a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in accounting.



Preston McGehee

**Bank2 Ta-ossasha' Scholarship** — Ms. Olivia Winn is a freshman majoring in business at the University of Nevada, Reno. (No picture available)



Tessa Henry

**Bill Fryrear Memorial Scholarship** — Ms. Tessa Henry is a freshman at Oklahoma Christian University majoring in history.



Ryan Tapp

**Ataloa Memorial Scholarship** — Mr. Ryan Tapp is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University majoring in music and a second year recipient of this scholarship.

## Wilson J. Brown

**Memorial Scholarship** — Mr. Joe Thomas is a senior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in Native American Studies.



Joe Thomas

**Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship** — Mr. Kris Kincheloe is a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in mechanical engineering.



Kris Kincheloe

**Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship (Continued Recipient)** — Ms. Maesynne Hulsey is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University majoring in aerospace engineering.



Maesynne Hulsey

**Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship (Continued Recipient)** — Mr. Stephen Ryan is a senior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in aviation management.



Stephen Ryan

**Division on Aging Scholarship** — Ms. Caley Wesberry is a junior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in pre-medicine/optometry.



Caley Wesberry

**The Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Scholarship - In Memory of Special Agent Patrick Flickinger** — Mr. Christopher Little is a freshman at Metro State College of Colorado majoring in criminal forensic science.



Christopher Little

**The Hill Group Scholarship** — Ms. Marissa Wright is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma majoring in psychology.



Marissa Wright

**The Hill Group Scholarship** — Ms. Robin Ray is a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in biochemistry.



Robin Ray

**Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship** — Ms. Macy Hilburn is a freshman at Murray State College majoring in physical therapy.



**Colbert Scholarship** — Ms. Stephanie Black is a junior at the University of Oklahoma

Macy Hilburn

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majoring in business.

**Overton M. "Buck" Cheadle Memorial Scholarship** – Mr. Bryson Vann is a junior at East Central University majoring in education for this newly established scholarship.

**Ithana Scholarship** – Ms. Nacobi Walker is a freshman at East Central University majoring in business for this newly established scholarship.

**Leona Barron Memorial Scholarship** – Ms. Ashton Den-



Stephanie Black



Bryson Vann

nis is a freshman at Coffeyville Community College majoring in nursing for this newly established scholarship.

**Chickasaw Foundation Grants** – Ms. Megan Scott is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma majoring in human relations/psychology/pre-law.

**Chickasaw Foundation Grants** – Ms. Lindsey Elliott is a sophomore at East Central University majoring in elementary education.



Nacobi Walker



Ashton Dennis

**Chickasaw Foundation Grants** – Ms. Danria Taylor is a junior at the University of Houston majoring in chemical engineering.

**Chickasaw Foundation Grants** – Ms. Bailey Bell is a freshman at Southwestern Oklahoma State University majoring in nursing.

**Chickasaw Foundation Grants** – Mr. Joseph Johnson is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in journalism.



Megan Scott



Lindsey Elliott

**Chickasaw Foundation Grants** – Mr. Daniel Wilburn is a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University majoring in psychology/pre-counseling.

**Chickasaw Foundation Grants** – Mr. Christopher Campbell is a freshman at Murray State College.

**Chickasaw Foundation Grants** – Mr. Jordan Volino is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma majoring in communications.



Danria Taylor



Bailey Bell



Joseph Johnson



Christopher Campbell



Daniel Wilburn



Jordan Volino

## Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students from left, Natalie Hook, Kristin Walker and Stephanie Trejo .

On December 18, Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound conducted its monthly meeting and Christmas dinner at J.D.'s Cafeteria.

Students were given the opportunity to welcome some of the programs' new recruits who were also in attendance.

Following dinner and introductions, the group remained true to holiday form as they closed out their evening in the balcony seats of McSwain The-

atre enjoying the music of the Osmond Brothers' Christmas Spectacular program.

Also taking place this month was the annual CFUB canned food drive. Throughout the month of December, students collected canned goods from their communities. Members brought the acquired goods to the monthly meeting for donation.

The canned food drive has grown significantly through-

out the past few years allowing this year's CFUB canned food drive the ability to donate to eight different food banks within the Chickasaw Nation: Food Bank Johnston County in Tishomingo, Food Bank Marshall County in Madill, Mercy Health Hospital Food Bank in Marrietta, Emergency Assistance Carter County in Ardmore, First Baptist Church in Davis, Velma Community Food Bank in Velma, Food Pantry Pontotoc County in Ada, and the Marlow Samaritans Food Bank in Marlow.

## Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

Ms. Natalie Sharp, a senior at Dickson High School, was chosen as the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month for November 2010. Natalie has been a participant of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) program for one year.

She was recently selected to serve as a senior class officer and has a 4.16 grade point average. She has been selected as



Natalie Sharp

the *Daily Ardmoreite* student of the week three times, and is a blue ribbon scholar. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Natalie spends her free time as a dance student and assistant instructor, and has been enrolled at the same dance academy for fifteen years. She will graduate as the high school salutatorian and plans on attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University and dance on the Sparks dance team. Natalie strives to pursue an accounting degree.

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# Curbside valet service at CNMC



Curbside representative Steve Phillips is ready to serve Chickasaw Nation Medical Center patients and visitors Monday, Dec. 13.

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center patients and visitors will have an easier and quicker access to the hospital with the new free valet parking service.

Introduced in December, the customer-oriented service will make the patients and visitors "feel special," according to Jimmy Tignor, administrative support ser-

vices director for the Division of Health.

The new service, provided by the Massachusetts-based company Curbside Hospitality, is available 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Patients and visitors can pull up in front of the hospital and clinic entrances, where they will be greeted by friendly Curbside repre-

sentatives, who will assist them out of their cars and park their cars.

"They (patients and visitors) can just get out and walk right in," Mr. Tignor said.

The new service will especially benefit the elders, according to Mr. Tignor.

"We serve a lot of elders here and that's a long ways to walk," Tignor said, referring to the Medical Center's large parking lot.

In addition to parking the cars, the Curbside representatives will also assist the patients with wheelchairs and walkers, hand out coloring books and crayolas to children, wash the windshields of the cars they parked as well as hand out holiday-themed items such as flags on Independence Day and flowers on Mother's Day.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is located at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd., in Ada, Okla. For more information, please visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net) or call (580) 436-3980 or (800) 851-9136.

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 Feb. 10: 10 a.m. and noon  
 For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

### Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook

Jan. 5: 10 a.m. and noon  
 Jan. 12: 10 a.m. and noon  
 Jan. 13: 6 p.m.  
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### Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

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 Jan. 12: 10 a.m. and noon  
 Feb. 1: 10 a.m. and noon  
 Feb. 2: 10 a.m. and noon  
 Feb. 8: 10 a.m. and noon  
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 For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

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 Jan. 13: 10 a.m. and noon  
 Feb. 1: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.  
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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.

### 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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# Tribal Diabetes Care Center offers comprehensive list of services

Catherine McBride drives more than seven hours from Bronson, Texas to visit the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center in Ada, Okla., every three months.

The 65-year-old describes each visit as an "enlightening experience."

Ms. McBride, who was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes about nine years ago, said she didn't know how to take care of her disease until she started at the Center two years ago.

"When I first went there, I was having all kinds of problems," she said.

Two years later, she has not only learned the "do's and don't's of diabetes" but has also learned to control the disease through proper nutrition and exercise.

She said she does not mind the long trip because she feels "cared for" at the Center.

Ms. McBride is an excellent example of the comprehensive patient-centered health care approach utilized by the Center.

"Part of the approach here is that we try to make it easy for the people during a single visit to get a very comprehensive evaluation and care," said Dr. Curtis Harris, chief of endocrinology and medical director

for the Center.

Services at the Center include inpatient diabetic assessment, vision care, podiatry clinic, dental clinic, gestational diabetes care, diabetes education, nutrition, exercise and much more.

The Healthy Choices clinic at the Center allows patients to have all routine tests and checkups performed in one morning. Patients may visit an optometrist, podiatrist, pharmacist, exercise counselor and participate in group discussion about nutrition and menu planning.

The participants also receive an annual educational update, including information about laboratory, studies, group discussion of diabetes complications and treatment goals and group behavioral health discussion on emotional consequences of living with diabetes.

A distinctive service available at the Center is diabetic retinopathy care.

Diabetic retinopathy is an eye disorder in which the blood vessels of the retina are damaged by diabetes causing blindness. According to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study published in the August 2010 issue of the *Jour-*

*nal of the American Medical Association*, more than 25 percent of diabetes patients over age 40 have diabetic retinopathy.

Pioneered by the Chickasaw Nation and Inoveon Corporation and implemented in January 1998, the "gold standard" diabetic retinopathy care system allows transmission of the digital images of the retina taken at the Center, over the Internet to Nashville, Tenn., where the three-dimensional images are evaluated by highly trained retinal readers.

By bringing the diagnostic skills of the nation's leading eye care experts to the Center patients, the system results in timely diagnosis of the disease.

The Center also provides several other opportunities to prevent and control diabetes.

The annual diabetes camp is an intensive five-day program designed to educate patients on preventive measures to

help control their blood sugar through proper nutrition and exercise.

Throughout the week, campers participate in various activities aimed at educating them about diabetes, including nutrition education, exercise, foot care, dental care, diabetes and the heart, psychosocial aspects of diabetes, smoking cessation and eye care. Blood sugars are checked at regular intervals each day and campers are served healthy meals.

An exercise room is also available to all patients and their support person(s) at the Center. Patients may meet with exercise consultants to design a program that is safe, realistic and beneficial to the individual.

Located on the second floor of the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd., the Diabetes Care Center is largely funded by the

Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) grant. Established in 1997, the program funds diabetes prevention and treatment services in Indian Health Service (IHS), tribal and urban Indian health programs.

A five-year SDPI Demonstration Project recently concluded that risk factors for diabetes and cardiovascular disease can be reduced among American Indians and Alaska Natives, who have the nation's highest rates of diabetes.

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center is one of the original 66 participants in the research project.

For more information about the services provided by the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center, visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net) or call (580) 421-4532 or (800) 851-9136.

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## Indian diabetes funding bill signed by President Obama

With time running out on federal funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI), The House of Representatives and Senate passes a two year extension.

On December 15, President Obama signed the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 into law. This bill contained a two year extension for SDPI and for the Type I diabetes programs. Funding of \$150 million per year for SDPI will continue through September 2013.

Sites that are supported by the federal funding now have the certainty of a multi-year extension to continue their programs and retain valuable staff. Through out Indian Country, individuals and communities will benefit from the services provided and knowledge gained regarding diabetes

prevention.

As a member of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, I would like to thank the hard work by our stakeholder partners, the American Diabetes Association, The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the National Indian Health Board and the Indian Health Services-Diabetes Treatment Program. During this budget climate, accomplishing this goal has not been an easy one. If not for these groups working together, there may have not been a continuation of some very important healthcare programs.

Now these important programs can continue to serve Native Americans and Alaskan Natives in their fight against diabetes and we as a committee will start preparing for future struggles for continued funding for these programs.

### Full-time positions open at Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

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

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# Chickasaw Council donates \$200 toward construction of Washington Monument in well-timed bit of goodwill

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In November 1849, the Chickasaw Tribal Council elected three delegates to represent the Chickasaw people in Washington, D.C. A who's who of tribal leadership, they were Chief Edmund Pickens, Cyrus Harris and Pitman Colbert. Then, meeting at Post Oak Grove, the council voted to donate \$200 toward the construction of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.

The resolution passed by the council couldn't have been a surprise and might have been planned, given the Chickasaw participation in a ceremony laying the monument's cornerstone on July 4, 1848. But in a sense, the donation was a remarkable and perplexing gesture, given that the tribe was in a pretty low state still living in the Choctaw Nation a dozen years after removal began. And the Chickasaws were there because the United States government had connived to secure big chunks of their land, blandly referred to as land cessions, and then sewed up the rest by breaking the 1786 Treaty of Hopewell, in which the U.S. guaranteed them their homeland east of the Mississippi River.

Nevertheless, council member Jackson Frazier introduced the resolution, and although it has been lost, a contemporary newspaper reported that during the council's discussion an unidentified speaker remarked exuberantly but erroneously that "the people of the nation had never spilt the blood of white men in war, and that they entertained the same veneration for WASHINGTON as their white brethren."

The Chickasaws had killed uninvited, unwanted Spanish conquistadors in 1540-1541 and plenty of invading French soldiers in the 1730s; and early in the 1790s, there had been a sizeable faction of Chickasaws that opposed President Washington and the U.S. However, after Spain withdrew from the competition with the United States to control the lower Mississippi River Valley in the mid-1790s, most tribal members saw that President Washington was, or could be, a friend.

According to the president's Indian policy in 1789, treaties were to be negotiated between equals "on principles consistent with the national justice and dignity of the United States." The terms of all treaties were binding in perpetuity and both the power and honor of the United States would be pledged to their enforcement.

Washington demonstrated that he meant those words by meeting with delegations of Indian leaders even while he, as first president, was creating and filling out the executive branch, and testing the limits of his presidential power against Congress and the Supreme Court. In 1794 he met with Chief Piomingo and several other Chickasaw leaders at the President's House in Philadelphia. He told this delegation of fifteen that they had always been "sincere and faithful friends" and that the U.S. valued them "most highly."

This and other meetings were important symbolically and substantively, but the bottom line to the tribe was that when Washington left office in 1797, the Chickasaws still had possession of their homeland. It was his successors, from Jefferson to Jackson, who held responsibility for the plan to remove Indian tribes from the paths of American settlers.

## Recognition and Credit

Stories of the Chickasaw donation were published in several newspapers, but at least one reported that the

donation was to be made "in such a way as to have the name of the Chickasaws inscribed on the monument, to perpetuate their love and remembrance of their Great Father who always gave his red Chickasaw children good advice."

While the tribe's respect and admiration for Washington was evident from that quote, the wording suggests that the tribe had another purpose for the donation that was even more important.

The Chickasaws wanted to be publicly credited for donating money for the construction project. Recognition was important because they knew they were supporting a worthy endeavor of near universal appeal. But the donation was symbolic, too, in the same sense as today when Oklahomans see that the Chickasaw Nation financially supports a number of appealing causes and projects that benefit all Oklahomans. Goodwill and political capital result.

The primary message of the donation in 1849 - their intense desire to be separated from the Choctaws - was directed at the United States and Choctaw Nation. It could only be understood from the perspective of history and in the context of the times. The Chickasaws had begun working toward that separation as early as 1842, but there was no chance it could happen until the tribe identified its own leadership and organized in 1846. Even so, the great majority of Chickasaws who had departed their homeland by then were living on individual farmsteads in the Choctaw Nation or the Chickasaw district of the Choctaw Nation.

Few Chickasaws, if any, were happy living under the Choctaw government but such was the price they paid when they were virtually forced to leave their land, beginning in 1837, at the insistence of the United States and the states of Mississippi and Alabama. Individual tribal members were free to remain, but they understood that if they remained they would be residing in the United States, not the Chickasaw domain. In accordance with the Treaty of Pontotoc in 1832, the tribe's communal homeland was parceled into individual allotments and the government could be reconstituted in the tribe's new home west of the Mississippi.

But unable to find suitable land, the Chickasaws paid the Choctaws to be allowed to settle among them or on Choctaw land reserved for them, called the Chickasaw district. From the start in 1837, it had been an unhappy arrangement for the Chickasaws.

In 1846, the Chickasaws met to organize for the purpose of separating from the Choctaws. The Chickasaws wanted to be free to establish their own identity as a tribe and run their own government. But their greatest motivator and short-term fear was the specter of the federal government mixing their trust funds with the Choctaws. So in 1846, Chickasaw leaders drafted and passed a first constitution and then another more comprehensive one in 1848. This created an executive branch and a tribal council. Also in

1848, the membership chose six experienced and relatively well-educated tribal delegates to spend the summer in Washington, D.C. representing the tribe.

These included the aforementioned Chief Pickens, Colbert and Harris. In a news article, the Chickasaw presence was noted on July 4, 1848, in a procession with other tribal delegates (Cherokees, Creeks and Choctaws) to the site of the proposed Washington Monument for the cornerstone-laying ceremony. Some unspecified Indians had brought Washington Peace Medals to show off. The medals had been presented by Washington or his designees to certain tribal leaders during his eight-year administration. Those medals that had not been interred with the deceased honorees were more often than not handed down within families.

The Chickasaw delegates who attended the ceremony were seated on the platform near the speakers.

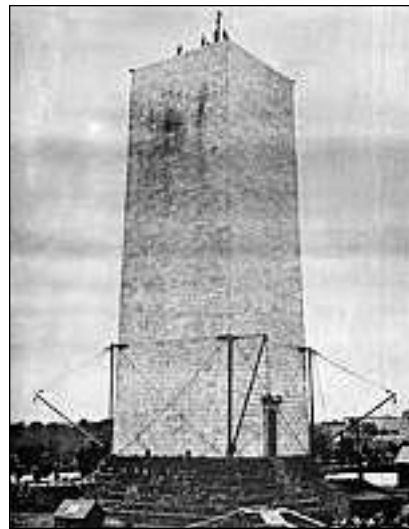
It is possible they were given VIP treatment because they were being courted for a significant contribution or perhaps they already had agreed to make a donation at this pivotal time in funding-raising. To fund and construct the monument, Congress had established the private Washington National Monument Society in 1833. It was the Society's initial idea to limit donations to a dollar per person. Only \$28,000 had been raised by 1836, but that was enough to hold a design competition. The winner was Robert Mills, whose design, a 555-foot-tall obelisk, was estimated to cost \$1 million.

Subsequently, the Society lifted the donation limit and began a new policy in 1849 of encouraging states, territories, foreign countries and private groups to donate commemorative stones, which would be fitted into the monument's interior walls. The Society felt this would give more people a tangible feeling that they were part of the monument's construction. The response was excellent from both public and private entities. At this juncture, the Chickasaw council voted to donate \$200.

But the tribe had to go through its trustee, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to get its own money. On March 6, 1850, the Chickasaw delegation to Washington requested \$8,337 in tribal funds for items in a list, including \$200 in accordance with the "act of the general Chickasaw Council towards the erection of the Washington Monument."

Since members of the delegation, Chief Pickens and Cyrus Harris, were in Washington, it may have been their intent to ensure that the donation finally got to the Society. Unfortunately, I haven't yet been able to track down the repository of the records of the Society to see when the donation and documentation was received.

But a clue to documenting the tribe's donation appeared in an article in the *Fort Smith Herald*. The account seemed to be quoting the tribe's resolution to



The Washington Monument between 1854 and 1876. The Chickasaw Tribal Council made a donation to its construction.

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the effect that it should be made "in such a way as to have the name of the Chickasaws inscribed on the monument..." That suggests one of the commemorative stones. But no mention of a Chickasaw donation appears in a 2005 National Park Service commissioned book on the Washington Monument's commemorative stones. Some 193 unique stone tablets are set into the interior walls of the monument, but none are inscribed from the Chickasaws. One was provided, however, by the Cherokee Nation.

The NPS book includes a section titled, "Catalog of Lost, Stolen, Never Sent or Otherwise Missing Commemorative Stones." Although Chickasaw was not included in the catalog, it is certainly conceivable that a Chickasaw commemorative stone might belong in any of those categories. But whether the Chickasaws donated a stone or not, they did contribute money. In an 1859 address of the Society to the American people, both the Chickasaws and Cherokees were recognized "for their very liberal donation of money." The tribe received credit for its donation when it counted.

Just six years later, the United States brokered a treaty among the three parties providing for the separation of the Chickasaws from the Choctaws. I'm not asserting that the \$200 donation motivated U.S. action, but it was a factor. A year later, the Chickasaws assembled at Good Spring, drafted a constitution and elected leaders of the newly constituted and sovereign Chickasaw Nation. Their first leader was one of the delegates to Washington, now Governor Cyrus Harris.

The Washington Monument's construction was halted in 1854 when fundraising lagged during this troubled, tempestuous time. The project was still suspended through the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Building was resumed during the nation's centennial year of 1876 and work was completed in 1884. The Washington Monument was open to the public in 1888.

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### Afterword

Sharron Ashton, an Indian researcher at the Oklahoma Historical Society, told me about the Chickasaw donation. Although this factoid is revealed on page 123 of Grant Foreman's *The Five Civilized Tribes*, I hadn't seen it and apparently many others hadn't either. I got research help from Mitch Caver in Mississippi and Chickasaw staff in Ada, librarian Jordan Grooms and genealogist Amber Underwood.

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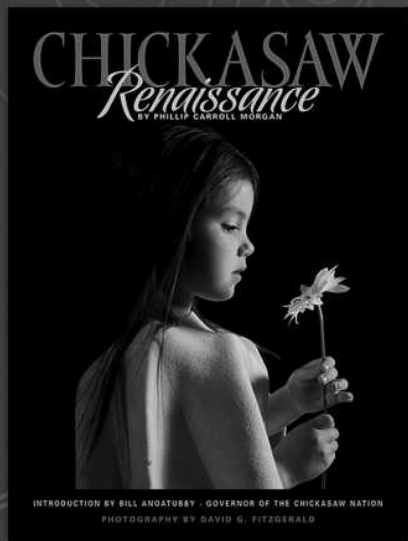
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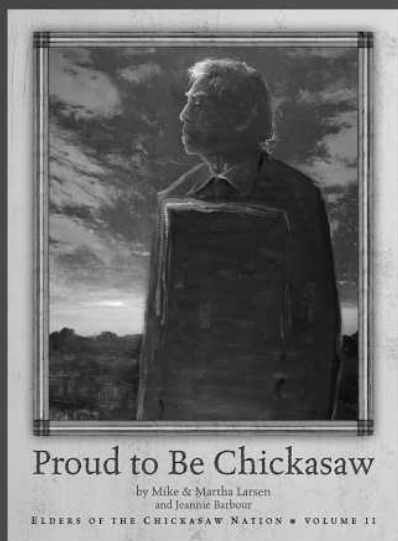
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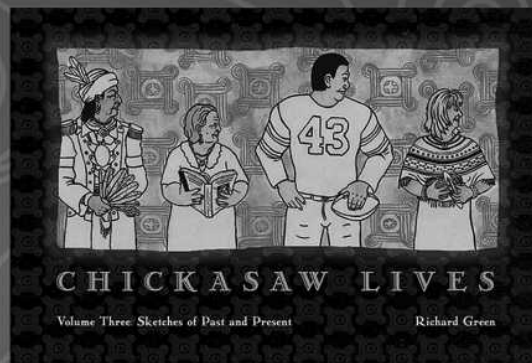
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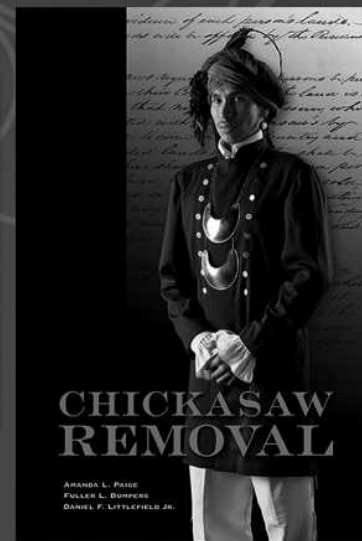
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## Sally Ann Eades



Sally Ann Eades, 56, died Dec. 3, 2010 at Ardmore, Okla. Graveside services were Dec. 6 at Pruitt Cemetery with Pastor David Colaw officiating. Interment followed at Pruitt Cemetery, Carter County.

She was born Dec. 1, 1954 at Ardmore, to Willis Eades and Rosie (Sam) Eades.

She attended Dickson Schools and Murray State College working toward a degree in behavioral science.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willis and Rose Eades; a nephew, Breck Eades; a niece, Rena Genn; a sister, Dorothy Glass; grandparents, Wallace and Jane Sam, John Walter Eades and Sallie Eades.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Lee, of Ardmore; daughters Missy Pearce and husband, Jerry, of Springer, Okla., and Crystal Vantine, of Ardmore; a son, Jeremy Vantine and wife Kerry, of McAlester, Okla.; sisters, TeAta Dolezal, of Springer, Okla., Donna Diane Norton, of Healdton, Okla., Mary Jane Genn, of Springer; brothers, Willis Eades, Jr., of Mustang, Okla., Billy Lewis Eades, of Ardmore, Donald Eades, of Chickasha, Okla.; grandchildren, Andrew St. Clair, Caleb St. Clair and Taylor Pearce, all of Springer, Rhonda Pearce, Sarah Rivera and Jeremiah Pearce, all of Ardmore; great-grandchildren, Alexis Rivera, of Ardmore; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Andrew St. Clair, Jeremiah Pearce, Charles Azim, John Eades, Jerry Pearce and Lewis Eades.

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## Ursula Bohreer Edwards Meiselbar



Ursula Meiselbar, 95, died Dec. 3, 2010 peacefully at her home with her daughters by her side. She was born January 29, 1915 at Pittsburg, Okla., to Addison and Edna (Godfrey) Bohreer and was the last remaining of their four children; Joseph, Dorothy, Ursula Elizabeth and Marion.

She was Chickasaw/Choctaw and was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. She attended Bloomfield Academy in Ardmore, Okla., until moving to Gary, Indiana, where she met and married Earl Franklin Edwards (deceased).

Mrs. Meiselbar received her diploma from business college and attended the Art Institute of Chicago.

In 1950 she married William (Bill) Meiselbar (deceased) and together they owned successful wallpaper and paint stores in Gary. For 10 years after retiring, she split her time between homes in Minnesota and Florida when in 1979 she moved to Southern California to be close to family.

In 1989 they moved to Colorado Springs where she spent the rest of her life loving and serving her family and friends.

Mrs. Meiselbar encouraged and inspired all who knew her through her wise counsel and the sharing of her vast life experiences. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by two daughters, Joan Tully and David, of Colorado Springs and Bette Moore, of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Sherre Ritenour, of Colorado Springs, Cindi Hindman, Randy Frechette, Butch Frechette, Jamie Sugarman, all of California, and Michael Moore, of

Arizona; a niece, Carla Neil, of Arizona; and a grand-nephew, Curt Leonard and Carol, of Colorado Springs; eight great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews; her sister-in-law and long-time friend, Maxine Bohreer, of Arizona.

A memorial service will be conducted in 2011.

## Emmett Seeley

Emmett Seeley, 89, died Nov. 3, 2010 at Davis, Okla. Services were Nov. 5 at Hale's Memorial Chapel, Davis, with Victory Home Health Chaplain Tim Jones officiating. Interment followed at Green Hill Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 26, 1921 at Pontotoc, Okla., to Walter T and Mamie (Tushkatombie) Seeley.

He married Della Mae Robinson Jan. 11, 1963 at Pauls Valley, Okla. She preceded him in death, Feb. 24, 2006.

After graduating from Chillico Indian School, he played farm team baseball. It was during this time the New York Yankee discovered him and drafted him to play professional baseball. While with the NY Yankees, he played with Mickey Mantel, Charlie Pride and John Bernadino. His career as a professional baseball player ended July 20, 1942 when he was drafted into the U.S. Army.

During World War II he served in the New Guinea Campaign, the Netherlands East Indies Campaign and the Philippine Campaign. His brave service to his country earned him many decorations and citations, including Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with Three Bronze Battle Stars, Order of the Purple Heart Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge and Good Conduct Ribbon Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged May 15, 1946.

In the early 1960's he was elected and served as the court clerk for Murray County for several years.

Though his baseball career ended suddenly, his love for the sport never changed. He renewed his baseball passion by coaching many Murray County boys in little league and pony league team in Sulphur, Okla.

The life changing injuries received during World War II forced him to retire early in

life. He served as the chairman for the Murray County Selective Service board during the Vietnam Era.

He was very proud Elder of the Chickasaw Nation and a member of the Beaty Baptist Church, Pauls Valley, Okla.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews, including: Rolanda Rogers and husband, Roy, of Dougherty, Okla., Larry Robinson, of Davis; great-nieces, Courtney Eason and husband, Rodney, of Velma and Maci Jo Robinson, of Okeman; great-nephew Clint Grinstead, of Davis; great-great-nieces, Jolee Grinstead and Abby Eason; great-great-nephew, Langston Grinstead; a brother, Wiley Seeley, of Dallas; a sister, Rose Vititow, of Oklahoma City, a daughter, Shirley Ridley, of Oklahoma City; a grandson, Chad Parsons and wife, Allison; and two great-granddaughters, Audrey and Abby Parsons, all of Mansfield, Texas.

## Martha B. Wilson



Martha B. Wilson, 88, of Destin, Fla., beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt died Dec. 1, 2010 after a month stay in the hospital and rehabilitation. A family memorial service was Dec. 11 at Bennettsville, S.C. She was interned with her husband at Barancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, Fla.

She was born March 4, 1922 to William Nathan and Annie Galloway Bethea.

During her childhood and school years she lived with her parents and siblings in several small towns near Florence in northeast South Carolina.

She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in nursing. She married Army 2nd Lt. Jackson L. Wilson in 1944. They shared life for over 58 years in Japan,

Germany and several states in the United States.

Mrs. Wilson was devoted to serving her family and friends, always placing their welfare above hers. She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Blue Bells Square Dance Club in Las Cruces.

During her lifetime she supported the Connie Maxwell Children's Home (Pee Dee Campus, P.O. Box 4194 Florence, S.C. 29502), where he mother was raised.

Her loving presence was cherished by all her family and she will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother; a sister; and a grandson.

She is survived by her children, Anne and Roger Lemon, Viola, Kan., Jack and Candis Wilson, Destin, Nate and Selma Wilson, Lubbock; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Rosalie Goodson, Hartsville, S.C., Ohlyne Williamson, Greenville, N.C., and Peggy and Glen Freeman, Hartsville; a brother, Bill and Erlene Bethea, McColl, S.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

## In Loving Memory of Linda Marie Conway

January 18, 1967 - January 8, 2010

I miss  
y o u r  
s m i l e,  
your gentle  
face and all  
the things  
you did with  
grace



I miss  
the Love from  
your kind heart,  
and all the joys  
you did impart  
Each day I fold  
my hands in  
prayer, and hope  
that you are  
happy there, where  
all is peaceful  
and serene, and  
where you reign  
an heavenly queen -

Your memory is  
our keepsake  
with which we  
will never part,  
God has you in  
his keeping,  
we have you in  
our hearts.

We will forever  
love and miss  
you,

Jim and Brittney;  
Anthony and Tiffany

Frank and Gloria;  
Don and Peggy

Keith and Kim;  
Gary and Sue  
Jaime, Jenna and Jordan

## LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
November 19, 2010**

**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, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

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

**Guests present:** Michael Watson, Wilma P. Stout Watson, Michael L. Wingo, Sharmina Manandhar, Todd Griffith, Ashley Large, Barbara Wilson

**AGENDA ITEM #3** INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

**AGENDA ITEM #4** READING OF MINUTES - October 15, 2010

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the session minutes of October 15, 2010.

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

**12 yes votes**

The motion to approve the session minutes of October 15, 2010, carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #5:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

**AGENDA ITEM #6:** REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Scott Colbert**General Resolution Number 28-011, Approval of Development Budget Amendment****Chickasaw White House Caretaker's House**

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for Chickasaw White House Caretakers House, Project Number 30-0102-10, in the amount of \$111,400.00.

The Chickasaw White House was home to Chickasaw Governor Douglas Hancock Johnston and his family from 1898 to 1971. The heirs to Governor Johnston signed the house and property over to the Chickasaw Nation in 1998. In 2000, the Chickasaw Nation began the process of restoring the house to its former grandeur. The Chickasaw White House has become an integral part of the Chickasaw Nation's cultural and historic preservation program with guided tours and museum exhibits.

The Chickasaw Nation White House caretaker housing is currently an older single wide mobile home that has structural issues and is in need of extensive repairs. Also, the existing home is located to the east of the White House and does not fit into the historical context of the property. The proposed site location is located across Mansion Road and shall have a full view of the White House site. This location will provide the security needed for the historical site. The workshop area will also provide the caretaker with an area to work on items that need repair and to store and secure maintenance tools and equipment.

The Scope of Work includes the purchase of a pre-built 960 square foot, two bedroom, one bath home installed on a block stem wall and concrete foundation. A residential size storm shelter shall be installed on site along with a 20'x 20' wood frame workshop with overhead garage door. Utilities will be brought onto the site including electric, water and phone. A septic system shall be designed and installed.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR28-011.

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

**12 yes votes**

The motion to approve GR28-011 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 28-012, Approval of Development Budget Amendment****(Artesian Casino)**

This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Artesian Casino and Parking Garage, Project Number 1014-SUL-GAM-C in the amount

of \$8,132,349.00.

The existing temporary facility was installed after the Motor Lodge was demolished with plans to reinstate a permanent facility at or about the time the new Artesian Hotel was being constructed. The current facility does not meet the demands of our business nor the planned improvements to the new Hotel. The increase in growth on the property has become inadequate to keep up with current business demands.

The Cash Springs temporary location continues to experience a steady growth in business. Coupled with this increase in business, the new Artesian Hotel is being constructed. This new development and increase in demand provides for more opportunities for our customers and adequate space for our employees to work. These improvements are necessary to meet the demands of our customers, our employees and generate additional revenues to the Chickasaw Nation.

The Scope of Work includes constructing a new 11,000 square foot pre-engineered steel structure, building new employee offices, placing approximately 250 additional games and constructing a 143 space parking garage.

This resolution is an emergency because it was received after the due date for legislation this month.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR28-012.

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

**12 yes votes**

The motion to approve GR28-012 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Nancy Elliott

No report.

**HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

**HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Shana Hammond

No report.

**AGENDA ITEM #7** NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Announcements were made for the day including the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner and the Chickasaw Nation Foundation reception.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on several issues regarding the Energy Assistance Program for the elders.

**AGENDA ITEM #8** ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dean McManus, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Committee of the Whole Meeting****December 13, 2010**

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

**Executive Ad Hoc Committee****December 6, 2010**

**Present:** Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

**Finance Committee****December 13, 2010**

**Present:** Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Scott Colbert

**Finance Committee****December 6, 2010**

**Present:** Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

**Land Development Committee****December 6, 2010**

**Present:** Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

**Legislative Committee****December 6, 2010**

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

## DECEMBER 2010 RESOLUTIONS

**General Resolution Number 28-013  
Approval of Development Budget  
Amendment****(Artesian Hotel Phase 2)**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Artesian Hotel Phase 2, Project Number 20-0081-08 in the amount of \$13,693,516.00, as more particularly described in Exhibit A.

The site where the Artesian Hotel was located is also the site of the Chickasaw Nation's first business. After the 1962 fire another hotel was built but fell into foreclosure. The Chickasaw Nation bought the hotel land in 1972 and built the Chickasaw Motor Inn, which had a modern appeal but lacked the historical beauty of the original Artesian.

The town of Sulphur has not had a destination type of hotel since the Artesian. Currently, there is not an ad-

equate facility to host events and visitors. In addition to returning some of the glory to downtown Sulphur, and providing a much needed venue, the new hotel will be a natural complement to the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Guests who visit the Cultural Center could extend their cultural and historic experience by staying in a hotel which evokes memories of the glory days the area enjoyed during early statehood.

**Presented by:** Finance Committee

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

**General Resolution Number 28-014  
Agricultural Lease No. G09-1752 in  
McCurtain County**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G09-1752,

for grazing purposes on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, described as: Lots 7, 8 and 9 in Section 16; Lots 6 and 7 in Section 20; Lots 9 thru 18 inclusive and the NE¼ SW¼ of Section 21, all in Township 9 South, Range 24 East, McCurtain County, Oklahoma, containing 330.60 acres, more or less, in favor of Curtis Wheeler. The proposed lease will be for a five (5) year term beginning on January 1, 2010, and expiring on December 31, 2014, with a per annum payment of \$3,250.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$812.50.

**Property Location:** McCurtain County  
**Presented by:** Land Development Committee

**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean

McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz  
**Permanent Resolution Number 28-001**

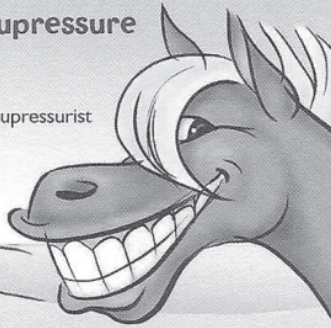
**Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2  
of the Chickasaw Nation Code  
(Committees and Rules)**

**Explanation:** This resolution amends Sections 16-204 and 16-205 to reflect the proper hierarchy of committees and their operating rules. Black line copies of pertinent parts of those sections, if the resolution is adopted, are attached hereto as Attachment "A."

**Presented By:** Legislative Committee  
**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

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