



Rendering of the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

## Chickasaw Medical Center dedication set for July 19

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation is proud to announce the long anticipated opening of the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

A ribbon cutting event is scheduled for Monday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m. All Chickasaws, family and friends are invited to attend this historic occasion. A special opportunity to tour the facility will be offered from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on July 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To register for a tour, please call (580) 310-7958.

The state-of-the-art campus features a 72-bed hospital, Level 3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, Diabetes Care Center, dental clinic, diagnostic imaging center and women's health center.

The picturesque 230-acre campus is designed to accommodate tranquility and healing.

"This facility will be a place where patients can receive top quality, innovative health care for generations to come,"

said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "The medical center is designed to empower our staff to function much more efficiently and effectively. This will enable us to offer a higher level of service and improve the overall quality of health care."

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

Patients who utilize the Pharmacy Refill Center to pick up prescriptions, will begin picking up medications at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Pharmacy after July 30. The Pharmacy Refill Center will

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### Long on the drawing board, facility set to open

## Cultural Center, a dream of Chickasaws, opening to visitors

SULPHUR, Okla. - This month when the Chickasaw Cultural Center opens to the public, it will be the culmination of a 50-year dream for Chickasaws and the work of hundreds of people.

Located on 109 acres of gently rolling hills adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area near Sulphur, the Center has been the dream of the Chickasaw people since as early as 1960s.

One of the first documented works regarding Chickasaw Cultural Center discussions was published in an Ardmore, Okla., newspaper in 1963.

"You may remember in the early 60s reading an article on the front page of *the Daily Ardmoreite* in which it was suggested it was time for a cultural place for the Chickasaws," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said during the June 12 Chickasaw opening day of the Cultural Center. "A place



Chickasaw citizens visit the traditional village on the Cultural Center grounds. Mike McKee

where there would be a village, a place where people can go and learn more about the great Chickasaw people."

"We have talked about it

forever," said Pat Woods, tribal administrator of the Division of Program Operations.

Mrs. Woods, who began her

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## Three to enter Chickasaw Hall of Fame



Margaret Roach Wheeler



Colbert Franklin Hackler



Chief Miko Piomingo

NORMAN, Okla. - An award-winning textile artist, a music educator, and a protector of tribal sovereignty will be inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame this year.

The Hall of Fame inductions will be at 6:30 p.m.,

Thursday, August 19, at Riverwind Casino in Norman.

"Each of these individuals has made significant contributions to the Chickasaw Nation and to the larger community," said Gov. Bill

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career with the Chickasaw Nation in 1972, said the main focus of a Cultural Center was to tell the Chickasaw story.

"We wanted a place where all Chickasaws could come, and we could tell the story about who we are, where we come from and where we are going," Lona Barrick, administrator of the tribal Division of Arts and

Humanities, said.

"Cultural is the most interesting part," Mrs. Woods said. "Most Chickasaws want to know their past."

In those early days, a Chickasaw Cultural Committee was formed.

"That's when we took our first steps," said Mrs. Woods.

One topic of discussion was

the possibility of a Native American theme park.

A feasibility study by Price Waterhouse was conducted in the 1980s for plans to build a Native American/Chickasaw theme park in the Arbuckle Mountains. But the results indicated the area did not have a large enough population to support a theme park.

"No one liked the Price Waterhouse report," Mrs. Woods said. "They just didn't seem to grasp what we were trying to do. We wanted a place where all Chickasaws could come and learn."

Plans moved forward.

"Ted Key drew out some rides and attractions reflecting Indian and Chickasaw culture," said Mrs. Woods. "It was all based on Chickasaw history and told a story."

"But, a theme park was a different idea than we wanted to convey, and a theme park would have been a little more frivolous," Ms. Barrick said.

A Chickasaw Cultural Committee was formed under the umbrella of the Chickasaw Foundation.

"The focus began to concentrate on the essential elements - preserving the culture and history of the tribe, Special Assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown said.

"It became clear we would create a place of study and learning, and one that fulfilled the longing of Chickasaws."

The focus narrowed to a traditional Cultural Center when the Chickasaw Historical Society was established in 1993. Members were appointed by Gov. Anoatubby and confirmed by the tribal legislature.

It was about that time, Ms. Barrick said, that efforts were made to reach the goal of a Cul-

tural Center by working with the National Park Service.

Plans for the Cultural Center were eventually transformed from an inspiration to realization, thanks to input from tribal citizens.

In October 2000 more than 1,200 tribal citizens responded to a survey. The survey solicited comments and suggestions regarding a Chickasaw Cultural Center. Art and music, food and medicine, prominent Chickasaw men and women and a living village with traditional dwellings were all mentioned by survey respondents.

Chickasaw citizens participated in subsequent planning meetings and shared their ideas on what aspects of Chickasaw culture to include at the Center.

All the ideas Chickasaw elders, citizens and employees discussed at those meetings were taken into consideration as development of the Chickasaw Cultural Center design began. Numerous informal requests by citizens were also considered during planning and construction.

Tribal legislation to fund the Cultural Center was passed in 2003.

Talks with the National Park Service for a Cultural Center in or near the Chickasaw National Recreation Area continued for several years.

Ground was broken September 30, 2004, just two days after the U.S. House passed legislation authorizing a land exchange among the Chickasaw Nation, the city of Sulphur and the National Park Service.

Drafted by U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), a Chickasaw citizen, the exchange enabled the tribe to construct the Center adjacent to the Chickasaw National

Recreation Area.

"(The Cultural Center) is an excellent example of the partnerships that can develop between tribal governments and their neighbors and it works to the advantage of all concerned," Rep. Cole said.

The Cultural Center, Rep. Cole said, was a "tremendous economic boon" for both the local community and the Chickasaw Nation.

The Center features more than 96,000 square feet of indoor space and outdoor venues including an earthen terrace amphitheater. Outdoor areas include demonstration gardens and a demonstration village featuring traditional Chickasaw structures. An area for stomp dance and other traditional ceremonies are also in the traditional village.

Indoors, an interconnected series of theatres, exhibits and galleries are designed to immerse visitors in tribal history and culture.

Former Chickasaw Nation Gov. Overton James, appointed governor of the Chickasaw Nation by President John F. Kennedy in 1963, and elected governor in the first federally recognized tribal election since 1904, was more than pleased with plans for the center.

"(This Center) is something that is far beyond what I ever thought we could have, said Gov. James.

"But it is something that will perpetuate the history, the culture, the life of the Chickasaw people for years to come. It's a great thing."

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not be open to the public after this date. Also, MAPS prescriptions can only be filled Monday through Friday. Please remember to call in all prescriptions 24 hours in advance.

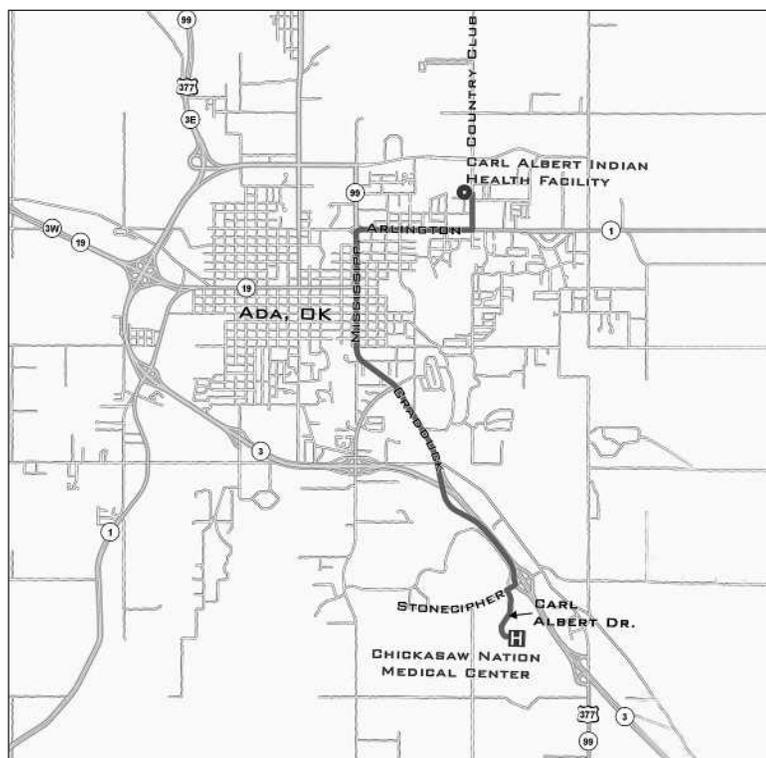
All main phone numbers, including clinic listings, will remain the same. The medical center is in south Ada. Take the Stonecipher exit off State Highway 3. See the map below.

"We look forward to welcoming you into the new facil-

ity and providing the highest quality health care in our new state-of-the-art environment," said Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health administrator.

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

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# Chickasaws have historic blessing of U.S., Chickasaw citizenship

On this July 4, United States Independence Day, we mark the 234<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country's Declaration of Independence from Great Britain.

This day marks the most significant annual celebration for all Americans. We recognize the day our country threw off the yoke of colonialism, and began the battlefield struggle for our fundamental American freedoms.

The American Revolutionary War began in 1776. Real independence was not achieved until the surrender of British Gen. Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781. This American victory was followed by the official recognition of American independence with the 1783 Treaty of Paris.

For those of us who are citizens of both the U.S. and the Chickasaw Nation, July 4 marks a day of celebration. We can celebrate this day, and also recall the contributions Chickasaws have made throughout the history of the U.S.

Chickasaws, and citizens of many other tribal nations, had great impact on the outcome of the Revolutionary War. Our warriors sided with the British in our traditional homeland area of the Southeast. It was only with Chickasaw assistance that the French



**GOV. BILL  
ANOATUBBY**

**Governor,  
the Chickasaw  
Nation**

colonialists were forced to withdraw. With the end of hostilities between the British and Americans, the Chickasaws and Americans made peace.

With the establishment of the United States and the historic presence of the many Indian tribes, the new government quickly recognized the tribes as sovereign entities. This recognition is traced to the "Commerce Clause" of the U.S. Constitution, which empowered the U.S. Congress to regulate commerce with the tribes. Our sovereignty was and is legally derived from this commercial regulation as this element impacted exclusively sovereign foreign powers and sovereign Indian tribes.

Of course, our history as a tribe of long standing with a fully functioning government in what was to become the United States is the bedrock upon which our sovereignty rests.

Each of us understands how we exist as a sovereign nation within the United States, and enjoy the pride of being

citizens of both the U.S. and the Chickasaw Nation. Despite the many hardships over the generations, Indian people have been among the most devoted American citizens. As a population, Indian men and women serve in the U.S. military in much higher proportion

than the U.S. population as a whole. Indians, since the country's establishment, have continually sacrificed to guarantee our American freedoms.

We have embraced the American nation, and all the good things she represents, since our country's inception.

We also treasure our Chickasaw Nation. We have maintained our Chickasaw culture throughout the centuries of federal Indian policy gyrations. We have cherished and preserved our tribal government structure and ensured its survival during times of attempted elimination and total assimilation. Most importantly, we have counted on each other and nurtured the essence of our tribe with the strength of Chickasaw families, friends and fellow citizens.

It is possible to celebrate the birth of the U.S., be a patriotic American citizen, and still be completely loyal and committed to the Chickasaw Nation. People who are not Chickasaw often have trouble understanding our love of both nations.

But for us, our dual citizenship is unique, historic and completely natural.

For both the United States and the Chickasaw Nation, we celebrate the relationship, the freedoms and the sacrifices that have brought us to this point of enjoying all the blessings of being American, and being Chickasaw.

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Anoatubby. "It is our privilege to honor these individuals who have dedicated their lives to educating and serving others."

An award-winning weaver, fiber expert, textile artist and designer, Margaret Roach Wheeler, was one of four Native American fashion designers chosen to speak at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in New York where she also served as Artist in Residence. Mrs. Wheeler has exhibited works at the Museum of Art and Design in New York, the National Museum of the Indian in New York, and the Institute of American Indian Arts, among many others.

She has won numerous awards, including the President's award at Red Earth Festival and Eiteljorg Indian Market Purchase award for the feather cape and kilt she designed for the Chickasaw Nation original production, "Lowak Shoppala." She also won "Best of Class" at the Heard Museum Indian Fair and Market and placed first and second in textiles and the 2009 Southeastern Art Show and market.

Formerly an educator, Mrs. Wheeler is now owner/operator of her company, Mahota Handwovens, designing and marketing hand woven contemporary fashion, costumes, and traditional Native American regalia. She actively participates in Chickasaw Nation events and generously offers her time to teaching Chickasaw youth during the Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy.

Colbert Franklin Hackler received his first fiddle as a Christmas gift at the age of six. It was a gift that opened doors to a career and a lifetime passion for music and teaching.

Born in 1918 in Mannsville, Okla., to Charles Franklin Hackler and Eva Lou Colbert, Mr. Hackler graduated from Ringling (OK) Public Schools in 1935. He received his bachelor's degree in Fine Arts at Oklahoma City University and obtained his master's and doctorate degrees in Music Education at the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Hackler worked as Elk City (OK) Schools music educator for 23 years.

He also worked with the Methodist church choir.

In 1960, he was invited to teach music at the OU Laboratory School in Norman. He went on to receive his tenure from the University and when the laboratory school closed in 1972, he was transferred to the music school on the main campus. He continued to teach until his retirement in 1981.

Mr. Hackler has two children, Sally Jean Bratton and Mary Ann Tullius; five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Mr. Hackler's wife is the late Mary Jean Hackler.

Mr. Hackler was one of 24 Chickasaws honored in Mike Larsen's portrait exhibit, "I Am Very Proud to be Chickasaw." Other honors and awards Mr. Hackler has received include Oklahoma Music Educators Hall of Fame, Oklahoma Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City University Distinguished Alumni Award, and Elk City Alumni Hall of Fame.

Chickasaw Chief Miko Piomingo served his people during the last half of the 18th century, a time of devastating

warfare on many fronts, both Native and European. Piomingo was born about 1750 in a settlement now located north of Tupelo, Miss.

He was a pre-Removal chief who provided strong leadership during the time Chickasaws lived in the homelands. He successfully protected Chickasaw sovereignty.

Chief Piomingo, along with other Chickasaw leaders, acted as statesmen and diplomats. He suffered and survived many personal hardships as he resolved and settled threats to tribal survival both internally and externally through diplomacy.

His vision, resolve, intelligence, respect and leadership led to the Chickasaw people surviving today through many challenging decisions in war and in treaty making. Piomingo met with other Southeastern tribes, with Chickasaw factions, governors of states, with President Washington and the Secretary of War, reaching agreements that benefitted his people.

It has been documented that

Piomingo was married and had one son and one daughter. He died in approximately 1799 and was buried under his home with his favorite possessions.

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

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 525 guests.

Reservations will be accepted beginning July 19. To make reservations, contact Nick Martinez at (580) 310-7903 or email [nick.martinez@chickasaw.net](mailto:nick.martinez@chickasaw.net).

For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame visit [www.chickasaw.net/hof](http://www.chickasaw.net/hof).

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A creation to truly celebrate

# Over 3,000 Chickasaws gather for exclusive opening of Cultural Center



Gov. Bill Anoatubby welcomes thousands of Chickasaw citizens to the exclusive one-day opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center Saturday, June 12 in Sulphur, Okla.

Mike McKee

SULPHUR, Okla. - More than 3,000 Chickasaw citizens and guests from all over the nation gathered Saturday, June 12, 2010, to celebrate the exclusive one-day opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

"The Chickasaw Cultural Center is the place to celebrate, embrace and share the culture and heritage of the great unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We thank you for joining us today in the celebration - celebration not just of a project, but of a creation!"

Located on 109 acres of rolling hills, woodlands and streams adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area near Sulphur, the Center has been the dream of the Chickasaw people since as early as 1960.

The dream was brought to life in October 2000, when more than 1,200 tribal citizens responded to a survey seeking comments and suggestions regarding a Chickasaw Cultural Center. Numerous informal requests by citizens were also considered during planning and construction.

"When I first heard of the concept, planning and development of the Cultural Center, I knew that it would be done with excellence," said Jay Keel, administrator of the Division of Youth and Family. "But I am



Chickasaw citizen Jeremy Wallace demonstrates a traditional craft.

overwhelmed by the finished product. It's second to none." The opening day events included cultural demonstrations, tours, film presentations, free meals and much more.

Special Assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown rang the bell during the opening ceremony, signifying the open doors of the Center.

Earlier in the day, Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees and their families, tribal legislators, officials, employees, citizens and guests joined Gov. Anoatubby in an Honor Garden dedication ceremony.

Oklahoma Congressman Tom Cole, a Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee, described the Cultural Center as "a first class facility" that will draw visitors not just from the state and region, but also from around the country and world.

"It shows how much pride we take in who we are, what we stand for, what our predecessors have accomplished and, frankly, how much we intend to accomplish going forward," said Rep. Cole.

The Center also celebrated "Indian Country Day" Thursday, June 17, when dignitaries from other Native American tribes including Choctaw, Cherokee and Seminole, toured the facility.

The Cultural Center utilizes the latest technology, live demonstrations, multiple exhibits, ancient artifacts and natural outdoor spaces to tell the Chickasaw history.

The exhibits "really give a

feeling and depiction of what the people went through during early stages and removal," according to Ardmore, Okla., resident Ricky Cravatt.

"The way it's laid out - it's right on," the 50-year-old said.

One of the exhibits even made Dr. Tina Cooper "teary-eyed." A painting of a young woman with long hair reminded Dr. Cooper of her grandmother, who died at a young age.

Dr. Cooper, a Chickasaw Nation Division of Health physician, toured with her family.

The Center features more than 96,000 square feet of indoor space, including an Exhibit Center, the Holisso Research Center, a large-format theatre, an amphitheatre, sky terrace, traditional village and several water features on the grounds.

With so much to offer, the Center is a place that needs to be revisited many times, according to sisters Mary Arnold and Carroll Carter.

"This is something that you would do over and over again," said Mrs. Arnold, 69, of Yukon, Okla.

"We just can't wait to come back," said Mrs. Carter, 72, of Oklahoma City.

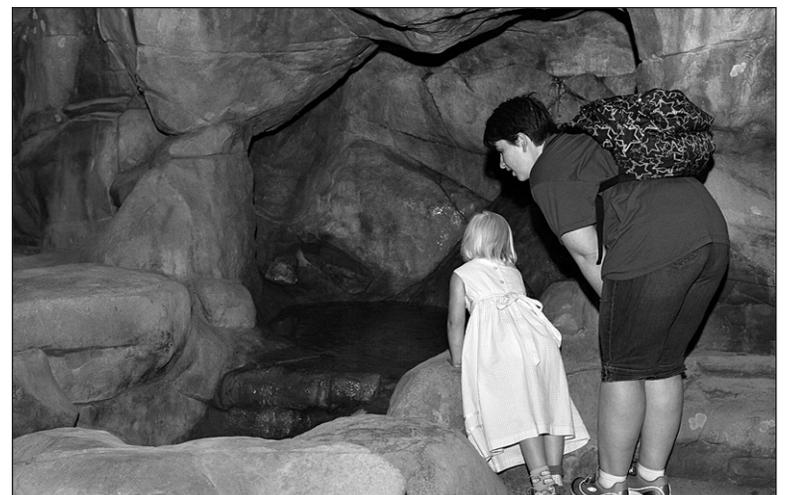
The sisters also said they planned to bring their grandchildren to the Center.

The Center, with its commitment to preserve Chickasaw culture and history through education, appeals to people of all ages.

Tulsa resident Brittney Orr,



Chickasaw citizen Judy Thomas demonstrates the art of weaving mats.



## Spirit Forrest

21, was impressed by the 17-minute "Chickasaw Renaissance" video, where she said she "learned a lot about our history."

The video, along with Chickasaw Nation feature film "Pearl," was screened throughout the day at the Anoli' Theater. "Pearl" is the true story of a Chickasaw girl from Marlow, Okla., who became the youngest licensed pilot in the U.S. in 1928.

Miss Orr also said the interactive exhibits including the holograms, language stations and Spirit Forest, will appeal to young Chickasaws.

"It's a great opportunity to experience the culture firsthand," she said.

The Center is a wonderful, educational place to visit even for non-Chickasaws, said

‘A monument to our people’

# Chickasaw Honor Garden dedicated to works of Hall of Fame inductees



Front row from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John; Mike Larsen, 2000 Hall of Fame Inductee; Tishomingo District legislator Steven Woods; Cmdr. John B. Herrington, 2002 Hall of Fame Inductee; Gov. Bill Anoatubby; Juanita Keel Tate, 2008 Hall of Fame Inductee; Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; Gov. Emeritus Overton James, 1987 Hall of Fame Inductee; Stanley M. Speaks, 2002 Hall of Fame Inductee; Pauline Brown, 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee; and Gene Underwood, 2008 Hall of Fame Inductee. Back row from left, Neal McCaleb, 1999 Hall of Fame Inductee; Zane Browning, 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee; Pickens District legislator Shana Tate Hammond; Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate; Chickasaw Chief Justice Barbara Smith; Oklahoma Congressman Tom Cole (partially obscured), 2004 Hall of Fame Inductee; Pontotoc District legislator Mary Jo Green; and Tishomingo District legislator Scott Colbert (partially obscured).

Mike McKee

SULPHUR, Okla. – The Chickasaw Honor Garden was officially dedicated June 12.

The Honor Garden, a special and unique element of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, features plaques commemorating all the members of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby was joined June 12 by more than 400 people, including Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Inductees and their families, tribal legislators, officials, citizens, employees and guests during

the dedication ceremony.

The event coincided with the exclusive one-day opening of the Cultural Center. More than 3,000 Chickasaw citizens from across the country gathered to celebrate Chickasaw culture, history, traditions and heritage.

A solemn and reflective environment, the Honor Garden commemorates the accomplishments and contributions of the inductees and features granite plaques with laser cut photos.

“The Honor Garden is established to honor the Chickasaw people who have distinguished themselves and the Chickasaw Nation,” said Gov. Anoatubby. “As Chickasaws, it is important we honor our past and we honor the people who have made us successful.”

Describing the Honor Garden as “a monument to our people, history and traditions,” Gov. Anoatubby said the garden, in addition to the 54 inductees, will honor “many more Chickasaws in the years to come.”



Chickasaw citizens visit the Chickasaw Honor Garden during the exclusive one-day opening of the Cultural Center on June 12.

The inductees and their families were welcome to take home the replica of their plaques. New inductees will be added to the honor garden as inductions occur.

As visitors walk around the peaceful garden, they see the various achievements of the inductees.

Cmdr. John B. Herrington, USN (ret.), a 2002 Hall of Fame Inductee and NASA astronaut, said he was hopeful a walk through the Honor Garden would inspire other Chickasaws.

Pauline Brown, a 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee, said she never thought that she “would ever be pictured like that.”

“It is a great honor,” Mrs. Brown said.

A fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language and a revered Chickasaw elder, Mrs. Brown also said the garden would inspire the Chickasaw generations to come.

“My granddaughter is so happy to see that picture and she knows the meaning of honor,” she said.

Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John, who attended the ceremony with Mrs. Brown, said she was proud to see the granite likeness of her grandmother in the Honor Garden.

The Honor Garden, Lauren said, was her favorite part of the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

The Honor Garden architecture is an original design by the Chickasaw Nation graphic design team of Harley Lewis, Stacy Lane, Jeannie Barbour and David Ballard. The design is inspired by the four directions and incorporates spiral symbols indicative of traditional Chickasaw culture. It also

features swirling walls and DMX lighting that can create 1,600 lighting combinations.

At the center of the garden is a granite fountain adorned with copper feathers and natural stone. Built as an official Oklahoma Centennial Project, the fountain sits in a pool of flowing water which is directed down a path through the garden and then seemingly disappears into the landscape.

Construction of the Honor Garden and the fountain, which began in 2007 and concluded in 2009, was overseen by the tribal Division of Housing and Tribal Development, which was also involved in the planning and development of the entire project.

1999 Hall of Fame Inductee Neal McCaleb said it was “inspirational” to him and his family to be in the Honor Garden with his great-grandfather Colbert Ashalatubbi Burris.

Mr. Burris, who played a key role in the Chickasaw history by serving as an interpreter for the Dawes Commission at the enrollment of the Chickasaws, was posthumously inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 1994. He died in 1907.

“The Honor Garden is going to give us a firm foundation of our history and that will point the way to future,” Mr. McCaleb said.

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Granite plaques of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Inductees line the Honor Garden walls.

## Legislature confers honor on the life of 'Buck' Cheadle

**H**ello again! I hope your summer is going well and providing opportunities to do whatever it is you enjoy.

Last month during our June session, the Chickasaw Legislature was honored to approve a resolution in tribute to Mr. Overton "Buck" Cheadle. Buck passed away in May after a brave and long fought battle with cancer and during his lifetime he served this tribe in many capacities to the enrichment and betterment of the Chickasaw Nation and Chickasaw citizens. He was an educator, coach, counselor, former Legislator and, more importantly, a good friend and mentor to many.



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I will remember Buck as an encourager, supporter and friend who always brought positive energy and optimism my way whenever I was lucky enough to get to see him. He also took time on many occasions to visit about our shared heritage and ancestry and how we were more than friends but "family." Those discoveries are invaluable to me and I sorely miss my special "cousin."

Our tribute to Buck Cheadle was in the form of an established scholarship in his name that will help to educate a Chickasaw student wishing to pursue a degree in the field of teaching or coaching. The scholarship will be administered by

the Chickasaw Foundation.

If you don't know about the work of the Chickasaw Foundation, I encourage you to visit their website at <http://www.chickasawfoundation.org>. I also encourage you to consider the Chickasaw Foundation in your giving plans as there are so many ways to help provide opportunities for Chickasaws. From general donations to donating to one of many major-specific scholarships, your monetary participation in the Chickasaw Foundation helps promote higher education for Chickasaws and is also tax-deductible.

You can even make your donation on-line through the website if you so desire. And also remember the foundation for memorial donations when a loved one passes. A memorial donation is a special way of remembering your loved one while also helping others at the same time. Acknowledgement cards are sent to family members upon a donation being received by the Chickasaw Foundation.

As the hottest days of summer linger on, I hope you find relief and also enjoyment in the activities that come with the season.

Yakoke!

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## Calls received from citizen living in England

**J**uly 2010. Remember when we worried what would happen when 1999 changed to the year 2000? Here we are, 10 years later going strong! This month we celebrated America's independence but lets' not forget OUR independence as a sovereign nation- THE CHICKASAW NATION. Many events have happened to bring us to where we are now. I encourage each of you to continue sharing family history with the upcoming generations. I try to relate bits and pieces to my sons now. One day, as they grow older, the seeds I planted will take root and they shall take up the flame and carry on.



**BETH  
ALEXANDER**

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Recently, I received not one but 2 calls from a citizen living abroad in England! Greetings to you, Deena and Jean, it was exciting to learn about your homeland and family story. I look forward to sharing more correspondence with you and seeing pictures of your artistic creations. Thank you for taking the time to call. It is nice to receive feedback from other Chickasaws.

Last month was the opening of the Cultural Center in Sulphur, OK. While there, I saw Mrs. Joan Lenox (pronounced Joann). She shared with me her family history. Her past and present are steeped with many military veterans of the Navy. As of to date- there have been eight veterans and currently, there are another 6 on active duty. Every Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day, Joan proudly display's her step father, (Hascle Batts) flag.

I hope you remember to participate in our Tribal elections this summer. If you have not voted in the regular elections, perhaps you can catch the run off races! Remember, your vote is a voice for you and your family!

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

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Home of Joan Lenox.

## Water issues moving to front burner in state

**H**ello Everyone,  
July is such a busy time for the Chickasaw Nation and its citizens and I hope everyone is having a great summer.

As you all know, the Gulf Coast states are dealing with the huge oil spill that is damaging their wetlands, ruining their beaches and putting millions of people out of work. Experts are saying that this disaster could have consequences for 20 years or more on the land and wildlife. Residents there feel as if they are battling for their lives to protect and save their natural resources.

Currently the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations are in a battle of their own over a very precious natural resource, water. The water rights of the Native tribes who were relocated to Oklahoma during removal to land given to them by the federal government are now in question by the state. Recent articles published in *the Oklahoman* have stated that Sardis Lake, which was built in southeastern Oklahoma during the 1970s, by the Army Corps of Engineers, has not been paid for yet.

The state of Oklahoma owes a reportedly \$27 million debt for construction of the lake with a \$5.2 million payment due on July 1, 2010. Not only has the debt not been settled, now the state wants to sell the water to The Oklahoma City Water Utility Trust for use in the city and surrounding areas. The water would be piped from the southeastern part of the state to cities throughout central Oklahoma.

Both tribes have sent letters to the state requesting they be considered in the decision making process of what happens to the water in the future.

Also this month is election time. Tribal Legislators are campaigning for their seats in 3 out of the 4 districts. Voting is such a special right we all need to embrace.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center will be open for patients by July 30, 2010. The state of the art medical center will be the new home for outpatient as well as inpatient services.

For the month of April 2010 there were 452 Internal Medicine visits, 1,018 Emergency department visits, 958 Pediatric visits, 2,712 Same Day Clinic visits, and 3,241 Family Practice visits including satellite clinics

Total deliveries for April were 51, General Surgery cases performed were 282, and 447 general surgery visits were conducted.

Jesse Howell, DDS, is a board certified dentist who has been working part time in the Dental department and as of July will become full time. Starting July 26, 2010, Nazhone Yazzie, M.D., will join the surgery team at The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. In May, Internal Medicine had 444 visits, Emergency Department visits were 1,053, Pediatric visits were 621, same Day Clinic were 2,497 and Family Practice visits were 3,660, including satellite clinics.

A total of 47 deliveries were made in May, general surgery cases were 259, with 386 general surgery visits were made.

Thank you,  
Connie Barker



**CONNIE  
BARKER**

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## Cultural Center now a 'must see' destination

**H**ello, Everyone!  
Happy Summertime – I do believe it has arrived!  
The opening of the Cultural Center was all that was expected for such an extraordinary place – and more! It was a wonderful event with hundreds in attendance. Much viewing and visiting by everyone there. A great place and time for fellowship as we came together to see all the Center has to offer. It is definitely a destination place as it reflects where we have been and where and who we Chickasaws are. It is a place where many dreams have some to reality and I wish all of you could be fortunate enough to see for yourselves. If you are coming to Festival in October be sure and add a day for a trip to Sulphur. You will be glad you did!



**LINDA BRIGGS**

Chickasaw  
Tribal  
Legislature

And speaking of gathering – The time of my Chickasaw family reunion fast approaches. There will be approximately 200 of us there at our family park, the Minnie Liddell Park, which is a 16-acre tract of original allotment land belonging to my maternal grandmother Minnie Keel Liddell. Many years ago she had the land set aside and dedicated as a family park. Many improvements have been made and kept updated in the years since and it is a wonderful legacy that she left us. There is a fully equipped

cookhouse and outside cooking facilities which are very much utilized not only at Reunion but a number of times throughout the year as family events are held there. The park is fenced, has lighting and bathrooms and as a family we have a lot for which to be thankful. The reunion is held the week and weekend closest to the 4th of July and there will be a number of 6th generation attendees present. The swimming hole gets a good workout and the Reunion is wrapped up with a huge, specially "choreographed" fireworks display on the last night. Cousin Mark Liddell is in charge of that project and he does a great job. Many people from surrounding communities come down for the show.

The 4th of July is a good time for a gathering as we are reminded of how fortunate we are in these United States for the freedoms and privileges that are ours. Let us never forget all those servicemen and women who serve and have served to give us this incredible gift.

Moving into our new hospital has begun and will be completed in July when ambulances line up to move the patients. How great it is to be Chickasaw!

All of you stay safe in the heat and as you travel and may your days be pleasant! God bless you.

Linda Briggs

### Citizens At-Large Help Number

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

## Thanks to candidates for being involved with tribe

**H**ello Everyone,  
Chickasaw elections are underway! I want to thank all the people who filed for office. I respect and appreciate what filing for office illustrates. First, having the strength, courage and resolve to participate in our government as a new candidate for office is very admirable. Second, putting up the required \$500 filing fee and funding a competitive campaign is a hefty commitment and sacrifice that some worthy individuals cannot make. Putting one's self, "out there", risking ridicule and judgment because the desire to serve is greater than one's ego is worthy of our praise and sincere consideration.



**KATIE CASE**

Chickasaw  
Tribal  
Legislature

Four candidates filed for legislative Seat 5 of the Pontotoc District. One, Jerry Imotichey, was disqualified by the election commission. He did not resign from his contract job with the Chickasaw Nation's Fluent Speakers Program prior to filing. Imotichey's disqualification leaves three candidates. Long-time Carl Albert Hospital employee Mark Johnson, incumbent, Mary Jo Green, and Todd Griffith, owner of Newcastle area's TG Farms remain to run for Seat 5.

In the Pickens District, down around Ardmore, there are three candidates, Linda Briggs is the incumbent and has occupied the seat for many years. The new challengers are Chickasaw artisan, Daniel Worcester and Mike Watson.

In the Panola District, Beth Alexander, Ellen Flowers and Beryl Sears are running for Seat 1.

Timothy Colbert is running unchallenged for Seat 2 in the Tishomingo District because Joyce Wesley, like Imotichey in the Pontotoc District, was disqualified by the election commission because she did not resign from her contract job with the Chickasaw Nation.

Please consider each candidate. Understand that a lack of campaign material from any one candidate does not mean the candidate is not viable. It takes tens of thousands of dollars to send mailers and make calls.

There will be a special edition of *the Chickasaw Times*, spotlighting each candidate. Please read it and use the contact information for each candidate to be proactive in contacting them. Ask them why they are running. See if their agenda is aligned with your concerns, and the concerns your family and your Chickasaw friends and neighbors.

The ballots were mailed out on June 28. They have to be mailed back and received at the Ada, Oklahoma Post Office no later than 10:30 a.m. on July 27. If you haven't yet received your ballot, call Rita Loder at (580) 310-6475 or (888) 661-0137.

Please vote. Every vote counts and matters. You Matter!

Respectfully,  
Katie

## Our tribe is thriving despite the economic environment

**H**ello Everyone,  
Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the Chickasaw Cultural Center's opening day and the dedication of the Honor Garden on June 12.  
It was great to see so many of our people together in one place enjoying our accomplishments and heritage. To those of you who were unable to attend at this time, I want to encourage you to make plans in the next few months to make the trip to Sulphur, Oklahoma. You will be truly amazed at what we have accomplished.



**NANCY ELLIOTT**

Chickasaw  
Tribal  
Legislature

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is a place where we will want to return again and again. In fact, it's almost impossible to experience everything in one trip.

The exhibits are state of the art, each one tells part of the Chickasaw story; the buildings are beautiful and spacious; the tribal village is a great place to take your children and grandchildren to participate in traditional crafts, such as beading, bow making, and weaving; or you may even be able to join in with a stickball game. The Honor Garden is beautiful and peaceful, a wonderful place to sit and reflect on the accomplishments of the many special people, who have contributed their gifts and talents for the

betterment of the Chickasaw people.

Everyone I spoke with at the opening was in awe and felt so proud to be Chickasaw. When we work together, we can make great things happen!

Another great thing that will soon be happening is the opening of our new hospital. By the first of August, many of you will be having your medical needs met in a brand new state of the art medical facility. This will mean more doctors and staff, including dental services. I know that has been a great need for so long.

As we continue to grow our businesses, we can continue to grow our services. We are very blessed in the Chickasaw Nation. In spite of the present state of the economy, we have been able to thrive.

Please have a great, safe summer and let me know if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,

Nancy

Pontotoc District Seat 2

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## Many opportunities during summer for our students

**H**ello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee! It is an exciting but hectic time in the Chickasaw Nation with election campaigns in full swing. Most of you have already received your special election edition of *the Chickasaw Times* so you know who your choices are. Your ballot will be mailed to you right after the 4th of July and it will be counted on Tuesday, July 28. Be sure to mark your ballot correctly, put it in the secret envelope, then in the mailing envelope as soon



**MARY JO GREEN**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

as possible. Ballots received after 10 a.m. on July 28 will not be counted. I believe that voting is not just a privilege, but a responsibility of tribal membership. So, please vote!

The Nation provides many opportunities for students this summer. Some students take school courses for which financial aid is available. A lot of Indian youth ages 14 through 21 are working full or part time in various tribal offices and programs in the two Summer Youth programs. Quite often these jobs are the first for the students and it provides them with education and experience for the rules of work, how to dress properly, manage time, etc. These jobs give them experience to put on their resumes

when they begin to seek out other employment. The Division of Education and Division of Youth and Family Services offer many camps during the summer. Camps are also sponsored by the Division of Arts and Humanities, the Lighthorse Police Department and the Judicial Department. Information on these camps can be found at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net).

The Child Care Assistance Program served 293 Native American participants for the month of May. Of those, 197 were Chickasaw. During the month of May, the Child Development Center served 183 children and the Sick Child Care Center served 84 children. Year-to-date (October through May) the At Large Tutoring Reimbursement Program has provided \$18,785.24 for tutoring Chickasaw children. Also year-to-date, \$113,765.00 has been provided to Chickasaw students for Outstanding Achievement, getting all A's, all A's and B's and/or perfect attendance. We are so blessed to be able to support our children in these ways!

In closing, may God's blessings be on each of you Chickasaws where ever you are.

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. Thank you.

## Lots of great activities for kids at the Cultural Center

**G**reat accomplishments typically come from a great deal of preparation and planning. That was the case with the recent grand opening events at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. From the special dedication of the Honor Garden to the dancing and singing, it was a very proud day for all Chickasaws!

The traditional dress worn by so many was such a treat to see. Chickasaws were adorned in so many colors. It was such a nice addition to the festivities. I was pleased to see that our traditional attire is displayed in the gift shop, along with all the books published by the Chickasaw Press.



**SHANA HAMMOND**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

For those of you who didn't have the opportunity to attend, I encourage you to take your family. It will be open to the public on July 24. It's a very family-friendly center with interactive activities for children. You can walk through the simulated trees and river, getting a taste of what life was like for our ancestors. Children and adults can learn Chickasaw words by listening to the pronunciation, then repeating it back into a microphone. You can see an astronaut's suit worn by our very own John Herrington, the first American Indian astronaut in the United States space program, or walk down to the Chickasaw

village and play stick ball.

Please take the time to visit this beautiful center. We are so fortunate to have something like this for the Chickasaw people. I would like to thank Amanda Cobb-Greetham for all her hard work and planning for such a successful event.

God Bless,  
Shana Tate Hammond

## Balloon launch, Walk in the Park, Family Fun Day scheduled during 'Child Support Awareness Month'

Mark your calendars to join the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services during the month of August to celebrate Child Support Awareness Month.

"The Chickasaw Nation works hard to provide the best opportunities for children and families," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "By taking part in Child Support Awareness Month, we can continue to keep children and families our top priority."

Bring your friends and family to celebrate during the following events:

**August 2**

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

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

**August 14**

9 a.m. - Walk in the Park

Wintersmith Park, Ada

**August 21**

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Family Fun Day

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

Child Support Awareness Month is nationally recognized each year during the month of August to focus on the importance of providing financial support for children. Child Support Awareness Month recognizes child support professionals and parents who are committed to making a difference in the lives of children emotionally and financially.

In an effort to create awareness in the Ada area, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services is once again conducting its tribal child support awareness campaign known as "I Love My Child."

Each year millions of children nationwide are financially affected by parental separations. To help combat those statistics, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services is cracking down on unfulfilled child support obligations by assisting families in the state of Oklahoma.

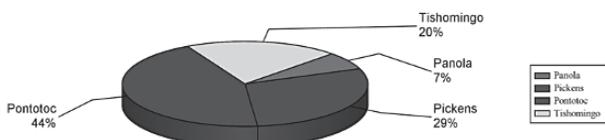
In 2009, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services collected and distributed more than \$3.4 million in child support; established or acknowledged paternity for more than 1,600 children; and established new child support orders for more than 1,900 families. The Chickasaw Nation Child Support Services program continues its efforts to improve and exceed previous accomplishments in the upcoming year.

For more information about Child Support Awareness month or assistance in child support services, call (866) 431-3419 or visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net).

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

### Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,727	Pontotoc	11,259
Pickens	7,236	Tishomingo	5,090
		<b>Total</b>	<b>25,312</b>



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Chickasaw citizens visit the exhibits in the Chickasaw Cultural Center June 12 in Sulphur, Okla.



Chickasaw citizens gather at the Amphitheatre on the Chickasaw Cultural Center grounds for the official opening ceremony Saturday, June 12. Photo by Mike McKee.

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator of Division of History, Research and Scholarship.

community to enjoy," she said. "This is a place about education and history. There is something here for everyone to come and enjoy and learn."

She also said the Center would be offering beading, weaving and language classes for everyone.

Though the Center honors

the Chickasaw past, it is a "living cultural center," according to Dr. Cobb-Greetham.

"That's why it's a cultural center and not a museum," she

said. "This is a place where culture happens – alive, vibrant and dynamic!"

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

## Investments in health, education programs lead the way

### 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, pre-

scription 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 May 31, 2010

#### Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$9.6 million for the month and \$92.6 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$6.4 million for the month and \$56.9 million year-to-date.

#### Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for May totaled \$80.9 million and \$598.9 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$26.8 million for the month and \$186.2 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$49.2 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

#### Statement of Net Assets

At May 31, 2010, the tribal government funds had \$112 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$17.6

million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$144 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

#### Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2010

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
<b>Revenues</b>			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 4,311,194	598,914,662	603,225,856
Total funds available	88,385,150	(88,385,150)	-
	92,696,344	510,529,512	603,225,856
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General government	5,254,189		5,254,189
Legislature	1,301,856		1,301,856
Judiciary	793,241		793,241
Education	10,516,286		10,516,286
Heritage Preservation	6,799,759		6,799,759
Health	10,461,439		10,461,439
Youth and Family Services	5,787,612		5,787,612
Nutrition Programs	3,052,402		3,052,402
Regulatory	4,343,557		4,343,557
Assistance Programs	8,605,450		8,605,450
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		338,360,790	338,360,790
Other businesses' expense		122,931,893	122,931,893
Total expenditures	56,915,792	461,292,683	518,208,475
Increase in net assets	35,780,551	49,236,830	85,017,381
Beginning net assets	370,632,351	495,790,033	866,422,384
Ending net assets	\$ 406,412,902	545,026,862	951,439,765

#### Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets May 31, 2010

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 112,050,935	144,522,008	256,572,943
Receivables	41,074,342	33,941,201	75,015,543
Inventory		4,729,930	4,729,930
Prepaid expenses		12,851,086	12,851,086
Other Assets		20,447,076	20,447,076
Fixed assets	253,623,855	515,493,044	769,116,899
Less payables	(336,230)	(186,957,482)	(187,293,712)
Net Assets	\$ 406,412,902	545,026,862	951,439,765

# Over 1,000 gather at Kullihoma for annual Chikasha Reunion

KULLIHOMA - More than 1,000 tribal citizens from across the country gathered at Kullihoma June 4-5 to celebrate Chickasaw culture and tradition at the annual Chikasha Reunion.

Activities for the two-day reunion featured traditional activities including the youth

fishing derby, traditional meals, stomp dances, cornstalk shooting, archery and blow dart competitions, loksi races and stickball games.

This was Stephanie Dameron's first time attending the reunion.

"It's been really neat to see all of the demonstrations and

to meet up with other Chickasaws, said the Pauls Valley resident.

"I'm hoping to come back every year and make it a tradition for our family."

This year's reunion marked the beginning of Chikasha Poya Cultural Week.

Chikasha Poya Cultural Week

featured activities at tribal cultural sites prefacing the exclusive opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center for Chickasaw citizens.

Patsy Boynton traveled from Texas to participate in Chikasha Poya events and to attend the citizen's day at the Cultural Center.

After a visit to the Council House Museum, Mrs. Boynton said the activities were "a great way to begin what many Chickasaws consider a dream come true."

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



Marcy Gray

Youth prepare for their turtles for the loksi races.



Council House Museum Education Specialist Susan Webb instructs Patsy Boynton, Natalie Gray and Nathan Gray on how to make cornhusk dolls during Chikasha Poya Week.



Jeremy Wallace demonstrates cornstalk shooting.

## Chickasaw Clemente course enrollment deadline is Aug. 12

Deadline for enrollment in the Fall 2010 Chickasaw Clemente I Humanities Study course is Thursday, August 12.

The college-level course is worth three credit hours and will be offered at East Central University in Ada, Okla., and at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla.

Sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts in Humanities, the Clemente course focuses on the history, language and culture of the

Chickasaw people.

Participants in the Clemente I course will study Chickasaw subject matter in depth and contrast the culture with the same components of western civilizations.

Dates for the course at East Central University are August 19 through December 9. The class will be every Thursday night from 6:30 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.

The Murray State College course will be from 6 to 8:40

p.m. on Monday nights, August 16 through December 13.

Chickasaw citizens may be eligible for tuition scholarships offered exclusively for the Clemente courses through the Division of Arts and Humanities.

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

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## July 22 Holba' Kana'li film is 'When Your Hands Are Tied'

"When Your Hands Are Tied" is the selected screening for the July 22 installment of the Holba' Kana'li Film Series.

The documentary, produced by Mia Boccella and Marley Shebala, spotlights the unique ways several young natives balance their cultures with the contemporary world.

"When Your Hands Are Tied" also features role models who find exciting and positive ways

to direct the lives of American Indian youth.

During the film, viewers will meet Navajo rappers and punk rock musicians, Apache skateboarders and the Governor of the Nambe Pueblo.

The film will be shown at 6 p.m. at the tribe's McSwain Theatre in downtown Ada. Tickets will be available at the door or can be ordered at [www.mcswaintheatre.com](http://www.mcswaintheatre.com)

"When Your Hands Are Tied" was an official selection at 2006's American Indian Film Festival and at the 2007 Palm Springs Native American Film Festival. For more information on the film, visit [www.whenyourhandsaretied.org](http://www.whenyourhandsaretied.org).

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

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

## Deadline for language sports camp signup is July 23; camp set for Aug. 5-7

Application deadline for Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo (The Youth Are Playing) Chickasaw Language Sports Camp is 5 p.m., Friday, July 23.

This unique camp will take place August 5-7. The camp promotes the use of the Chickasaw language in an interactive, athletic environment.

Participants will enjoy sports such as To'li' (stickball), basketball, softball, volleyball and soccer as well as other related games and activities.

Daily locations for the camp are: Thursday, Aug. 5, Chickasaw Community Center, Tishomingo, Okla.; Friday, Aug. 6, Carter Seminary Gym, Ardmore, Okla.; Saturday, Aug. 7, First Baptist Church Life Center, Marlow, Okla.

For more information, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator at [rachel.wedlow@chickasaw.net](mailto:rachel.wedlow@chickasaw.net) or (580) 272-5540.

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# Adult, youth Chickasaw artists acclaimed at Red Earth



The Chickasaw Dance Troupe marches in the grand parade opening this year's Red Earth Festival.

Marcy Gray

OKLAHOMA CITY - This year's Red Earth Festival provided the venue for several Chickasaw artists and dancers to share their talents with Native Americans from across the nation. It also afforded four tribal youths the unique opportunity to serve as official event photographers.

The festival opened Friday, June 18 with the traditional grand parade and ran through the weekend at Oklahoma City's Cox Convention Center.

Tribal citizens recognized in the 2010 Red Earth/AT&T Art Competition were textile artist Margaret Roach Wheeler and blade smith Daniel Worcester.

Mrs. Wheeler took second place in the Clothing/Textile category with "Niah Hullo Nafoka---Sunday Dress." Mr. Worcester took second in the Diversified category with

"Dancer."

Skylar Nucosee won first place in the Teen Boys' Grass Dance category of the Dance Competition.

Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Worcester and Skylar were among several Chickasaw citizens to enter in the highly competitive contests. This year, Red Earth hosted more than 1,200 artists and dancers from across the country.

Representatives from the Chickasaw Young Artists Studio also entered original artwork in the Red Earth Youth Competition.

Michaela Milligan's "Buffalo Hair Bag" won second place in the Division II (ages 13-15) Cultural Items category, and Ryan Rico's photograph "The Colley Tree" earned third place.

Sadie Criswell, Mercedes Milligan and Kelli Case also

entered artwork.

Ryan Rico and Mercedes Milligan, along with fellow Chickasaw Young Artists Studio participants Taloa Underwood and Masheli Billy, played an additional part in the festival.

The four had the opportunity to serve as event photographers and obtain photos for use in the Red Earth Organization's promotions and publications.

Chickasaw Young Artists Studio strives to give aspiring artists experience and opportunities including intensive in-studio mentoring, competitions and portfolio building.

Instructor Trina Jones said photographing Red Earth events fulfilled the mission.

"These young photographers received real world experience," she said. "They were expected to conduct themselves as professionals and they learned a



Chickasaw textile artist Margaret Roach Wheeler, left, chats with a patron at her booth at the Red Earth Festival. Mrs. Wheeler placed second in the Clothing/Textiles category of the art competition.

lot about the process of event photography."

Mrs. Jones estimated the students obtained a total of 4,000 photos.

"I am happy to say that I believe our students gained a strong set of portfolio action and portraiture shots," Mrs. Jones said.

Masheli Billy, who has a long-standing interest in photogra-

phy, said the experience was unbelievable.

"It's been great. So much fun!" he said.

"Who would've thought a 16-year-old like me would be shooting the largest Native American event in Oklahoma?"

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From left, Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John, Miss Chickasaw Jessie Miller and Jr. Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker at the 2010 Red Earth Festival parade Friday, June 18, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

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'To enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people'

## Tribal Housing administrator recognized for dedication to tribe's mission



Governor Bill Anoatubby, second from left, along with tribal housing authority board members Larry Ennis, left, Carla Miller, second from right and Carlyle Hill, far right, present Division of Housing and Tribal Development administrator Wayne Scriber a formal resolution commending his professional accomplishments.

Mike McKee

Chickasaw Nation Housing Authority Commissioners recently honored tribal Housing and Tribal Development Division administrator Wayne Scriber for his many years of service and dedication to the Chickasaw people.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby along with tribal housing authority board members Larry Ennis, Carlyle Hill, Bill Johnson and Carla Miller presented Mr. Scriber a formal resolution commending his professional accomplishments.

The presentation was June 15 at tribal headquarters in Ada, Okla.

"Everything Mr. Scriber accomplishes certainly meets our mission, to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people," said Gov. Anoatubby.

"We have one of the best housing programs in the Nation, and it takes everyone working together to make it a success."

Board chairman Ennis said, "As a board we felt like Wayne had been doing a good job, we have seen an enormous growth. He always represents the Chickasaw Nation with honor and dignity, and this citation is a way to express our appreciation."

Mr. Scriber, a Chickasaw, has devoted more than half his life in service to the Chickasaw citizens, and has established real and tangible benefits that have enhanced and improved the lives of the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

He began working for the tribe in 1982 on a field construction crew. He has served

as Housing and Tribal Development administrator since 1999.

His memberships and professional affiliations include National American Indian Housing Council, Southern Plains Indian Housing Association, AMERIND Risk Management Corporation.

"Home ownership for Chickasaws is one of Governor Anoatubby's highest priorities and our accomplishments would not be possible without Governor's leadership and vision," said Mr. Scriber.

Mr. Scriber also credited the hard work of the entire Housing and Tribal Development Division staff for the success of the Chickasaw Nation housing program.

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## Chickasaw man promoted to flag officer



Rear Adm. Richie Grinnell, left, Nashville Area Indian Health Service Director, officiates Rear Adm. Kevin D. Meeks' oath of office as his wife Janice Meeks looks on May 28.

A Chickasaw citizen and Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service director took his oath of office in a promotion ceremony well attended by family, friends and IHS personnel Friday, May 28.

Kevin D. Meeks was promoted to Rear Admiral Lower Half in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, April 5.

"I am feeling humbled and quite honored," said Rear Adm. Meeks before the ceremony, which was attended by more than 25 family members.

"I never thought this would happen to me."

The "very notable life achievement" includes Rear Adm. Meeks in an elite leadership group representing less than one percent of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps strength, said Capt. Paul McSherry, Director of Division of Commissioned Personnel Support at IHS.

Currently, there are seven flag officers in IHS.

Rear Adm. Meeks, grandson of the late Bygimie (Perry) Parker, an original enrollee,

said that Chickasaw heritage has always been an important part of him.

"Her strength and desire to do the right thing were instilled in me through my mother and my father," he said. "I just want to do what's right with the people."

Rear Adm. Meeks' commitment to helping "American Indian and Alaska Native communities reach their full potential" was lauded by Rear Adm. Charles W. Grim, former IHS director, who described Rear Adm. Meeks as a "visionary individual."

Rear Adm. Meeks, who has more than 23 years of experience in environmental health services, self governance negotiations and public health, was named the Director of Oklahoma City Area IHS in February 2009. As a director, he is responsible for the delivery of primary and preventive health services to over 318,000 American Indian and Alaska Native patients.

He is the son of Laruth (Parker) and Don Meeks of Ada, Okla. He lives in Tuttle, Okla., with his wife Janice. The Meeks have three children Alicia, Kayla and Cole, and two grandchildren.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

## 'National Night Out' community anti-crime event set for August 3

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation, the city of Ada, and East Central University have teamed up once again to host National Night Out (NNO) from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, August 3 at the East Central University mall area.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime and drug prevention event that heightens awareness and strengthens participation in local anticrime efforts.

Locally, the nationally-recognized event gives people of the Ada community the opportunity to interact with several law enforcement agencies, including Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police, Ada Police, and EMS crews. Local fire departments, search and rescue teams, and other agencies also participate in the event.

"National Night Out highlights the daily cooperative efforts between tribal, state and local agencies to keep our communities safe and secure," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We are pleased to be a part of this special night."

Food, entertainment, education and information booths, and fun games for kids will highlight the evening. Guest musicians and special demonstrations are also on tap.

All activities are free and open to the public.

NNO was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in 1984 as a way to increase participation in neighborhood watch participation. Since its inception, the nationwide program has grown to reach 37 million people. Ada is one of over 15,000 communities around the nation and Canada, and on military bases expected to take part in the 2010 edition of the event.

Last year, approximately 1,000 community members attended the Ada event, making the local NNO effort one of the largest in the state.

The 2009 Ada event was honored for the fourth consecutive year as one of the best in the United States. It was ranked 18th in cities with population less than 15,000 citizens.

The Chickasaw Nation, the city of Ada and East Central University have shared the award for from the NATW five times in six years.

For more information or to participate by providing an activity booth or demonstration, contact Matt Folsom at (580) 272-5509.

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## School to Work program 'a real blessing'

### *Tribal program accommodates balance among school, work and family*



Natosha Lynn Shelton

The Chickasaw Nation School to Work Program is helping at least one student balance family, school and work successfully.

Family is important for Natosha Lynn Shelton.

"My kids come before anything," she said.

The Chickasaw Nation School to Work Program student is a mother of a 7-year-old and a 3-year-old.

She is also a senior at East Central (OK) University with a human services counseling major and psychology minor. She also works as a receptionist at the Chickasaw Nation Re-Entry Transitional Employment office in Ardmore.

Ms. Shelton credits her ability to balance family, school and work to the School to Work Program.

The program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional

Chickasaw students earn their educations while maintaining employment through an on-the-job training program. Students are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for their efforts.

"This has been a real blessing," the 29-year-old Ardmore resident said. "With School to Work, I have my 40 hours, study time as well as family time."

But things weren't so easy when she was working on her associates degree in Ardmore. At the time, she was also working, first as a community health representative and later as a summer youth counselor

in Tishomingo. She spent 45 minutes each way driving to and from work and school.

With so much time spent traveling as well as in school and work, she was missing out on family time.

However, she is able to "do it all" this time with the help of the School to Work Program and its career counselors.

"They just help us to be as comfortable as we can be for what we need to do to keep our grades up," she said.

Ms. Shelton maintains an overall 3.8 grade point average and expects to graduate in May 2011. She intends on earning a master's degree and owning a

counseling center.

She said she wanted to give back by working with families.

"Everybody has their problems," she said. "But if you don't have a family, then you don't have anything. Families just make lives a whole lot easier."

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

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## *Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi students engage state history, government*



Members of the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program with Gov. Bill Anoatubby, third row left, at the Chickasaw Cultural Center on the June 12 opening. Front row, from left, Micah Hart and Aaron John. Second row, from left, Kevin Tiger, Shannon Brown, Maegan Bridgeman, Shelby Parnacher, Autumn Underwood, Lorie Barnett, and Morgan Rutledge. Third row, from left, Gov. Anoatubby, Amber Wright, Desiree Lyon, and Catie Newport. Fourth row, from left, Seth Tinsley, Nathan Landerous, Jared Alexander, Kash Smith, and Chase Horton.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi members spent a day learning more about state history and government during a May 26 trip to Oklahoma State capitol.

The high school students toured the capitol, the Oklahoma Governor's mansion and the Oklahoma City Zoo. For Macee Wyatt, Ada, it was her first trip to the Oklahoma capitol. She also had her first experience at watching state government in action from the House Gallery.

"It was not what I expected," she said after watching the House of Representatives during their final days of session.

She was impressed with the architecture and history of the

state buildings.

"I love the ceiling, and the pillars."

Dillon Richardson, of Madill, was impressed with the art work in the capitol.

The students were in for a surprise when they discovered one of their own members, Micah Hart, had found a piece of his father's art work in the Capitol art gallery.

A highlight of the day was lunch with State Representative Lisa Billy, R-Purcell.

State Rep. Billy, a Chickasaw, shared her experiences with the group.

"The first day I walked into this building was the day I was sworn in," she said.

She urged the young people

to be active in both tribal government and state and local government.

"You have dual citizenship," she said. "It's important to be active in both governments. The only way we can have a presence is for you to step out of your comfort zone."

Several members of the Native American Caucus also spoke to the group, including, Representatives T.W. Shannon (Chickasaw), Ann Coody, Paul Wesselhoft, Lee Denney and Steve Martin.

Todd Thomsen, the state representative from Ada, also spoke to the group as did Chickasaw citizen Frank Johnson, Jr.

State Rep. Billy said the luncheon was rewarding for the lawmakers as well as the students.

"They inspired us with their aspirations for the future."

"It was my pleasure to organize the members of the Native America Caucus to visit and encourage the next generation of leaders. I am extremely grateful the Chickasaw Nation offers this leadership opportunity for high school students."

The day ended with a lesson on animal training and a tour of the Oklahoma City Zoo.

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State Rep. Lisa Billy, front row, left, hosted the youth leaders during a tour of the Oklahoma State Capitol May 26. Pictured first row, from left, Rep. Billy, Catie Newport, Zack Stepps, Nathan Landerous, Micah Hart, Macee Wyatt, and Autumn Underwood. Second row, from left, Kevin Tiger, Holly Flowers, Shannon Brown, Morgan Rutledge, Jermy Cox, Desiree Lyon, Dylan Richardson, Kim Ross, and Lori Barrett. Third row, from left, Ashlee White, Chase Horton, Jared Alexander, Sami Walker, Amber Wright, Devin Lyon, Annie Wall, and Kash Smith.

### **About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program...**

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program members meet monthly and cover a wide variety of topics including leadership, small business, and 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.

Students 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 Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Ms. Ashlee White, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620

## Entrepreneurship Academy

# Chickasaw students hone business skills

DURANT, Okla. - Students attended the Chickasaw Nation Entrepreneurship Academy June 14-18 on the Southeastern Oklahoma State University campus in Durant. The academy is a partnership between the Chickasaw Nation and OSU.

More than 20 Chickasaw students attended the academy to learn business strategies and techniques.

"This successful partnership with Southeastern Oklahoma State University is a positive learning experience for Chickasaw students," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "The academy is a great way for students to learn basic business skills for future entrepreneurial opportunities."

Chickasaw students from Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado and Illinois participated in the academy. Students learned business strategies, business operation basics, team development, small business opportunities and marketing strategies for future business plans.

High school senior Cory McGuire, of Bloomington, Ill., decided to attend the academy to better her business skills for



Governor Bill Anoatubby joined this year's Entrepreneurship Academy class. Front row, from left, Gov. Anoatubby; Sara Miller, Ada, Okla.; Jessica Kretschmar, Kingston, Okla.; Kaleigh Wilkins, Kingston; Cory McGuire, Bloomington, Ill.; Chelsea Johnson, Moore, Okla.; Sydney Holt, Calera, Okla.; Leslie Carter, Calera; Leah Langley, Kingston; Murri England, Norman, Okla.; Kelli May, Ada; and Kori Wiegmann, Norman. Back row, from left, Robert Johnson, Lone Grove, Okla.; Matt Logan, Flower Mound, Texas; Joe Johnson, Lone Grove; Nick Johnson, Moore; Arthur Williamson, Kingston; Garrett Davis, Blanchard, Okla.; Eric Silva, Pauls Valley, Okla.; Chris Little, Longmont, Colo., and Zach Logan, Flower Mound.

future career plans.

"I decided to come to Oklahoma for the camp because of my interest in business and the chance to get involved with the Chickasaw Nation," said Cory. "In the future, I want to be a doctor and hope to open my own practice, so the business skills I learned here will help me along the way."

Lone Grove (OK) High School

graduate Joseph Johnson also learned key techniques for his restaurant plans.

"I want to open a restaurant some day and learned that the Chickasaw Nation has programs that can help me along the way," said Joseph. "This is a great camp and I recommend it to other students even if they aren't interested in business because you learn so much."

During the academy, students divided into teams and participated in a Youth Market. At the Youth Market, students created table-top businesses and used business strategies to market and sell snack products. Each team competed to sell the most by negotiating with customers to create the best deals.

"The youth market allows the students to gain hands-on experience as they talk and work with actual customers," said entrepreneurship academy organizer Bill McCurdy. "We want the students to learn how to sell products and sell themselves to future employers."

The summer academy is for

Chickasaw high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who have strong business interests and want to achieve academic excellence.

Upon completion of the academy, students graduate with a better understanding of business planning and the tools necessary to plan future businesses.

For more information about the entrepreneurship academy, contact Callie Roebuck at (580) 421-7711 or visit [www.Chickasaw.net](http://www.Chickasaw.net).

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Chickasaw Nation employee Linda Medlock, left, completes a transaction with Calera (OK) High School graduate Sydney Holt and Latta (OK) High School graduate Sara Miller at the Entrepreneurship Academy Youth Market.

## Incorporating Chickasaw into daily life

# Language camp brings families together learning, speaking Chickasaw

STROUD, Okla. - Anthony Dwaine Enriquez spoke only Chickasaw and Choctaw when he was young.

As he grew up, he started speaking English and started forgetting the native languages. At 46, he had "lost everything" and wanted to relearn Chickasaw with his family, the Bridge Creek, Okla., native said.

Mr. Enriquez and his family were one of 10 families at the second annual Chokka-chaffa' Chikashshanompoli Albinachi (Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp) in Tatanka Ranch in Stroud, June 20-22.

"This camp is designed for families to come and learn Chickasaw in an engaging and fun environment," said Josh Hinson, director of the Department of Chickasaw Language and the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program. "We try to teach them Chickasaw that is useful in the home from the get go."

The unique immersion aspect of the camp included sev-

eral focused one-hour language activities, where campers were allowed to speak Chickasaw only.

"The goal of the immersion is to slow down and make people understand even when we are not allowed to speak English," Mr. Hinson said.

This was done through gestures, written translations, drawings as well as pause and point. The activities were followed by short review sessions where campers discussed what they learned and didn't understand.

The camp seeks to "spark that interest" for the Chickasaw language, Mr. Hinson said, so families would take over responsibility for their own learning.

"Unlike many of our cultural aspects which are shared with other tribes, Chickasaw language is the one thing that sets us apart," he said. "It's important that people continue to speak Chickasaw and we want that to happen in natural way in home."

The families were also provided with additional resources and activities to continue their learning after the camp.

Second-time participants Mandy Nash and her family enjoyed learning Chickasaw last year. The family came back for a second round, despite new arrival, 11-day-old son Brendan.

"The only way we wouldn't have come is if I was in the hospital," the 32-year-old Edmond native said, holding young Brendan.

The structure of the language camp, Mrs. Nash said, makes learning and retaining very easy. After last year's camp, family members started incorporating Chickasaw words into their daily lives.

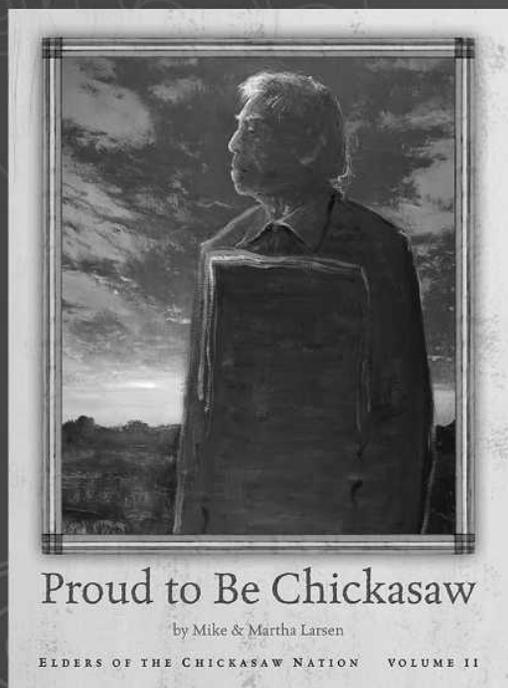
Mrs. Nash also said it was important for her family to learn Chickasaw and become fluent speakers because it was "part of our heritage."

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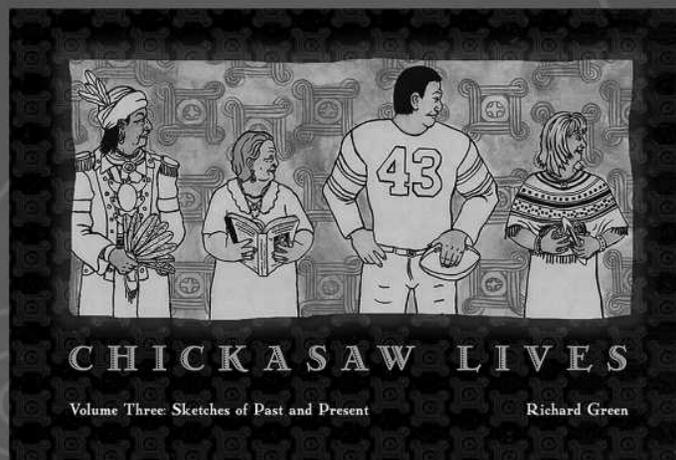


Mandy Nash, of Edmond, Okla., with her 11-day-old son Brendan and daughter Bryanna, 5, at the Chokka-chaffa' Chikashshanompoli Albinachi (Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp) in Tatanka Ranch in Stroud, Okla., June 21. Marcy Gray

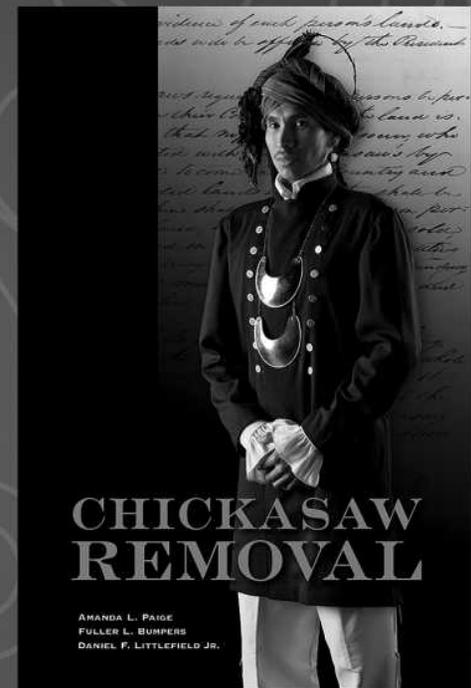
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## BIRTHS



Abigail Jane Butcher

**Abigail Jane Butcher** was born March 23, 2010 at Rowlett, Texas. She weighed 5 lbs., 7 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Patrick and Tiffany Butcher, of Rowlett.

She is the granddaughter of Hollis and Teresa Adams, of Henrietta, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of Hearl and Flora Mead, of Denison, Texas.



Mannix Sage Johnson and Olivia Nell Johnson.

**Olivia Nell Johnson** and **Mannix Sage Johnson** were born March 13, 2010. Olivia weighed 5 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 18.5 inches at birth. Mannix weighed 5 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 18.3 inches at birth. They are the twins of Jaclyn Johnson, of Ada, Okla. They have a big brother, Malcolm Johnson, 7, of Ada.

They are the grandchildren of Gwin Peteet, of Ada, Tommy Johnson, of Wapanucka, Okla., and Everett Ledbetter, of Al-

len, Okla. They are the great-grandchildren of Raymond and Fran Taylor, of Atoka, Okla., Williard and Ruthey Johnson, of Wapanucka, Gene and Leota Williams, of Allen, and Floyd Ledbetter and Lahoma Virgaline Critser, of Holdenville, Okla.

Their aunt is Holly Johnson, of Ada, and their uncle is Austin Peteet, of Ada. Their great-aunt is Wakeitha Williams, of Allen.

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Augustine Julio Joseph Salas

Daniel and Megan Salas, of Wichita, Kan., are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Augustine Julio Joseph Salas**. Augustine was born June 2, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Wesley Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

Augustine is the little brother to Martina Salas.

He is the grandson of Cristina and Larry Moore, Dennis and Gina Edelman, Phyllis and Marvin Wolfe and the late Michael Salas. He is the great-grandson of Louis and Lynn Stumblingbear, Ermina Rodriguez and the late Refugio and Pauline Salas.



Michaela Leigh Mackey

Kameron and Jessie (Battiest) Mackey are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Michaela Leigh Mackey**. Michaela was born May 25, 2010 at 11:58 a.m. at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and measured 21.2 inches at birth.

She joins a big sister Jordan Mackey, 5.

Proud grandparents are Lee and Evelyn Battiest, of Ada, Jeffery and Pam Jefferson, of Bethel, Okla., Tommy Mackey and Mark and Janet North, all of Seminole.

She is the great-granddaughter of Mary Watson, of Wright City, Okla., and the great-granddaughter of Kissie Battiest.

She is welcomed by a host of uncles, aunts and cousins.



Hayden Kimberly Misamore

**Hayden Kimberly Misamore** was born June 8, 2010 at 6:50 p.m. at Hinesville, Ga. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth. She is the daughter of Christy and Brandon Misamore. Her father is stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army.

Hayden is the granddaughter of Pete Misamore, of Diamond Springs, Calif., Carol Burden, of Rescue, Calif., and Nancy and Gerald Emde, of Hinesville, Ga.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Margret James, and the great-granddaughter of Paul and Jean Guynes, of Fiddletown, Calif.

She has two excited aunts, Kristin Gay, of Clarksville, Tenn., and Danielle Scott, of Cameron Park, Calif., who is joining the U.S. Air Force.

Hayden is well loved and getting spoiled already.

## BIRTHDAY



Diamond Easley and Issiah Melton

**Diamond Easley** and **Issiah Melton** will turn three years old July 24, 2010. They will celebrate with a "SpongeBob" pool party.

Dime and Zay were born nine hours apart and have been best friends ever since, just like their moms!

"We hope you enjoy your

SpongeBob birthday party! You two have been great kids. No matter how grown you think you are, you will always be mommy's babies. Be good and take care of your little brothers. We love you so much!

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## CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Gavin Lewis

## Gavin Lewis graduates from Hickory Creek

Gavin Lewis son of Kevin and Krystal Lewis, of Ardmore, Okla., recently graduated from the three-year-old program at Hickory Creek, Ardmore.

Way to go Gavin!  
Love your family.



Tara Kitchens

## Tara Kitchens serves as Magnolia School rep

Tara Kitchens recently represented Magnolia Speech School in Jackson, Miss., at the Magnolia Annual Golf Tournament. Magnolia Speech School is a special nonprofit school for the speech and hearing impaired children.

Tara was born deaf. She has bilateral implants allowing her to hear and learn to speak. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Bina Underwood Owens, an original enrollee in the Chickasaw Nation. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Cub Obey Shaun Owens, formerly of Wetumka, Okla., and the great-granddaughter of John and Betty Owens, of Bran-

don, Miss. She is the granddaughter of Anita and the late Tony Kitchens, of Brandon.

She is the daughter of Ty Kitchens, of Brandon and Cheryl Kitchens, of Pearl, Miss. Tara has two siblings, a seven-year-old sister, Victoria Alexis Rain, and a four-year-old brother, Anthony Tyler Kane.

Tara is six years old and has attended Magnolia Speech School for four years. She is performing on a kindergarten level. Magnolia's motto is "Every child should hear, speak and hope."



Lauren Lindsay

## Lauren Lindsay named softball All-American

TULSA - University of Tulsa softball standout Lauren Lindsay has been selected to the 2010 Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I All-American Third Team. She is the program's first All-America selection.

Miss Lindsay, a Chickasaw and a senior from Oklahoma City, led the Golden Hurricane this season with a .377 batting average, 18 home runs, 48 runs scored, 13 doubles, 40 walks, an .812 slugging percentage and a .550 on-base percentage. She also totaled 48 RBIs and 58 hits on her way to being named the Conference USA Player of the Year.

"Lauren has made so many firsts for our program, it is only fitting that she become the first NFCA All-American at TU," Tulsa head coach John Bargfeldt said. "I know I will be missing her as a player, as a person and as a hitter. She has rewritten the record book at Tulsa and set the bar quite a bit

higher. I could just go on and on about all of the things she has done for our program."

Miss Lindsay was the first TU player to earn conference player of the year honors, and she completed her career at Tulsa with nine all-time records and seven single season records. She is Conference USA's career leader in doubles and runs scored, and sits among the top five in league history in four other categories.

A two-time member of the NFCA All-Midwest Region First Team, she is also a three-time First-Team All-C-USA selection.



Rachel Joy Byars

## Rachel Byars named to OBU President's Roll

Chickasaw citizen Rachel Joy Byars, a sophomore elementary education major, has been named to Oklahoma Baptist University's President's Honor Roll for the spring 2010 semester.

Students who achieved a semester grade point average of 3.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale are named to the President's Honor Roll. Miss Byars has a 4.0 cumulative grade point average.

OBU is located in Shawnee, Oklahoma. It has been rated one of the top 10 comprehensive colleges in the West by U. S. News and World Report for 18 consecutive years and has been Oklahoma's highest rated comprehensive college in the U. S. News rankings for 16 consecutive years.

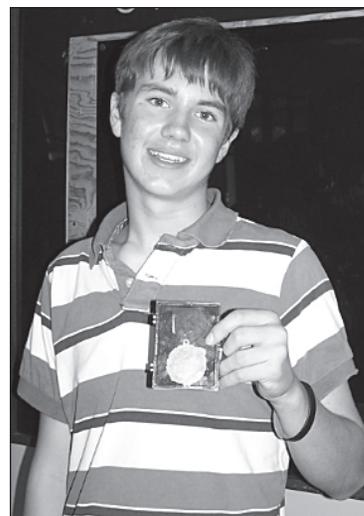
For 2010, Forbes.com ranked OBU the top university in Oklahoma.

Miss Byars is a member of the Oklahoma Baptist University Symphonic Band and Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity. She has been

elected to serve next year as Executive Vice President in her Kappa Kappa Psi chapter.

She is also in Philos, Phi Eta Sigma, and the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society.

She is the daughter of Allen and Joy Byars and granddaughter of Rex and Bonnie Byars, of Beggs, Oklahoma.



Andrew Cole

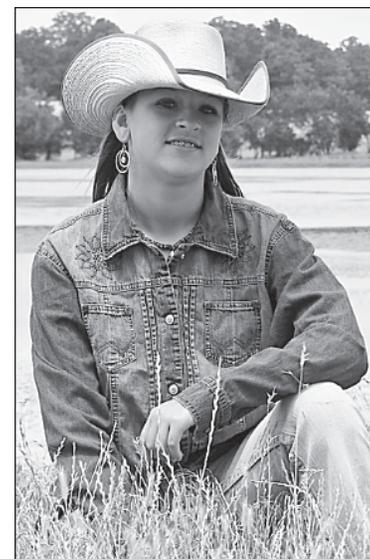
## Andrew Cole receives Deer Creek HS award

Chickasaw high school student Andrew Cole recently received the Deer Creek (OK) School Foundation Academic Award to finish his freshman year.

Andrew also lettered in soccer as a member of the Deer Creek High School varsity soccer team this year. The DCHS varsity soccer team received the 5A All-State Academic Award for the team having the highest overall grade point average in the state.

Andrew earned a 4.0 grade average in his first year at Deer Creek.

He is the son of Sean and Noelle Cole and the grandson of Smith and Joan Cole.



Kelby Williams

## Kelby Williams vying for Hereford Heaven Stampede Rodeo Queen

Kelby Williams, a 14-year old Chickasaw from Sulphur, Okla., is a candidate for 2010 Hereford Heaven Stampede Rodeo Queen.

The Rodeo Queen winner is determined by tickets sales. This year's Queen will be awarded a beautiful saddle and hold the title for one year.

The rodeo will be Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7, at the Sulphur Roundup Club Arena. There will be a parade in Sulphur on the evening of August 7 prior to the rodeo.

Tickets may be purchased by calling (580) 451-0245, tickets can be delivered.

Kelby has been riding horses with her dad since before she could walk. This year she has begun breaking her first colt by herself. She enjoys roping, riding her horse and playing basketball.

Currently she is employed at the Cowboy Cleaners in Sulphur as a part of the Chickasaw Nation summer youth program. Kelby's great-great-grandfather Oscar Lowrance was an original enrollee. Her parents are Shawn and Rachel Williams. Her grandmother is Linda Williams. She has four brothers and will be a freshman at Sulphur High School in the fall.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**JOM Students of the Year**



Tyrell Hatton



Sadie Criswell and Reese Hamilton were recently elected Johnson-O'Malley Students of the Year at Washington School, Ada, Okla. Sadie is in fourth grade at Washington and Reese is a third-grader. Sadie's parents are James and Cara Criswell. Reese's parents are Randall and Christina Hamilton.

**Chickasaw archer**



Robert Hearrell, a Chickasaw from Sheridan, Wyo., won the freestyle class at the Feb. 6 Wyoming State Archery Association's event. He is the son of Charles and Joyce Hearrell, of Bennington, Okla., and grandson of Sadie Hearrell, of Mill Creek, Okla. His great-grandmother was original enrollee Lula Lewis Taylor.

**Cultural Center visit**



Former Gov. Overton James is joined by several young Chickasaws during the recent opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center. From left are Chelsea "Sissy" Wedlow, Michael Stick holding Cade Smith, Gov. James and Jordan Stick.

**Five generations of Chickasaw women**



LaWanda Belle Thompson Hainline Ymer, center, holds her great-great-granddaughter, Gabriella Belle Rodriquez. Clockwise from bottom left is Gabriella's mother, Selika Breeann Solorio/Rodriquez; her grandmother Darren Paige Shannon/Solorio; and her great-grandmother Shirley DeAnn Hainline Shannon. The women are descendants of original enrollees Charles William Thompson, Minnie Lee Green Thompson and Frances Colbert East.

**Tyrell Hatton named to Byng Honor Roll**

Tyrell Hatton, a fourth-grader at Byng (OK) Elementary School, has been named to the Teachers' Honor Roll for the Spring semester.

Tyrell looks forward to competing on the Byng basketball and track teams next year. He enjoys riding his motorcycle, wrestling and doing break dance moves.

Tyrell's parents are Eren Hatton, of Ada, Okla., and Bobby Walker, of Duncan, Okla.

His grandparents are Tanis Hatton, of Ada, and Bobby Hatton.

NEWS FROM JUNIOR MISS CHICKASAW



Alexis Walker  
Junior Miss Chickasaw

Chickasaw. It's hard to believe this year is halfway over, and my reign will be coming to an end in a few months. During my reign we have been several communities and a few states for pageants, parades, conferences and special events. We recently went to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Gathering of Nations, attended the opening ceremony for the magnificent new Chickasaw Cultural Center, and rode in the parade and danced at the Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City. I think being a princess is a great opportunity to get involved with your Chickasaw culture. I know that I have learned many new things while being princess.

As I mentioned earlier, the Chickasaw Cultural Center was opened, and I believe this facility creates a place for all tribes

from the surrounding area to gather and teach culture things, and share their history and traditions. It's a place that we, as Chickasaws, can be proud of as it will be there to educate many generations. The Chickasaw Princess Pageant is quickly approaching, and I encourage all young Chickasaw ladies to refine your talents, begin work on your traditional dress, and gather a few recommendation letters to compete in the pageant. And remember -do your very best. We will all be proud of you.

This is an opportunity to be an ambassador for our unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation, as well as serving as a role model to younger children.

In God's Love,  
Alexis Walker

Chukma!  
My name is Alexis Walker, and I am very proud to be your 2009-2010 Junior Miss

**Kidney Walk Team**



The Sayimmi (I Believe) Kidney Walk Team participated in the National Kidney Foundation Walk, June 12 at Lake Heffner, Oklahoma City in celebration of Melissa Morgan's three-year kidney transplant anniversary. Sayimmi walkers included Mrs. Morgan's family, front row from left, Vicky Gold (Melissa's kidney donor), Melissa Morgan, Garrett Morgan, Scott Morgan, Rachael Collins and Derek Collins. Back row from left, Bill Gold, Leta Hayes and Buddy Tartsah. The Sayimmi walkers were proud to donate money and participate at the National Kidney Foundation Walk conducted in Oklahoma City.

## Rowes celebrate 68th wedding anniversary June 29 in Tulsa



Wayne and Mona Rowe celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary June 29. Behind them are their children Rita Rowe, Bob Rowe and Paula Rowe Jones.

Wayne and Mona Rowe celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on June 29.

They met in Kiowa, Okla., and became high school sweethearts. For the better part of their marriage they have resided in Tulsa.

The Rowes have three children, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and

continue to bless their family and extended family with their wisdom and love. They are truly the perfect example of marriage and devotion.

We, their children, are very blessed by these wonderful people who just happen to be our parents.

Happy Anniversary Mother and Daddy!

## Letters to Editor:

### Proud of new Cultural Center

Dear Editor:

Kudos to the planners of opening day activities of the Cultural Center.

I have always been proud of my Chickasaw heritage, but never more so than I was on Sat., June 12. The setting, which is magnificent aside, the entire agenda was well planned and executed. The people who were recruited to assist attendees were pleasant, helpful and

obliviously proud of the facility.

This is just one more project that proves the Chickasaw leaders know how to enhance the Native American image and continue to construct venues which should make every American proud.

Thanks again for an enjoyable visit. I will make it a point to return.

Mary Byrd Andruss  
Burneyville, Okla.

### Thank you from Seeley-Blue Cemetery

I Lillie Wisdom, the president of Seeley-Blue Cemetery in Connerville, Okla., would like to take the time to say "Thank You" to Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Thompson and the VFW

members for the generosity and time that you took out of your busy schedule to honor our veterans with flags at the cemetery.

## Chickasaw corn feeding Filipino children

This is a story of how Chickasaw corn reached halfway around the world to help an orphanage feed their children.

Pastor Mickey Keith of Ada's Life Community Church has made annual trips to the Philippines since 1993. He meets with many other native churchmen, but his special mission is to help the only orphanage in the province of Surigao Del Norte on the island of Mindanao (Philippines). There was no financial help from the government but the need was great because of ethnic conflict on the south of this large island.

Two years ago it was the Ada church that helped feed 68 orphans, who had been subsisting on bowls of rice and little else.

It was suggested that the Chickasaw Nation might supply corn seed to start growing a corn to feed the orphans. Stephen Bond, the tribal ethnobotanist, provided planting instructions and a large bag of the same kind of corn the

tribe brought on the 1837 migration to Indian Territory.

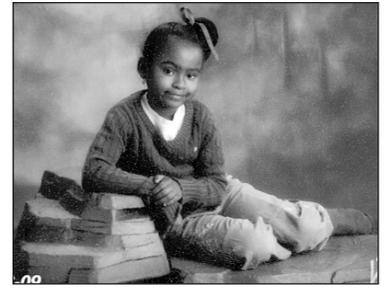
In Spring 2009, Pastor Keith took the gift bag to Pastor Marylou Navarro, who had founded the Charisma Bethel Children's Home in Surigao City, Surigao Del Norte, Mindanao, Philippines.

They prayed and planted the corn, expecting a miracle.

A year later, April 2010, Pastor Keith returned with a good report for the orphanage. During the past year, the orphanage had been able to expand to 1.8 hectares (2.5 acres). Their corn grows tall and there is a small rice paddy that can be harvested 2-3 times a year. The orphanage has added 1-2 goats, a few pigs and a small fish farm. The happy children are growing taller and stronger.

This is one example of how native corn can help other people far from Chickasaw Nation in ways hard to visualize.

Contributed by Robert Perry



Jade Russell

## Jade Russell receives JOM award, named to school honor rolls

Jade Bre'Ann Russell is eight years old and will be entering the third grade at Charles Evans Elementary School, Ardmore, Okla.

Jade has been on the Principal's and Superintendent's Honor Rolls in first and second grade.

She received the Chickasaw Nation's Johnson-O'Malley award for three years for outstanding girl, reading, citizenship and honor roll. She was also named Student of the Month in first and second grade.

Jade's parents are Paula Russell and Kirk Russell.

Her grandparents are Dwight and Barbara Anderson and Ted and Linda Russell.

## Four generations of Chickasaws



Great-grandmother Lina Pickens holds her great-grandson Blane Hawthorne. Standing behind Mrs. Pickens are her granddaughter, Ashley Gardner, and her daughter, Deborah Gardner.

## Choctaw Hymn CD now available

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# Campers study Earth's environment with benefit of 'outdoor classrooms'



Mariah Porter reels in a big one while fishing at Environmental Camp.

ADA, Okla. - A trip to the local waste water plant is not high on most people's to-do list, but it was just one of the many stops during the second annual Environmental Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development.

The camp, May 25-28, offered 22 students a better understanding and appreciation of how their world works.

The unique camp included a trip to the Ada Municipal water treatment plant, waste water treatment plant, a lesson on water chemistry, and many other exciting activities.

Visits to the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History and the National Weather Center, both in Norman, Okla., were also a part of the four-day camp.

The group also participated in a scavenger hunt where they learned how to use a compass,

measuring tape and GPS units to find and dig for bury treasure.

Blow guns, archery and archeology were also topics of discussion during camp.

Campers also had an opportunity to fish at Kullihoma and play volleyball.

The last day of camp the group used an outdoor classroom and learned about water chemistry, water bugs, and bee keeping and even made a tie-dye t-shirt.

Camper Maydson Mitchell said the camp taught her that everything on the earth is connected.

Many campers also reported the trip to Kullihoma was their first visit to the Chickasaw acreage.

Out of all the activities, 10-year-old John West, of Francis, said he liked fishing the best.



Twenty-three Chickasaw boys and girls visit the Buffalo statue at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman, Okla., during Environmental Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development. The second annual camp was conducted May 25-28.

Camp participants included Amon Walker, Jason Folsom, Andrea Underwood, Paige Gillum, Paris Gillum, Tyler Weems, Mekko Postoak, Mya Wilson,

Madison Shulanberger, Jordan "Stick" Greenwood, Mariah Porter, Terrysha Banner, Savannah Weems, Taylor Weems, Jason Steidly, Christian Steidly, John

David West, Chelsea Wedlow, Sa Tiger, Jaron Tiger and Kobe Gabriel.

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

## 'Survivors' focus on nutrition, exercise

DAVIS, Okla. - More than 80 children from Oklahoma and Texas participated in Camp Survivor Otuklo (Seven) June 1-4, at Camp Classen in Davis.

The camp, sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Divisions of Health, and Youth and Family, was created "to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive atmosphere," according to Allen Elliott, tribal health program manager.

The campers, divided into 10 teams, participated in activities like swimming, climbing wall, archery, stickball, fishing, canoeing, survivor challenge and many more.

With various activities scheduled throughout the day, the camp is strenuous and challenging both physically and mentally.

"We encourage kids to accept that challenge," Mr. Elliott said. "We encourage them to take

that one more step and continue. Before you know it, they are there."

At the camp, the kids also learned how to properly read nutrition labels.

Melissa Church, dietician at the Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Program, went over nutrition facts with the kids and later quizzed them.

"A lot of kids don't realize there is all this information on

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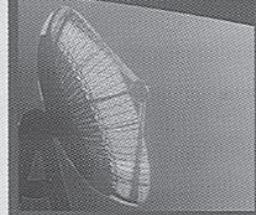
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Katy Weldon, 11, Madill, practices archery at Camp Survivor.



Nahili Billy, 13, Purcell, reads nutrition label on a Triscuit Cracker box at Camp Survivor



Campers enjoy a game of stickball at Camp Survivor.

Mike McKee



Campers learn how to read nutrition labels at Camp Survivor.

the nutrition facts label on different food items," she said.

Introducing nutrition labels to the kids at camp "in a fun way," Mrs. Church said, encourages them to look at food labels more regularly and choose healthy options.

With the camp's focus on the overall development of the campers, Nahili Billy found it difficult to choose a favorite activity.

The 13-year-old from Purcell described the camp as the "highlight" for his summer. He

has been coming to the camp for the last three years.

At this year's camp, he said he learned how to swim better as well as some more Chickasaw words.

He also said that he was "upset" that he wouldn't be able to come back next year as the camp is open to children ages nine to 13 only.

However, he is glad that the teamwork and character that he learned at the camp is going to help him later in his life.

"You need teamwork to have

a good job," he said. "You need to be able to work with other people and you need to have character to actually get the job in the first place."

Second-time camp counselor Brison McSwain said he had seen kids develop teamwork and character at the camp.

Last year, his team didn't win a single event. But team members never gave up and kept working together, the wellness counselor at Tishomingo Health Center said. Also, at the end of a Stickball game,

where the team was beaten pretty badly, one of his team members was the first to shake hands with the other team, he said.

Mr. McSwain also said he was motivated by the fact that camp counselors get to make a positive impact on kids' lives. Staff members from various Chickasaw Nation departments come together to work with the kids at the camp.

"If we can teach kids anything that they can pass on to their kids later or use it along

their lives that will help them be successful, then it's worth it all," he said.

This year's overall team champion was Team Takolo Lakna (Orange).

The winners of this year's Co-Favorite Male Counselor award were JD Underwood and Oscar Gore. Favorite Female Counselor was Katherine Asbery.

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# Scores of Chickasaw boys and girls enjoy 'Day at the Brick'



Ninety-one Chickasaw boys and girls visited the Jim Thorpe Museum and Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, Bricktown, and attended a Red Hawks baseball game and a baseball clinic in Oklahoma City during "Youth Day at the Brick" June 11.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Dozens of excited Chickasaw boys and girls spent an entire day immersed in the game of baseball during the inaugural "Youth Day at the Brick".

Ninety-one Chickasaws students climbed aboard two tribal buses in early morning hours of June 11 and arrived at the Bricktown Ballpark about 9 a.m.

The students participated in a morning baseball clinic, which was kicked off by former professional baseball player Mickey Tettleton. Coaches from Oklahoma City University, the Oklahoma City RedHawks, and several area high schools greeted the group.

OCU and RedHawks Coach Keith Lytle was joined by Yukon High School coach Kevin James, Northwest Classen High School coach Grant Ledbetter, Del City High School coach

David Weaver, McCloud High School coach Travis Owen and OCU coach Denny Crabaugh and players Bobbi Bradfield and Phil McSpadden.

Garrett Parker, a pitcher with the OCU Stars, also helped out at the clinic.

"It is nice to finally get a chance to give back," Mr. Parker said. "It is not often you get a chance to interact with kids and be a role model."

OCU president Tommy McDaniel said the day was a great experience for the young people and OCU was happy to partner with the Chickasaw Nation for the clinic.

"The Chickasaw Nation makes it possible for 15 American Indian Scholars to attend OCU," President McDaniel said. "We are happy to help provide this opportunity for the Chickasaw youth to have this experience."

Eleven-year-old participant Josh Fraizer, of Tishomingo, Okla., said, "it's great to get to play out here on the field where the pros play."

During the clinic, students were urged to work hard on their academics.

"If you take care of your grades, your grades will take care of you," Coach Crabaugh said. "There are a lot more academic scholarships than sports scholarships."

A trip to the Jim Thorpe Museum and Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame was also included in the day.

Dick Soergel, three-sport letterman for Oklahoma State University, and Wayne Wells, a gold medal wrestler from the University of Oklahoma, spoke to the boys and girls, urging them to set their goals high and have determination.

A boat ride on the Bricktown Canal was also a highlight of the day, which the students greatly enjoyed.

Takia Johnson and Jacob Drinkard were selected to throw out the first pitch at the evening RedHawks game.

Cameron Johnson, 10, of Byng, said he liked "everything" about the day.

"I learned how to swing the bat," he said, adding he plans to play sports in school next year.

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Jacob Drinkard, left, and Takia Johnson were selected to throw out the first pitch at the RedHawks game during Youth Day at the Brick. Also pictured is Colt Digby, Chickasaw Nation youth coordinator.

Mike McKee



Lee Allan Smith, who helped coordinate Youth Day at the Brick, presents Tristin Lackey a baseball autographed by Johnny Bench.

## This could be you!



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

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



Cole Martin and Toby Taliaferro, both of Davis, relax and enjoy Youth Day at the Brick.

# Students encouraged to challenge themselves at FCA Xtreme Camp

KINGSTON, Okla. - Chickasaw students attend the Fellowship of Christian athletes (FCA) Xtreme Camp alongside 180 high school students from Oklahoma, Texas, and surrounding states.

The camp was conducted June 20-24 at Cross Point Camp near Kingston. The tribe sponsored 19 outstanding students to the camp. Using challenging activities, the camp enhances the students' teambuilding and leadership skills.

During the four-day camp, participants had the opportunity to rappel, shoot skeet, ride horses, water tube and test their nerve on a ropes course.

Lessons on faith, responsibility, integrity, and being a positive role model are also shared.

College athletes serve as leaders for small groups of young men and women known as "huddles" and the different groups compete in activities such as "bucket ball."

The camp puts students in several situations where they have to rely on their new teammates.

Nathan Landers, Chickasaw camper from Lone Grove, Okla., is a first-time attendee at Xtreme Camp.

Nathan's favorite activity is the high ropes.

"Because when you get up to the top, you are scared but you have to trust the equipment and the people," Nathan said.

The camp challenges, he said, have helped him with ev-



Kelly Grey, 17, center, is congratulated by a huddle mate after accomplishing the high ropes course at FCA camp, Kingston, Okla.

Mike McKee

eryday life situations.

Chickasaw Kelly Gray, of Ripley, Okla., said she enjoyed the relationships with the other girls on her team.

"You grow with the girls every day, you open up to them through the camp and the activities," she said. "We encourage and give advice to each other to help conquer each challenge."

Chickasaw Jeremy Tims works on the FCA staff as the Central Oklahoma Coordinator.

While attending college at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Mr. Tims worked at the FCA camp as a huddle leader for three years and was hired by the organization soon after graduation.

"The friends I keep in touch with aren't my high school friends, they aren't my college

friends, they are my FCA family because we learn and grow together," he said.

Jeremy explained that the campers form a close bond because of their mutual love for athletics and faith.

"This camp breaks you out of your shell," he said. "The Chickasaw Nation is making a good investment in its youth by sponsoring their students in the camp."

Todd Thomsen, of Ada, Okla., who works as the FCA coor-



Nathan Landeros, 18, celebrates while tubing with Jonas Burns, 15, at FCA camp, Kingston, Okla.

dinator for the Southeastern region of Oklahoma, said the camp was set up so campers are in activities all day long.

"It forces the campers to do things that might be scary

but they work as a team," Mr. Thomsen said. "This camp teaches inspiration through perspiration."

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Chickasaw student Jonas Burns, 15, left, enjoys a "swim" in Lake Texoma at FCA camp, Kingston, Okla..

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# Youth golfers get 'in the swing' at WinStar Golf Camp



From left, Karissa Wynee, Mallory Porter, Dawson Lyon and Gwen Hill at Golf Camp.

Mike McKee



Chelsea Wedlow perfects her swing at Golf Camp.

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - Chipping, putting and driving were in focus during the 10th annual Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp, June 7-11 at WinStar Golf Course.

For the third consecutive year, more than 150 Chickasaw Youth had the opportunity to use the world-class greens at WinStar to learn the game of golf.

Beginners, ages 8-14, took their turn Monday and Tuesday, June 7 and 8. Advanced players honed their golfing skills later in the week.

With the assistance of 20 veteran coaches, beginners learned a variety of new skills and competed in a skills challenge during the last day of camp.

A small player-to-coach ratio ensured each camper received individual attention

First time golfer Kaitlyn Tingle, of Sulphur, said she learned a lot about the game of golf, but when asked her favorite part of camp, she answered, "making new friends."

Terra Love, 11, of Ada, attended her fifth Golf Camp and this year she added more skills

to her golf game.

"I went out and played three



Mason Lance lines up a putt at Beginner Golf Camp.

holes today," she enthusiastically said on the last day of camp.

Ninth grader Amy Mullican, of Bethany, plans on playing golf for her high school.

"I am learning the skills I need to make the team," she said.

Sean Harris, of Ada, attended camp for the first time and said, "I had a great time."

Novice and more advanced players competed in a scramble the last day of camp.

The team of Dylan Harden,

Kyler Robertson, Canyon Wisdom and coach Robbie Trout won the scramble and was awarded a golf bag.

In the younger group the winners of the putting, chipping and driving contest include:

#### Putting Winners

8 and 9 years- Caleb McGehee and Tiffany Henry

10 and 11 years - Logan Matthews and Abby Williams

12 years - Thirkel Wedlow and Dominique Lyon

#### Chipping Winners

8 and 9 years- Camden Cabaniss and Sunzie Harrison

10 and 11 years- Tanner Fox and Chloe Imotichey

12 years- Austin Larson and Lauren Burden

#### Long Drive

8 and 9 years- Jarrett Ellis

10 and 11 years - Jordan Stick and Chelsea Wedlow

12 years Austin Larson and Mariah Porter

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## Chickasaws compete in Native American Jr. Open Golf Tourney

ARDMORE, Okla. - Twenty-six young Native American golfers participated in the annual Native American Jr. Open Golf Tournament, June 1 at Ardmore's Lakeview Golf Course.

The event is hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services.

Open to all Native American boys and girls ages 8-18, the event provides an opportunity for young golfers to compete in a tournament setting, without the pressures of a traditional tournament.

Younger golfers from Oklahoma City, Yukon and Weatherford, as well as Tishomingo, Sulphur and surrounding communities participated in the event. Golfers under 12 played nine holes and older golfers completed 18 holes.



Maggie McBayer, of Tishomingo, Okla., competes in the Native American Jr. Open June 1 at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore, Okla.

Mike McKee

# Young players take to the courts during annual Chickasaw Tennis Camp



Beginning Tennis Clinic participants and coaches; front row, from left, Devon Chapman, Shelby Pennington, Sierra Lowe, Stevi Caldwell, Mallorie Kemp, Alanah Mckay, Mikaela Kent, Madyson Mitchell, Eric Colley, and Harmon Lewis. Second row, from left, Hazel Eckart, Ashton Christie, Aeneas Freeman, Jordan Willis, Cayman Watkins, Reese Hamilton, Athena Jackson, Zora-Rose Chapman, Justin Palmer, Makenna Moore, Zaydan Smith, Cameron Nichols, Amon Walker, Rysha Banner, John West, Breanna Snider, and Krysten Wallace. Third Row, from left, Coach Carolyn Nimmo, Lauren Burden, Pakanli Ransey, Jolie Morgan, Kobe Gabriel, Keagen Trett, Chelsea Wedlow, Jackson Milner, Rylee Pugh, Jason Fosom, Matt Staffor, Paige Young, Reece Milner, Ben Hudgens, Calee Ragsdale, and Madison Moore. Back row, coaches Kevin Waller, Terry Swopes, Matt Folsom, Skip Griese, and Sunny Swopes

Mike McKee

The annual Chickasaw Nation Tennis Clinic was conducted in June at the Ada Tennis Center. Forty-six beginning tennis players learned the basics of tennis during the annual Chickasaw Nation Tennis Clinic, June 14-17 at the Ada Tennis Center.

The second clinic, for ages 12-18, was June 21-24.

Campers spend four days learning about the sport of tennis. They play games that will improve their skills and techniques. Veteran tennis coaches and student athletes served as instructors at the clinic, including Skip Griese, Kevin Waller, Matt Folsom, Sunny Swopes, Terry Swopes, and Carolyn Nimmo.

"We had an excellent coaching staff," said Matt Folsom, Chickasaw Nation Camps and Recreation activity specialist. "The same coaches come back every year."

Tennis clinic participant Reese Hamilton, 9, said it was his second year to attend the camp. When asked to name his favorite part of the clinic his answer was, "Playing with the girls, even though they beat me."

Five-year veteran Lauren Burden said her favorite day of camp was the last day because that's the day prizes are awarded.

"I keep coming back because I know all the instructors and it's the most fun camp of the summer," she said.

The second tennis camp had players travel from neighboring states. Zach Logan, 16, and John David Logan, 12, of Flower Mound, Texas and Brandon Williams, 14, and Brett Williams, 13, of Little Rock, Ark., attended.

Both clinics had activities that helped campers become accustomed to hitting and serving the ball. Many campers said playing the games was their favorite part of camp.

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Brittney Orr, Chickasaw Nation Intern.

## NATIVE AMERICAN JR. OPEN | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24



Keifer Stewart, of Kingston, watches his golf ball intently as he plays in the Jr. Open at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore, Okla.

Chickasaw golfers age 12 and older were competing for one of the five spots on Team Chickasaw.

Tyler McCollom shot at 72 to lead the boys and Maggie McBrayer led the girls with a 92. Both golfers are from Tishomingo and are Chickasaw citizens.

Chickasaw Annah Baycal, who was playing in the older group, said she gets much-needed practice by participating in the tournament.

"It is my first time to play 18 holes," she said.

Ten-year-old Stormy Randazzo, a Seminole-Creek from Rollett, Texas, made a repeat appearance in this year's tournament.

"We are having fun today," said her mother, Joanie.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Youth Camps, visit [www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps](http://www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps).

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Sixteen-year-old Katlyn Snipes-Cohee, of Lone Grove, Okla., strokes a putt during the Jr. Open.

**TENNIS CLINIC** | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 25



Second Tennis Clinic participants and coaches. First Row, from left, John David Logan, Sierra Lowe, Ryan Fisher Vanbuskirk, Lucas Baykal, Cortland Chiles, Delaney Daniel, Kamry Walker, Brooke Colungo, and Kelsey Mckay. Second row, from left, Tyler Brown, Danya Hook, Seth Schultz, Tanner Martin, Zach Logan, Brandon Williams, Brett Williams, Rebekah Downing, and Sean Harris. Back row, from left, coaches: Carolyn Nimmo, Kevin Waller, Matt Folsom, Terry Swopes, Skip Griese, Sunny Swopes.



Danya Hook works on her swing at Tennis Camp, conducted last month in Ada.



Camper Jordan Willis receives instruction from coach Carolyn Nimmo.

**History of tribal ponies discussed at Sovereignty Symposium**

Chief Gregory Pyle of the Choctaw Nation spoke about the history of the Choctaw ponies Wednesday, June 2, at the Sovereignty Symposium, hosted at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City.

The Ponies were brought to North America by the colonial Spanish in the early 1500s. The Choctaws were introduced to the ponies in the 1600s. The Choctaws just caught the ponies. At the time it wasn't tradition to ride them.

The Choctaw pony is very small. They are unique because they aren't shod. Weighing about 800 pounds, they had a very good disposition.

"Horses have played a huge part in the history of the Chocaws for the past 500 years," Chief Pyle said. The ponies became close to the family. A young warrior they would be given a pony at birth. By the time he was three or four he would be riding.

Particularly in the Southeastern homelands area, the horse would be bred and by the time the boy was 16 or so, he would have several horses, giving him something to start out with.

Chief Pyle compare this process to what we do today, preparing the children and making sure they are safe and have a better life.

Years later the Choctaws, and other tribes in the east, were forced to move on the Trail of Tears. When they founded the Choctaw Nation there were 15,000 horses and maybe 25,000 people.

Many horses starved to death along the Trail of Tears. When a warrior would die, the family would bury the horse with the warrior.

The Choctaw Pony was better than the cowboy horse because it could travel up to 50 miles daily. Although cowboys' horses were taller and bigger, they didn't have the endurance of the Choctaw pony.

Chief Pyle credited Spanish Mustang Association chairman Bryant Rickman with working hard to save horses that were from the Choctaw Pony bloodlines prior to Removal.

The horses were discussed at the annual Sovereignty Symposium during "The Year of the Horse."

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Houston students, front row from left, Hannah Lightfoot, Taylor Alexander, Kaylyn Hawkins, Zachary Postoak, Mari Hulbutta, Mentor Beth Alcorn-Benton, Kelli May, Andrew Lynn, Courtney Benton and Jacob Dawkins. Back row from left, mentor Keith Mowdy, Brad Hawkins, Connor Flansburg, Zachary St. John, Tanner Harrington, Brent Tolbert, Richard Ellingson, Gabriel McCarty, Taylor Arter, Ben McGuire, Cooie Potts, Bridgette Bell. Not pictured, mentors Sara Willie and Jimpsey Factor.



Huntsville Students with their rockets. Front row from left, Josh Stubblefield, Mahala Feinstein, Jessica Williams, Anna Simmons, Cherokee Smalley, and Logan Amos. Back row from left, Timothy Pringle, Jacob Bonner, unidentified, Caleb Scott, Sam Splawn, Patrick Cooke, Jimmy Wynne, Jacob Clarke and Ryan Hunter.

# Chickasaw students attend Space Academy

Chickasaw Nation summer educational opportunities are in full swing with more than 40 Chickasaw students ages 12 to 18 attending space camp in Houston, Texas and Huntsville, Ala., during the month of June.

Twenty Chickasaw students, ages 15 to 18, attended space camp at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, June 7-11. Twenty-four Chickasaw students ages 12 to 14 also attended space camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. the following week.

“Providing increased opportunities for students to learn more about science and technology is our goal,” said Governor Anoatubby. “These camps enable students to develop skills and interests in career areas such as engineering, math,

science and technology.”

Chickasaw Intern Benjamin McGuire discussed the influence of space camp at Houston on his future career.

“As a senior mechanical engineering student, it was just what I wanted to see. The aspect I enjoy most as an engineer is designing. Nothing is more gratifying than making something no one else has seen or done. NASA engineers get to design some amazing things from suits and rovers to launch vehicles,” said McGuire.

Students who attended space camp in Houston learned about the physical, mental and emotional demands faced by astronauts. They also learned about NASA’s pilot track, pilot scuba track and the mission specialist track.

In Huntsville, students learned valuable skills for pursuing studies in aviation, space and robotics. Training

included simulations, academics, team building and missions. Space camp appealed to students with possible futures in engineering, space technology, and aerospace science, but was also open to students who wanted to learn from the unique experience.

Science, math and technology manager Sara Willie described space camps as a once in a lifetime opportunity.

“This year we doubled the number of students we were able to take to the camps because two locations were accepting different age groups,” said Willie. “Not only were the students able to expand their knowledge and future possibilities, but they were also able to learn real-world skills.

Willie added that the students performed tasks that included public speaking for project presentations, reporting, budgeting, leadership and teamwork.

Chickasaw participants were selected through the division of education science, math and technology program. Students interested in space camp opportunities for next year must submit an application, write an essay of 500 words and submit an academic grade report with a citizenship card or certificate with all parental consents forms.

The application deadline is April 15 of each year. For more information, contact Sara Willie at (580) 421-7711 or visit [www.Chickasaw.net](http://www.Chickasaw.net).

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Huntsville Students working together in obstacle course mission: From left: Ryan Hunter, Sam Splawn, Jacob Clarke, Jessica Williams, Anna Simmons, Jimmy Wynne.



Houston students learn to scuba dive to prepare for their underwater airlock mission. Clockwise, scuba instructor, Taylor Alexander, Brad Hawkins, Brent Tolbert, Gabriel McCarty, Mari Hulbutta.

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# May 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

## Polly Anderson

Polly, daughter of John and Tewanna Edwards, of Shawnee, Okla., is a May 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award Overall.



Polly Anderson

Polly is in the second grade at Will Rogers Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Mrs. Linda Montgomery.

"Polly has been an excellent student at Will Rogers," said Mrs. Montgomery. "She has been on the Principal's Honor Roll all year, and has received awards in art, music and physical education by her teachers."

Polly has won awards for Overall Highest Grade in Reading and Social Studies, Best Use of Costume to Demonstrate a Word in the Vocabulary Parade, Academic Achievement and Achievement in Reading.

Polly's interests are singing, drawing, playing flute, playing basketball and running.

"I plan to go to college and work," said Polly.

## Elijah Bailey

Elijah, son of Donald and Jenny Bailey, of Ada, Okla., is a May 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics and Athletics.



Elijah Bailey

Elijah is a sophomore at Byng High School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Stephanie DelFrate.

"Eli excels in both basketball and academics," said Ms. DelFrate. "He sets very high standards for himself and his team."

The awards Eli has received include a varsity letter for basketball, Outstanding Student Computer Tech and the ACT College Readiness Benchmark.

"I am working to prepare for college," said Elijah.

## William Bailey

William, son of Donald and Jenny Bailey, of Ada, Okla., is

a May 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Outstanding Citizenship.

William is a junior at Byng High School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Stephanie DelFrate.

"I have known William for many years and I have had the pleasure of getting to know him and I have found him to be very pleasant, hard working and always willing to complete any task he is assigned," said Ms. DelFrate. "Williams is serious about his education and takes part in school activities when possible."

William likes playing drums, airbrushing, pin striping, painting, welding, drawing and working on old cars.

William's future plans include graduating from Byng High School, attending and graduating from East Central University, attending Wyo-Tech in Laramie, Wyoming, and getting an associates degree in business. With this he hopes to acquire the skills for custom fabrication and design of hot rods, start his own business building hot rods, and become a youth pastor.

## Brittany Culberson

Brittany, daughter of Beverly Culberson, of Stroud, Okla., is a May 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Brittany Culberson

Brittany is a junior at Latta High School and was nominated by Ms. Melinda Isaacs.

"Brittany has (to date) read 21 books outside of class since August and has written reports over each book," said Ms. Isaacs. "I'm very proud of Brittany for her work ethic and the initiative she has taken to accomplish this amazing task."

"I like playing basketball, softball and hanging out with my friends," says Brittany.

Brittany's future plans

include going to college and graduating.

## Alyssa Harris

Alyssa, daughter of Daniel and Carla Harris, of Ada, Okla., is a May 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Alyssa Harris

Alyssa is in the fifth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by Ms. Tisha Martin.

"Alyssa always works hard and does her best in the classroom," said Ms. Martin. "Alyssa enjoys school and strives to do well."

Alyssa enjoys swimming, camping, watching sports and cooking.

Alyssa's plans for the future are going to junior high and high school.

## Marina Hatton

Marina, daughter of Kevin and Ronda Hatton, of Owasso, Okla., is a May 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor



Marina Hatton

Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Marina is in the sixth grade at Owassa Sixth Grade Center and was nominated by Ms. Brittany Enzbrenner.

"Marina was awarded a top student award in Literature, was rated student of the month and was on the Principal Honor Roll," said Ms. Enzbrenner.

Marina's interests include swimming, playing basketball, cheering, traveling and camping.

In the future, Marina hopes to attend college.

## Diamond Hill

Diamond, daughter of Tjuana Hill, of Broken Bow, Okla., is a May 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.



Diamond Hill

Diamond is in the eighth grade at Latta Junior High and was nominated by health teacher Mr. Eric Hardison.

"Diamond Hill has been a great example of what a student should be," said Mr. Hardison. "She has tremendous

drive that motivates her to do great things."

Diamond's hobbies include playing basketball and softball, reading, sewing and cooking.

"After high school, I plan on going to college to become a lawyer," said Diamond.

## Lane Schultz

Lane, son of Robert and Angela Schultz, of Brady, Texas, is a May 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Lane is a freshman at Menard High School and was nominated by school counselor Ms. Felicia Laxson.



"Lane is an extremely intelligent student," said Ms. Laxson. "He excels in all subjects and strives to make perfect scores in his classes."

Lane enjoys building LEGOs and doing research on his computer.

Lane hopes to attend a university and become a genetic engineer/physicist.

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## Catie Jill Newport



Catie Jill Newport is a 2010 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and D.D. Jacob and Blake Newport. She is the granddaughter of Rose and Gene Jefferson and the late Joseph and Minnie Shields.

Catie's activities included: STUCO (two years), Native American Club (four years), Johnson O'Malley (JOM) student representative, basketball (four years), track (four years), CNN (three years), Tanettes,

National Honor Society (four years), Native American National Honor Society (three years), a member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll (four years), and a member of the Governor's Honor Roll (four years). Catie served as 2007 Junior Miss Chickasaw, named 2007 JOM Student of the Year, 2008 Student Athlete of the Year, and 2010 JOM Student of the Year.

Her plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., for two years then transfer to the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Catie you have made us very proud with all your accomplishments. You have been a blessing to have. Keep up the great job, you'll go far in life.

Let God guide you in all you do.

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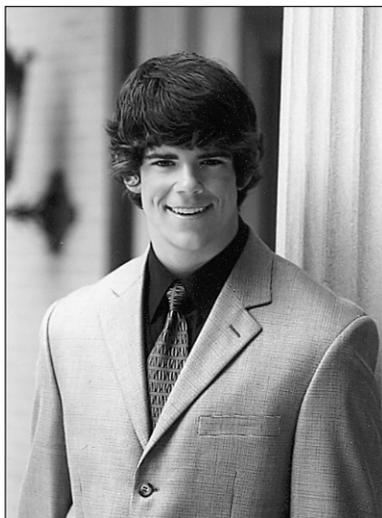
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## Brandon Michael Orr

Brandon Michael Orr is a 2010 graduate of Jenks High School, Jenks, Okla. He is the son of Mike and Sherry Orr and Andrea and Ron Cordell. He is the grandson of Joe and Brenda Orr, Ed Beasley and the late Kay Beasley.

Brandon is a Jenks "lifer" attending Jenks since kindergarten. He was a member of the Principal's Honor Roll for four years. He was a member of the 2007 6A state football championship team. In 2008 he received the Most Improved Award at the Summer Combine, and awarded the "Dominator" award, which is given to 15 players out of 75 teammates. He was a member of the American Indian Science and Engineering Club, served as team captain of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), a member of the Native American Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Brandon was awarded the Chickasaw Millennium Scholarship and is a Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship recipient.

Brandon plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, to major in mechanical engineering.



## Samuel Manning



Samuel Manning is a 2010 graduate of Dallas Baptist University earning his master of education in educational leadership. He is the son of Jimmy and Patsi Manning, of Ardmore, Okla., and the grandson of James and Barbara Manning, of Ada, Okla.

Mr. Manning graduated with a 4.0 grade point average (GPA). He is currently the instructional technology specialist for Townley Elementary, Irving, Texas, where he resides with his wife, Tessa Manning and two dogs.

## Adele Levine



Adele Levine is a 2010 graduate of Newton High School, Newtonville, Mass. She is the daughter of Hershel and Mila Levine. She is the granddaughter of James A. Beshirs, Jr., and Martha Marie Hayes. She is the great-granddaughter of Isadora and James A. Beshirs, Sr.

Adele is a Commended National Merit Scholar, ranking in the top 4% in a class of 466 students and has been on the honor roll for four years. She received an Advanced Placement Scholar award by completing three advance placement (AP) courses and passing three AP exams her junior year. She completed two more AP courses her senior year.

She has earned Lauréat National with Honors certificate for each of the past four years in nationwide French contest amongst 110,000 students, scoring in the top 5%.

Adele was a recipient of California Institute of Technology Signature Junior Book Award, reserved for students that demonstrated innovative and creative thinking, the motivation to go beyond what is required or expected, and curiosity and the joy of discovery in mathematics and the sciences. In her senior year, she was a recipient of Certificate of Merit with Highest Honors in science and mathematics from Society of Women Engineers. She has been a member of Chickasaw Honor Club for every term in middle and high schools.

She was involved in the science team, environmental team, and editorial team of ThoughtPrints publication. The science team placed eighth overall in Women of Science Scholarship Competition and second in the Massachusetts Regional Science Bowl.

She received Senior Athletic Award for earning eight varsity letters in cross-country, indoor and outdoor track and being a captain of cross-country team.

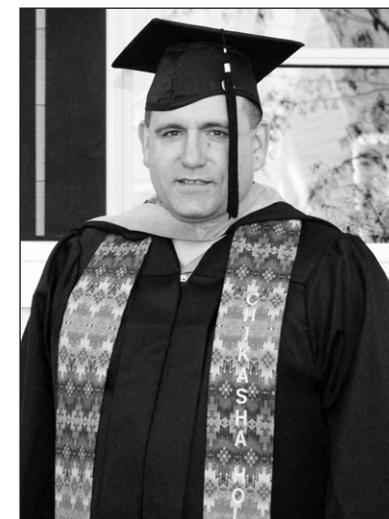
Adele's community service activities included volunteering for Newton-Wellesley Hospital's outpatient recovery and emergency radiology departments; volunteering as field crew for Boston Indoor games and USA Indoor Track & Field Championship; organizing annual Charles River clean-up and 2010 Envirojam, a musical event featuring students and teachers (all proceeds donated to the Green Decade Coalition); and organizing a 3-mile race (all proceeds donated to Shoes for Africa).

Adele participated in National Youth Leadership Forum On Medicine - a pre-medical education program that includes clinical and research visits, and Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative - an academic enrichment program designed to better prepare American Indian high school students to pursue a career in the health professions.

She has been a counselor at Innovations summer camp for the last 6 years, and currently is working as an office assistant in a law office.

Adele is planning to attend Brown University in Providence, R.I. to major in human biology.

## John M. Anderson



U.S. Army Veteran, John M. Anderson, Jr., recently graduated from Montana State University, Bozeman with a master's degree in architecture. He is the son of John M. and Janice Jack Anderson.

Mr. Anderson is the grandson of the late Tom Jack. He is the great-grandson of the late Walter Thomas Jack and the great-great-grandson of Mary Sugars Johnson Jack, both original enrollees.

## Desiree' Lyon



Desiree' Lyon is a 2010 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Bryan and Leah Lyon, of Ada. She is the granddaughter of Anita Lyon and Leon and Pearl Morris. She has three younger sisters, Devin, Dominique and Dawsyn.

Desiree excelled in academics, athletics and student organizations. She strives to excel in church, tribal organizations and within the Ada community, the Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma. She is a three-year member of the National Honor Society and has won medals in numerous interscholastic competitions across the state. She placed first in category at regional science fair three times and first at state science fair in 2008. She recently won numerous 2010 State Science Fair Awards including Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians award and the Oklahoma Consortium of Clinical Laboratory Science Affiliates Award. She competed in the Oklahoma Junior Academy of Science State competition, and won the Oklahoma Science Teachers Association Award for Best Paper, the Oklahoma Society of Clinical Laboratory Educators Award, first place in the Microbiology Division and third place in the Biological Sciences Division. Desiree' was the first alternate, of two delegates, to represent Oklahoma for the National Science and Research Camp. She has won several local scholarships and awards, including Elks Student of the Month, Latta High School/McNutt Drama Scholarship, and others.

She was a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) (2007-2010) and qualified for International competition for three years and a winner in state competition in 2009-2010. She was a member of the varsity golf for four years, serving as team leader for the last two years and team captain in 2010 and competed at the OSSAA State Golf Tournament. Her other activities include: state qualifier, One-Act Play 2008,2009, Rotary Interact member 2007-2010 and president 2010; ECOCDA auditions volunteer and facility Orchestrator 2010; Chickasaw Nation Honor Club, (eight semesters), Perfect Attendance Awards, 2007-2009, President's Education Awards Program - Outstanding Academic Excellence, 2007, and student council 2009-2010. She also participated in East Central University Tribal Police Training Program Youth Forensics Academy, 2007.

Desiree's community involvement includes: member of Harmony Freewill Baptist Church, nursery volunteer 2007-2010, biology tutor 2009; ECU Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner volunteer 2008-2010; Toys for Tots volunteer 2008, 2009; Rotary Volunteer on Glenwood Park Cleanup Program, 2009; Member of Holcim Going Green Youth Board, 2007-2008; four-year volunteer for Veteran's Appreciation Program; regular blood donor, (and periodically donates blood in honor of her 85 year old grandpa, a WWII veteran). She volunteered 32 hours at Latta's after school program, 2007, and was well-known at school for readily volunteering her time and efforts to numerous programs and activities.

She has been a Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month since 2007. She is very actively involved in the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Leadership Program (since 2008). and participated in the summer youth employment program for four years (2006-2009). She volunteered at the Annual Christmas Kids' Fair 2010, represented the Chickasaw Nation at the American Heart Association Oklahoma Heart Ball 2009-2010, and has been a part of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club for eight semesters. Desiree also participated in the summer golf camp for three years, and competed at the 2006 Indigenous Games golf competition.

Her plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, as a biology/pre-med major on a Presidential Plus Academic scholarship then transfer to the University of Oklahoma to complete dual degrees in microbiology and nutrition sciences.

She wants to give back to her school, community, state, and particularly the Chickasaw Nation.

## Dakota Cole



Dakota Cole is a 2010 graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla., earning his masters of science degree in accounting. He is the son of Roland Cole and Rosanna Easterling and the brother of Nevada Cole. He is the grandson of Dawatha and the late Coy Easterling and Kenneth and Elsie Cole, all of Connerville, Okla.

Mr. Cole has been honored with awards in undergraduate and graduate school at the ECU School of Business. He lives and manages a ranching operation at Connerville., and recently became employed at the Chickasaw Nation as a management accountant. He is currently in the process of receiving his Certified Public Account (CPA) license.

Mr. Cole wants to thank the Chickasaw Nation and Governor Bill Anoatubby for the help and support he received throughout his education. He hopes to have an impact on the Chickasaw Nation and it's citizens in the future.

## Amy Leora Culbreath

Amy Leora Culbreath is a 2010 graduate of the University of Oklahoma. She received her bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene.

She is married to Jason Culbreath, of Caney, Okla., and her children are Kyle and Hannah Cross. She is the daughter of Charles and Barbara Ogle, of Coleman, Okla., and the late John H. Vaughn.

She is the granddaughter of Hubert and Leora Lampkin, of Ardmore, Okla., and the late Marvin and Elizabeth Vaughn. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Lula Goins Casey.

Mrs. Culbreath served as senior class president for 2009 - 2010. Her distinctions include: President's Honor Roll, Chickasaw Nation Holitoplichi Honor's Distinction and a recipient of the Sooner Heritage and Chickasaw Nation scholarships. She was awarded the STAR award at graduation for her community involvement and passion for dental hygiene. She volunteered at Special Smiles in Stillwater, Okla., and Kid's Day (a free sealant program).

Mrs. Culbreath is a cancer survivor, a wife and mother. She is grateful for the help and support she received from the Chickasaw Nation during her endeavors.



## Susan Pualani Lewis



Susan Pualani Lewis, of Salinas, Calif., is a 2010 graduate of Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu. She is the daughter of Loren J. and Killy M. Lewis. She is the granddaughter of Joyce Ann Lewis, of Salinas, the late Cubby Edmond Lewis, Lucina Donios, of Marina, Calif., and the late Agrefino Donios. She is the great-granddaughter of Edmon Lewis, the great-great-granddaughter of the late Benton Lewis and the great-great-great-granddaughter of the late Wilson Lewis, all original enrollees.

Ms. Lewis graduated May 10, 2010 with a master's degree in social work. She earned a 3.92 grade point average (GPA) for the spring semester. She was a student member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Ms. Lewis is considering relocating to Seattle, Wash., seeking a career in social work.

Congratulations Susan! We are very proud of you. Continue your success for the future.

Aloha Nui Loa!  
The Lewis Ohana

## Maricela Marie Cano

Maricela Marie Cano is a 2010 graduate of Imperial Valley College in Southern California. Mrs. Cano graduated with honors receiving her associates of science degree in child education. She worked very hard to accomplish her goal.

She has two children, Michele, six, and Liam, one year and five months.

She was very determined to finish even while she was pregnant. She returned to school three months after Liam was born.

We would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for all their help to make this possible. She is looking forward to continue her education at San Diego State University or Yuma State, to receive her bachelor's degree in teaching.



Maricela Cano is pictured with from left, her brother Alejandro, mother Terri Lozano, (Maricela), daughter Michelle, son Liam and husband, Eduardo. Not pictured proud stepfather, Allen Stanko, and proud aunt and uncle, Phyllis and Donny Trewin.

## Athena Angelly

Athena Angelly is a 2010 graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of July Howell.

Ms. Angelly received a bachelor's degree in nursing and will soon acquire her registered nurse's (RN) license.

Ms. Angelly wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation for helping her through her entire college career.



## 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

National Night Out  
August 3, (580) 310-6620

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

#### CONNERVILLE

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

#### KINGSTON

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

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

#### KULLIHOMA

Stomp Dance  
July 23, (580) 332-8685

Stomp Dance  
August 27, (580) 332-8685

#### NEWCASTLE

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

#### OKLAHOMA CITY

Visions of the Young Chickasaw art exhibit  
Norman, July 9, (580) 272-5520

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

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

#### PURCELL

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

#### TISHOMINGO

Summer Film Series  
July 23, (580) 371-3351

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

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

#### CALIFORNIA

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

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

#### COLORADO

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

### KANSAS

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

### NEW ENGLAND

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

### NEW MEXICO

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

### OREGON/WASHINGTON

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

### TEXAS

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

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

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

# Upward Bound students kick off summer session

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound recently began the summer session at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. The summer session is a six-week program where students attend courses that prepare them for the upcoming school year, coupled with cultural events, educational trips, and many entertaining activities.

Students attended the Crosspoint Challenge Course located in Kingston, Oklahoma on June 7. Lead by head facilitator Brenda Ulrich, students took part in an afternoon where they were given the opportunity to challenge themselves at a number of low-ground obstacles, high-ground rope courses, wall climbing and rappelling. Following dinner, students participated in a variety of team-building activities.

On June 8 students toured the KWTV News 9 studio in Oklahoma City. They were able to see firsthand how much work goes into bringing the

news to viewers on a daily basis with a walk-through of the newsroom and editing room.

Afterwards, the students were greeted by meteorologist Jed Castles who gave a presentation about tornados in Oklahoma.

The National Weather Center in Norman was the next stop on the tour. Meteorologist Daphne Johnson gave a detailed presentation on how thunderstorms are formed. The observation tower provided a 7-story-high look of Norman and the surrounding area. The students also visited the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) headquarters which is where severe weather across the country is monitored and warnings are first announced.

On June 10, students were paid a visit by Sam Parton and Team Thunder. They are a top fuel education/racing team that focuses on education and stresses the importance of math and science in application

to real-world settings.

The day consisted of students making and launching two types of rockets and a solar-powered racecar.

Sam Parton encouraged students to set their goals high and emphasized the importance of using positive choices as a means to becoming successful in future professional careers.



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound enjoying the Team Thunder presentation.

## Brandi Caylor named Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

Ms. Brandi Caylor, a recent graduate of Velma-Alma High School, has been selected Chickasaw Foundation (CFUB) Student of the Month for May 2010.

She has been an active participant in the CFUB program for the last three years. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, actively involved with track and field, the aca-

ademic team, BETA club, Skills USA, Comet Reading program and the Velma Community Food Bank.

Brandi is a member of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council and has volunteered at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair each April. She will attend Murray State College this fall majoring in psychology.



Brandi Caylor

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities &  
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present

## *Visions of the Young Chickasaw Artists*



Photography by Ryan Rico

July 9 - September 24, 2010 at

The Jacobson House Native Art Center  
609 Chautauqua Avenue  
Norman, Oklahoma 73069



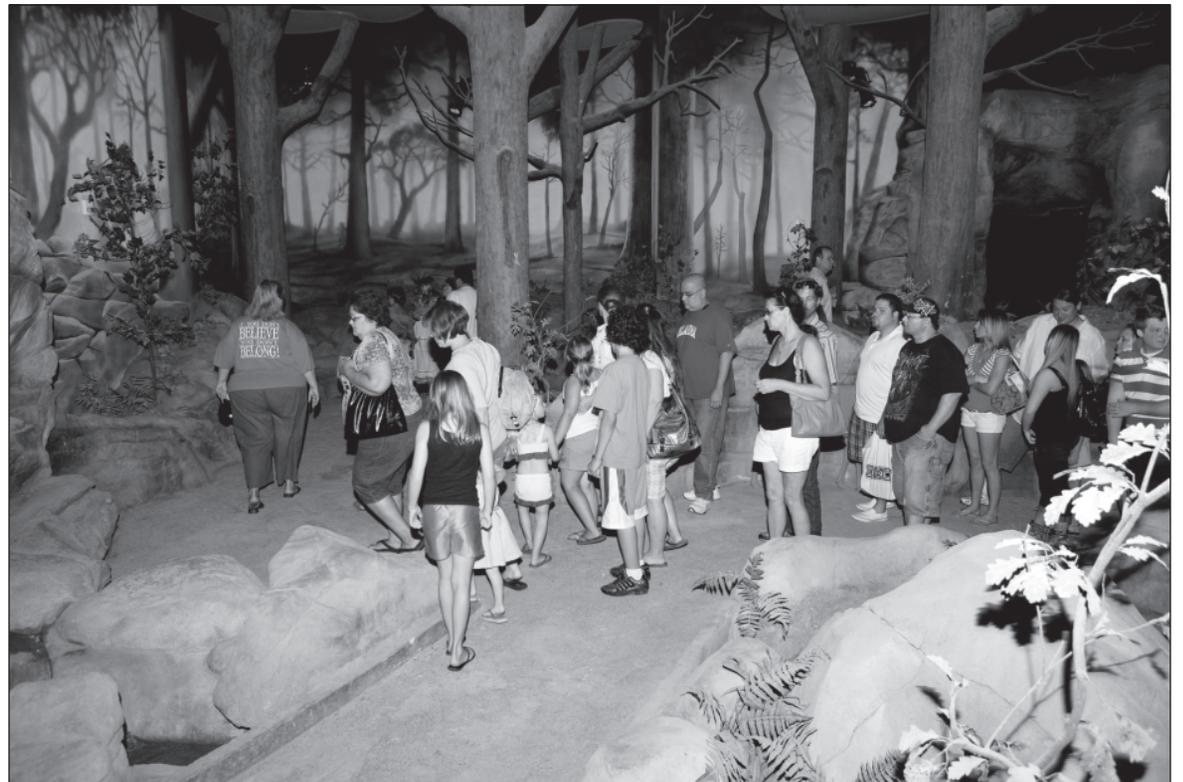
Photography by Addison Manning

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

# Chickasaw Cultural Center



Chickasaw citizen Ashley Wallace explains what a Rigid Heddle Loom is and demonstrates how to use it.



Chickasaw citizens visit the Spirit Forest at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.



From left, Cultural Center employees Michael Cornelius, Eddie Postoak, Jeremy Wallace and Lereene Frazier.

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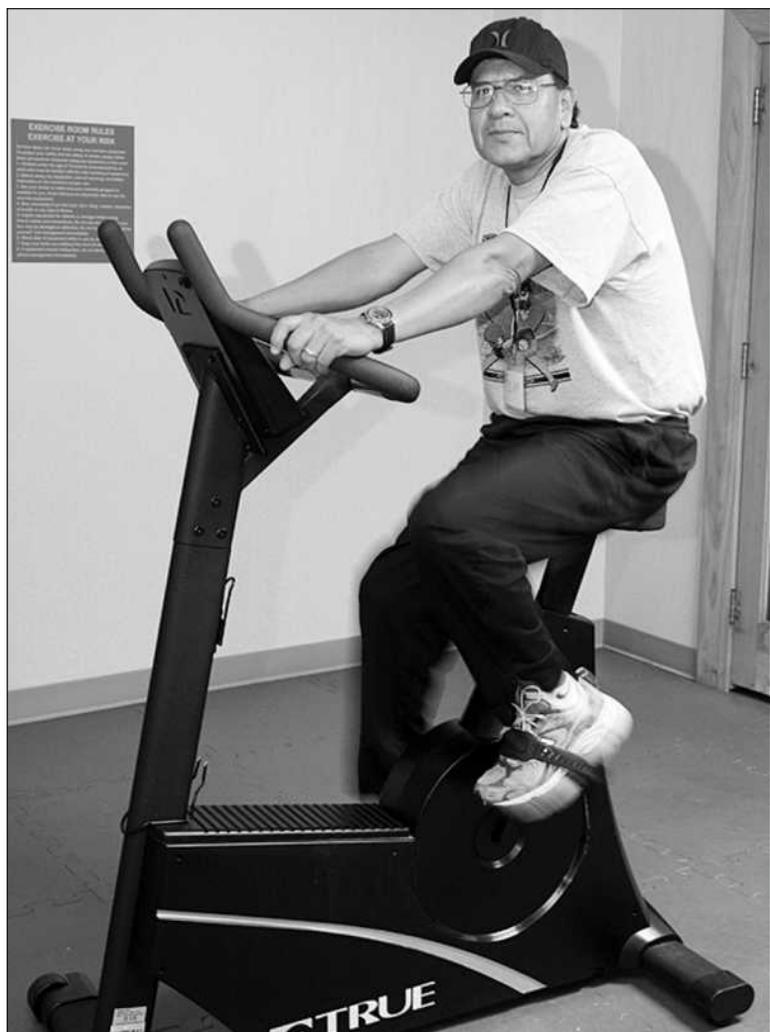
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# Diabetes camp provides good information on glucose control



Clay Williamson, 56, Ada, exercises at the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp, Wednesday, June 16, 2010 in Davis, Okla.

Marcy Gray

DAVIS, Okla. - After struggling with diabetes for eight years, Brad Goodwin is now learning how to "combat" his disease.

The 57-year-old Chickasaw, of Edmond, Okla., was one of 31 participants at the annual Diabetes Camp hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Diabetes Care Center

June 14-18 at The Inn at Treasure Valley in Davis.

"I learned how to eat, how to exercise and how to be more conscious about my surroundings with a goal of living longer," he said.

Compared to other one-day information sessions, where he learned about diabetes in general, Mr. Goodwin said he

found the five-day camp very "informative and broad" as he learned about cooking, reducing stress, nutrition, exercise as well as taking care of his heart, eyes, kidneys and many more.

And that is exactly what the camp aims to do, according to Shon McCage, health promotion specialist with the CNDH Diabetes Care Center.

"They (campers) get a week's worth of medical attention and care," she said. "Typically, you only spend 15 to 30 minutes in a doctor's visit. We are here all week to answer questions."

The campers also get to meet new people with diabetes and share their stories and struggles, making them realize that they are not the only ones.

The campers were also allowed to bring a guest or family member to the camp.

"The support person gets to walk in the shoes of their friend or loved ones and see what it's like being diabetic," she said.

Mr. Goodwin's support person was his wife Connie.

"I have gained a lot of information about diet, nutrition and exercise," said Mrs. Goodwin, who is not diabetic. "I am confident that I will be able to help my husband after we go home."

Throughout the week, the campers participated 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 were checked at regular intervals each day and campers were served healthy meals.

Damien Greenlee, 36, Ada, was voted the most motivating camper.

For more information on the Diabetes Camp or the CNDH Diabetes Care Center, please call (580) 421-4532.



Campers participate in the diabetes map activity at the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp, Wednesday, June 16, 2010 in Davis, Okla.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.



Rose Jefferson, 65, Ada, checks her blood sugar at the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp, Wednesday, June 16, 2010 in Davis, Okla.

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July 15: 10 a.m. and noon  
July 20: 10 a.m. and noon  
July 22: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 3: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 5: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 10: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 12: 10 a.m. and noon  
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

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

July 14: 10 a.m. and noon  
July 21: 10 a.m. and noon  
July 22: 6 p.m.  
Aug. 4: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 11: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 12: 6 p.m.  
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

### Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

July 13: 10 a.m. and noon  
July 14: 10 a.m. and noon  
July 20: 10 a.m. and noon  
July 21: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 3: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 4: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 10: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 11: 10 a.m. and noon  
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

### Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

July 13: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.  
July 15: 10 a.m. and noon  
July 20: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.  
July 22: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 3: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.  
Aug. 5: 10 a.m. and noon  
Aug. 10: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.  
Aug. 12: 10 a.m. and noon  
For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

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

## Full-time positions open at the Chickasaw Nation Health System

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

- 1 General Surgeon, Ada
- Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant, Ardmore

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

### Ronnie Shaw, Professional Recruiter

Chickasaw Nation Health System  
(580) 272-7272 [ronnie.shaw@chickasaw.net](mailto:ronnie.shaw@chickasaw.net)

### Beth Campbell, Staff Recruiter

Chickasaw Nation Health System  
(580) 272-7320 [beth.campbell@chickasaw.net](mailto:beth.campbell@chickasaw.net)

## Pacific Northwest Council

On May 22 we were pleased to have Jen Matheson of the Home Ownership Department of our local NAYA (Native American Youth & Family Services) speak. She shared an overview of their programs and services, including Home Ownership & Financial Wellness Programs. For further details visit [www.nayapdx.org](http://www.nayapdx.org).

In other news, two elders, 94-year-old Elnora Gaither and 80-year-old Thomas Young, met for the first time while learning they are half-cousins.

Elnora's maiden name is Greenwood and is related to the Duckworth and Aloatubby families.

She was born in Sulphur, Okla., and attended the Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha.

Thomas is the grandson of Wilson Greenwood and it is through Wilson's son, Julius, from a second marriage where the relation to Elnora originates. Thomas Young and wife, Ruth, celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary this month.

Lastly, come and join us Saturday, Aug. 28 in Vancouver, Wash., to help us celebrate our council's one-year anniversary. For location & details call either Kim: 503-819-3097 or Rena: 503-543-7401. Please RSVP with head-count by August 21.

Any ideas, suggestions or volunteers for activities & BBQ'ing, send to Michelle: [lavender-rows@msn.com](mailto:lavender-rows@msn.com).

### Elder case manager ready to help you

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

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

### 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.

## New dental practice in Oklahoma City



Chickasaw dentist Colin Holman, left, has recently opened Dental Expressions in Oklahoma City. Dr. Holman served as dental director for the Kickapoo tribe prior to entering private practice. He is a graduate of the Oklahoma College of Dentistry and credits the Chickasaw Nation with helping him through school with scholarships and opportunities. Pictured from left are, Dr. Holman, Autumn Miller RDH, office manager Candi Brannan, Dr. Natalie Frazier and assistant Renae Dodge.

## 'Following The Trail' set for Oct. 9

"Following The Trail," a Native American men and boys faith conference, is scheduled for Oct. 9 in Little Axe, Okla.

The conference will be hosted by the Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church in Little Axe.

Registrations paid before Aug. 6 are \$15 for men, \$10 for

boys ages 12 to 18. After Aug. 6, add \$5 to registration fees.

For more information, contact Bryce Scott at (405) 912-0044 or [bscott@midwestcityok.org](mailto:bscott@midwestcityok.org); Darryle Rattler at (405) 650-0707 or [drattler@ou.edu](mailto:drattler@ou.edu); or Jimmy Jones at (918) 738-5490 or [jimmy.jones@cox.net](mailto:jimmy.jones@cox.net)

## Lori Piestewa Native American Games set for July 15-18 in Phoenix

PHOENIX - The Lori Piestewa National Native American Games are scheduled for July 15-18 in Phoenix.

Native American athletes from across the country will compete in basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball and track and field.

Last year's Games attracted 12,500 athletes from 21 states.

The Lori Piestewa Games is the largest Native American sports festival in the country.

For more information call (480) 517-9700 or go to [www.gcsg.org](http://www.gcsg.org)

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## LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
April 16, 2010

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Holly Easterling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

**Members present:** Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

**Members absent:** Shana Hammond, 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, Dana Lance, Ashley Large, Rita Loder, Jennifer Owens, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - March 19, 2010

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the minutes.

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

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2010, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

**General Resolution Number 27-019, Approval of Development Budget Amendment**

(Paoli Travel Plaza and Gaming Center)

This resolution amends the Development Budget to construct a 16,000 square foot facility in Paoli to house the Travel Plaza and Gaming Center. The project will include the expansion of the necessary infrastructure to support the facility by adding a sewer force main(s) and sewer lines connecting the planned facility to the city of Paoli's sewer system. The total project cost will be \$5,450,000.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-019.

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

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-019 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

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

**General Resolution Number 27-020, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors Of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, Mr. Brian Gabbard**

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Gabbard to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, to fill an unexpired term of office ending on March 1, 2013. Mr. Gabbard will fill a seat vacated by Brian Campbell.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-020.

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

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-020 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution 27-021, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors Of RSE Enterprises, Inc., Mr. Brian Gabbard**

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Gabbard to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Gabbard will fill a three-year unexpired term of office ending on March 1, 2013.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-021.

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

Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-021 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number GR27-022, Application for the U.S. Department of Justice Geospatial Technology Grant**

The fiscal year 2011 cycle of Geospatial Technology Solicitation grants has been released. An award in the amount of \$439,069 is available without any matching requirement. The grant would provide funding for mobile mapping and field collection capability built into the computer-aided dispatch process and field response. Currently jurisdictional questions arise on the scene of a crime creating confusion as to which agency has proper authority to apply needed police service (effect an arrest, take a report, respond to a crime, etc.). This new technology will allow Lighthorse officers to determine jurisdictional boundaries between multiple overlapping agencies when deployed in the field increasing the effectiveness and responsiveness of tribal law enforcement.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-022.

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

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-022 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair David Woerz

Mr. Woods gave the Land Development Committee Report in the absence of the Committee Chair.

**General Resolution Number 27-023, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County**

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma. This is an addition to the Capitol properties.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-023.

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

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-023 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 27-024, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County**

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, as an addition to the Artesian property.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR27-024.

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

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-024 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

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

No report.

**HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) **ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Steve Woods

**Permanent Resolution Number 27-004, Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Eligibility to Vote, Application for Registration)**

This resolution amends Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding voter eligibility. The new language will require new Chickasaw voters to have previously been issued a tribal citizenship card. The resolution was received by the Legislative office on March 31, one day before the deadline provided by Paragraph 16-205.B.2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR27-004.

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Mrs. Alexander expressed that she was not comfortable in making changes in the rules before an election. She questioned the time frame the resolution was submitted, and felt there was a conflict in the definition. For these reasons she would not support the resolution. Chairperson Easterling explained the resolution did meet the requirements of the law.

**Members voting yes:** Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

9 yes votes

**Member voting no:** Beth Alexander

1 no vote

**Member abstaining:** Katie Case

1 abstention

The motion to approve PR27-004 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

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

Announcements were made regarding Elders day at Kullihoma and the Legisla-

tive and Judicial buildings' ribbon cutting ceremony next Monday.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on Chickasaw spouses applying for jobs and not being called for interviews, the eye glass program, the burial assistance program, and a management trainee program. He also addressed the Election Rules and Regulations.

Chairperson Easterling announced the annual budget presentation would be in June. The date would be announced at a later time.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Briggs, Secretary

Chickasaw Legislative Department

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Legislative Department

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Committee of the Whole

June 14, 2010

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

Absent: Shana Hammond

#### Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

June 14, 2010

Present: Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

#### Finance Committee

June 14, 2010

Present: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Absent: Scott Colbert, Shana Hammond

#### Health Care Committee

June 7, 2010

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

Absent: Nancy Elliott

#### Human Resources Commit-

tee

June 7, 2010

Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Holly Easterling

Absent: Scott Colbert

#### Land Development Committee

June 7, 2010

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

Absent: Steve Woods

#### Legislative Committee

June 7, 2010

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Steve Woods

Special Projects Committee

June 14, 2010

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, David Woerz, Holly Easterling

Absent: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs

## 2009-2010 Tribal Legislature

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

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## JUNE 2010 RESOLUTIONS

**General Resolution Number 27-026**

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC  
(Clay Jack)

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Clay Jack to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Jack will fill a new seat on the Board of Directors thereby increasing the number of directors from three to four. Mr. Jack will fill an unexpired three-year term ending on May 1, 2013.

Mr. Jack's Vita is attached hereto.

**Presented by:** Human Resources Committee

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

**General Resolution Number 27-027**

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC  
(Frank Johnson, Jr.)

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Frank Johnson, Jr. to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Johnson will fill a new seat on the Board of Directors thereby increasing the number of directors from four to five. Mr. Johnson will fill an unexpired three-year term ending on April 15, 2013.

Mr. Johnson's Vita is attached hereto.

**Presented by:** Human Resources Committee

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

**General Resolution Number 27-030**

Gubernatorial Reappointment-Chickasaw Nation Election Commission  
Ms. Rose Jefferson

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Rose Jefferson to another term of office on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2012.

**Presented by:** Human Resources Committee

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

**General Resolution Number 27-031**

Gubernatorial Reappointment-Chickasaw Nation Election Commission  
Mr. Jerry D. Malaney

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Jerry D. Malaney to another term of office on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2012.

**Presented by:** Human Resources Committee

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

**General Resolution Number 27-032**

Utility Easement in McClain County

**Explanation:** This resolution authorizes and approves a grant of a right-of-way easement for a 14.4/24.9 kilovolt electric transmission line. This easement would be located along the bank of the South Canadian river, on a parcel of land jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. At the current time the tract in question is unimproved land and is not leased. This parcel has a great deal of heavy brush and undergrowth. This easement would allow the placement of a transmission line to be utilized to supply additional electricity to the Riverwind Casino. Without this easement Oklahoma Electric Cooperative will have to find alternative means of supplying additional electricity to Riverwind.

**Property Location:** Jointly owned tract 336-A, McClain County

**Use:** Easement to Oklahoma Electric Cooperative

**Presented by:** Land Development Committee

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

**General Resolution Number 27-033**

Right-Of-Way Easement in Marshall County and Repeal of Resolution GR 24-041

**Explanation:** This resolution authorizes and approves a grant of a right-of-way easement to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (OG&E) for the purpose of constructing and maintaining fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electric current and communication messages. This easement would provide OG&E with the land necessary for this construction. Without this easement OG&E

will not have sufficient space for the construction of their electric current and communication fixtures.

**Property Location:** Children's Village, Marshall County, Oklahoma

**Use:** Easement to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company

**Presented by:** Land Development Committee

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

**General Resolution Number 27-034**

Tribute to Overton M. "Buck" Cheadle

**Explanation:** This resolution recognizes and acknowledges with great appreciation and admiration Mr. Overton M. "Buck" Cheadle and his work. Mr. Cheadle was a teacher, coach and counselor in many high schools and East Central University where he was the Indian Counselor for ten years, retiring in 1984. Mr. Cheadle served the Chickasaw Nation in many capacities: he was appointed to the Tribal Council from 1975 - 1979 and elected as Tribal Legislator from 1979 - 1986. Beginning in 1990, he worked on education programs and numerous Chickasaw boards and committees until his death, including the Hospital Governing Board, Chickasaw Foundation Board of Directors and the Chickasaw Historical Society Board of Directors. His thoughtful consideration and interest in tribal projects have added to the enrichment and betterment of the Chickasaw Nation, its citizens and Indian people. He was inducted into the Iowa State Coaches Hall of Fame, Chilocco Indian School Hall of Fame, Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame and the Iowa Hall of Pride where he was declared an Iowa Hero.

Further, this resolution approves a donation in the amount of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) from the unobligated budgetary funds of the Legislative Department to the Chickasaw Foundation, in the name of Overton M. "Buck" Cheadle, to be awarded by the Chickasaw Foundation as scholarships for Chickasaw undergraduate students at East Central University majoring in any subject that leads to a career in teaching or coaching. The parameters of the Memorial Scholarship are attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

**Presented By:** Finance Committee

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

**Permanent Resolution Number 27-005**

Amendments to Title 2 and Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code  
(Legislative Department Travel)

**Explanation:** This resolution amends Title 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that a travel policy for Legislative travel can be approved and adopted by the Legislative Committee. It also provides that the forms and processes necessary for Legislative Department travel will comport with those utilized by the Chickasaw Nation Division of the Treasury.

The resolution also deletes language from Title 16, Section 16-204 so that the Special Advisory Committee does not have the responsibility of approving travel requests.

This resolution is needed so that a proper travel policy for the Legislative travel can be adopted by the Legislature sitting as the Legislative Committee.

**Presented By:** Legislative Committee

**Yes votes:** Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

**No votes:** Beth Alexander, Katie Case

**Note of Thanks**

The family of Leo Poe would like to thank each and everyone in the Health System that provided care for my husband, our father and brother during his illness. A special thanks to the physicians, nurses and other medical staff that did a wonderful job taking care of Leo during his time at Carl Albert.

Thank you so much for your prayers, words of comfort, beautiful flowers, food and all the donations that were given and also a thank you throughout the Chickasaw Nation as a whole. No words can express how our hearts feel at this time. Leo worked with wonderful and caring people and we appreciate all that you have done.

I want to send a very special thanks to the Tishomingo Clinic and all of my co-workers whom are Special friends, you all hold a very special place in my heart for all that you have done. I love and appreciate each and every one of you.

Thanks to the Connerville community for the use of their facility and for the ones that prepared the meal for the family. We also want to thank our Church family, Blue Baptist, for all their support and the Trinity Baptist Church for the use of their Sanctuary.

God Bless you all.

The Poe Family

## Lucy LaRue Armstrong



Lucy LaRue Armstrong, 79, died April 30, 2010 at Duncan, Okla. Services were May 3, 2010 at the Callaway-Smith-Cobb Funeral Home, Marlow, Okla., with Rev. Randy Southerland and John Armstrong officiating. Burial followed at the Marlow Cemetery.

She was born April 6, 1931 at Marlow, to Arthur Williamson and Opaletta (Carter) Williamson. She was the granddaughter of Lucy Gibson Carter and the niece of Pearl Carter Scott.

Mrs. Armstrong was a lifetime resident of the Marlow area. She attended school at Rush Springs (OK) School System.

She married Jerrel D. Armstrong May 9, 1947. He preceded her in death (May 28, 1985).

She retired in 1990 from AOA as a shipping supervisor after 20 years of service. She enjoyed fishing, sewing and was an avid University of Oklahoma (OU) football fan. She loved to travel and go on family vacations. She had a very close-knit family and was a dedicated "Nanny" to all her grandchildren. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Marlow.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Kris Ball; a grandson, Ty Armstrong; a sister, Jacqueline Lightner; and a brother, Dan Williamson.

She is survived by a son, Terry Armstrong and wife, Joy, of Tuttle, Okla.; two daughters, Danine Hazen, of Duncan, and Estelle Saunders and husband, Steve, of Houston; 10 grandchildren, Terry Armstrong, Debbie Jacks, Ashley Streber, Kenny Hazen, Rikki Southerland, Jake Hazen, Shalyn Fechner, Tray Saunders, Casey Ball and J.J. Ball; 23 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bob Williamson, of Newcastle, Okla., and

Arthur Lewis Williamson and wife, Janice, of Moore, Okla.; two sisters, Wanda Kiser, of Norman, Okla., and Leta Hazen and husband, Bud, of Marlow; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were her grandsons.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association of favorite charity.

Condolences may be made at [www.callaway-smith-cobb.com](http://www.callaway-smith-cobb.com)

## John Russell Davis

John Russell Davis died May 31, 2010 at his home in Blanchard, Okla., of natural causes. He was born Oct. 29, 1940 at Ada, Okla., to John and Vera Rowe Davis.

He was an adventurer moving to Alaska in 1968 and starting his family there. A scholar he was the recipient of the National Merit Scholarship and a writer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Vera Davis; and siblings, Al, Joe, Harry, Jim, Wilson, Billy Mac, Helen and Dolly.

He is survived by his children, Celeste Davis, Mariah and Jared Blodgett and Jason and Dana Davis; grandchildren, Dan, Brandon, Anthony, Olivia, Caitlin and Margot.

The family will have a private memorial.

## James Belton Harlin, Jr.

James Belton Harlin, Jr., 86, died June 13, 2010 at Ada, Okla. He was born Dec. 1, 1923 at Durant, Okla., to the late James Belton and Sarah Frances (Moore) Harlin, Sr.

Mr. Harlin lived in Nevada and California most of his life, where he was an electrician and restaurant owner. Following his retirement he moved to the Ardmore, Okla., area in 1985.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a waist gunner on B-17 Bombers.

He and the former Margaret Beatrice "Maggie" Ransberger were married March 18, 1978 at Henderson, Nev. She preceded him in death on Aug. 24, 2003.

Mr. Harlin was proud of his Native American heritage. He was a member of the Chicka-

saw Nation.

He is survived by his children, Carol Rose Leless, Sharon May Espiau, Roxanna Jane Newsom, Susan Jean Mayes, and Steven Greg Harlin; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Douglas; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Curtis Harlin and Charles Harlin; two sisters, Irene Fisher and Glinda Wheeler; special friend, Jeannean Sands; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to family, friends and the medical personnel of the Chickasaw Nation for ministering to his needs. He will be missed.

Memorial services will be conducted in California at a later date.

## Patrick Kevine Kennedy

Patrick Kevine Kennedy "Chickasaw Warrior", 49, died April 23, 2010 at the Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City, Kan. He was born Dec. 19, 1960 at Wichita, Kan., to William Dan Kennedy and Ila Ricketts Kennedy.

He married Brenna Prater (Wildcat) Feb. 7, 2001 at his family home at Wichita.

Mr. Kennedy was of Chickasaw/Choctaw/Cherokee and Irish/French decent. His grandfather, William Douglas Kennedy, was an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation and helped to start the Ada Indian Baptist Church, Ada, Okla. He was a descendant of Mary Ann Cheadle-Walker-Mondrief-Johnston and a blood relative to Choctaw Chief Tandy Walker.

His nephew Tandy C. Walker as well as the great Chickasaw Governor Douglas Johnston and Choctaw Chief Apuckshunubbee. Mr. Kennedy's grandmother Eula would become one of the Nations' "Rosie the Riveters" during World War II which would help spark her son and grandson's interest in the aircraft industry. In 1967 Mr. Kennedy received his Chickasaw name "Yanash Intilhaa" (Running Buffalo) from his Grandfather Kennedy. His father would later change that name to "Yanash Hashaa" (Angry Buffalo) as his emotions were often very spirited!

Mr. Kennedy grew up in Wichita and attended Sowers "The Helicopter School" Elementary, Mead Junior High School and Wichita High School East. He played football but his

true passion was motorcycle racing which he had success in at the local level both in motocross and observed trials. After high school he went to work for the Cessna Aircraft Company where he excelled in flight aircraft maintenance and he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and achieved the rank of 3rd Class Petty Officer as a gas turbine systems technician - electrical. After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, he attended college at Kansas State University as a history/art major but left college early to care for his ailing mother suffering from terminal kidney cancer. After his mother's death he went to work for the Learjet Corporation and worked on the companies models 31, 55, 60 and Space Shuttle Programs until becoming ill with a life threatening disease, Hepatitis Type C. After nearly a year of intensive chemotherapy (interferon) treatments his health showed slight improvement. He became listed for a liver transplant in early 2010 with the Nazhi Zuhdi Transplant Institute in Oklahoma City as well as the Kansas University Medical Center. At his death he was weeks from receiving his transplant.

His father, William Dan, a decorated World War II Veteran died in 1988 after a 42 year career at Cessna as a production/flight superintendent.

Mr. Kennedy was extremely proud of his Chickasaw heritage. He loved his Nation and never failed to proclaim this loud and proud. In 2007 he won the best article award for Historic Preservation from his beloved Chickasaw Nation for his story about his late uncle, Curt Kennedy. He held this honor with great esteem. He had a passion for art and enjoyed spending his time at pow wows and other cultural events. Mr. Kennedy volunteered his time when his health permitted at the Mid-America All Indian Center and the McCormick School Museum, both of Wichita.

He is survived by his wife, Brenna Kennedy, of Wichita; three daughters, Hayley and Heather Crawford, of Wichita, and Cassie Barr, of Oklahoma; three brothers, William Michael, of Wichita, James Douglas, of Longview, Texas, and John Mark, of Humble, Texas; three step-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

## Leo Clem Poe

Leo Clem Poe, 57, of Pontotoc, Okla., died May 22, 2010 at an Oklahoma City hospital. Services were May 26 at Trinity Baptist Church with Revs. Brad Hawkins and Larry Hawkins officiating. Burial followed at Pontotoc Cemetery, Pontotoc, Okla.

He was born June 24, 1952 at Talihina, Okla., to James David and Opal Leona Collins Poe.

He lived in the Pontotoc area all his life and graduated from McLish (OK) High School in 1970. He attended Murray State College in Tishomingo for a year and a half.

He married Debra Hart June 21, 1978 at Pontotoc.

Mr. Poe was a security guard at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada and a member of Blue Baptist Church, Connerville, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Fife; and a brother, Jody Poe.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Poe, of the home; a daughter, Kristi Wallace and husband Jason, of Connerville; a son, Gerry Paul Poe and wife Shaunda, of Midwest City, Okla.; six grandchildren, Kelsey Olson, Mikayla Poe, Krysten Wallace, Jacob Wallace, Takoda Poe and Mikenna Poe; two sisters, JoAnn Hawkins and husband Larry, of Stonewall and Fern Herrod, of Ada; two brothers, J. C. Poe, of Connerville and David Poe and wife Sharon, of Pontotoc; a brother-in-law, Bill Fife, Dustin, Okla.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Bearers were Cecil Russell, Virgil Franks, Andy Timmons, Steve Bell, Randall Walton and Brett Converse. Honorary bearers were Willie Timmons, Jacob Wallace, Jeff Fife, Takoda Poe, Randall Hawkins, Levi Hart, Alan Poe, and Stoney Arterberry.

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