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## Tribe chips in to make Sulphur's Wynnewood Street bridge a reality

SULPHUR, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, tribal legislators and a number of local officials were on hand for ribbon cutting ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, celebrating the opening of the Wynnewood Street bridge.

School bus traffic across the bridge made the project a high priority for the Chickasaw Nation and the City of Sulphur. The two governments worked together to complete the project.

"This project is only one indication of the great working relationship we have with the City of Sulphur," said Governor Anoatubby. "Local officials continue to work hand in hand with us on the Chickasaw cultural center, which currently under construction, and a number of other projects we have planned in this area."

The Chickasaw Nation provided 80% of project funds through the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) bridge replacement



**Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, tribal legislators and a number of city and county officials conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday to celebrate the opening of the Wynnewood Street Bridge in Sulphur, Okla.**

funds program, while the City of Sulphur contributed 20% in matching funds.

Last year alone, the Chickasaw Nation received more than \$2.7 million in federal IRR funding, including \$700,000 in bridge

replacement funds.

Completion of the modern concrete bridge will benefit not only Chickasaw citizens and local students, but all area residents, according to Bo Ellis, director of the Chickasaw Nation

roads program.

"All of our projects involve public roads and bridges, so every dollar we invest provides a benefit to the entire community," said Mr. Ellis.

Chickasaw Nation Roads

inspector Brad Williams supervised construction on the \$400,000 structure, which was designed by Cobb Engineering of Oklahoma City.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Kennedy Brown recalls three decades of Chickasaw progress



**Kennedy Brown**

In the three decades since Kennedy Brown first came to work for the Chickasaw Nation as one of only three tribal employees, he has seen dramatic changes.

Mr. Brown's career with the tribe began little more than a decade after he watched the 1963 ceremony at Seeley Chapel where Overton James took the oath of office as governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

President Kennedy's appoint-

ment of Governor James marked a rebirth in tribal government.

"Prior to that, we didn't really have a tribal government," said Mr. Brown. "We didn't really know anything about Indian government per se. When Governor James was appointed, he said all he had was a piece of paper."

Another challenge in those early years was a lack of consistent funding, which makes Mr. Brown's 30-year tenure all the more incredible.

"When I first got into the Indian programs one of the things you had to deal with all the time was you didn't know if you were going to have funding for the next year, or what was going to happen," said Mr. Brown. "Everything was government funded. There were no resources from anything else."

"We didn't have that much

money in trust funds. We could barely keep the governorship open with the trust funds when nothing else was coming in.

"In fact, I've seen times when we had to reduce staff because we would lose a grant and that program was no longer funded. People would just move on into something else."

Nonetheless, Mr. Brown persevered.

Joining Governor Overton James and one other tribal employee in 1975, Mr. Brown's first position with the tribe was director of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA). Later, he continued to oversee job training programs under the Job Training Partnership Act.

His job was to help tribal citizens gain the training and education and training needed to secure employment or improve their position in the workforce.

While the tribe has seen tremendous growth since then, employment programs are still a major focus.

"The names of the programs have changed over the years, but the principle is still the same," said Mr. Brown. "We are still working to help people who are unemployed or underemployed prepare to compete in the work force and become more self-sufficient."

Today, however, the tribe offers far more education and job training programs than were envisioned three decades ago. In addition, the tribe, which now employs more than 6,000, can offer jobs to many of those who complete training programs.

Mr. Brown has played a number of roles during his time with

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General Resolution Number 22-022 Authorization for Right-of-Way in McClain County

Explanation: The Bureau of Indian Affairs has presented a request for a right-of-way for AT&T and McLeod Communications to install telecommunications facilities, including fiber-optic lines, on property jointly owned by the Chickasaw Nation and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma located in McClain County.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-023 Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore & Sequoyah Counties (Arkansas Riverbed Tract 90)

Explanation: This resolution approves Oil and Gas Lease of Sedna Energy, Inc. 4600 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas, 72903, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$151.27 per acre for a total \$11,364.92, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1,420.61, on property belonging to the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Cherokee Nation described as: a part of Section 19, Township 10 North, Range 25 East, LeFlore and Sequoyah Counties, Oklahoma, containing 75.13 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$225.40, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$28.17 per annum, and a royalty for a total rate of 18.75%. The bid amount is above the fair market value as to the mineral interest.

Requested by: Governor, Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolutions Number 22-024 Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore & Sequoyah Counties (Arkansas Riverbed Tract 96)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Crest Resources Inc., 15 Easy 5th Street, Suite 3650, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74103, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$108.75 per acre for a total bonus of \$58,406.36 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$7,380.00, on property belonging to the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Cherokee Nations described as: Section 27, Township 10 North, Range 26 East, LeFlore and Sequoyah Counties, Oklahoma, containing 537.07 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$1,611.24, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$201.40 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%. The bid amount is above the fair market value as to the mineral interest.

Requested by: Governor, Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-025 Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract B McAlester Watershed)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, P.O. Box 18496, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154-0496, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$702.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$184,766.40, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$46,191.60, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as Lots 1 and 2 (W/2 NW/4); W/2 SE/4 NW/4; SW/4 of Section 19, Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 263.20 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%. The bid amount is above the fair market value as to the mineral interest.

Requested by: Governor, Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Did not vote: Wanda Blackwood Scott

General Resolution Number 22-026 Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract - McAlester Watershed)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, P.O. Box 18496, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154-0496, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$702.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$238,680.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$59,670.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation describes as N/2 NE/4; SW/4 NE/4; N/2 SE/4 NE/4; N/2 N/2 SW/4 of Section 25, Township 6 North, Range 14 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 340.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$1,020.00, of which the

Chickasaw Nation will receive \$255.00 per annum, and royalty rate of 18.75%. The bid amount is above the fair market value as to the mineral interest.

Requested by: Governor, Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Did not vote: Wanda Blackwood Scott

General Resolution Number 22-027 Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract B McAlester Watershed)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, P.O. Box 18496, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154-0496, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$702.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$449,280.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$112,320.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 14 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 640.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annum and a royalty rate of 18.75%. The bid amount is above the fair market value as to the mineral interest.

Requested by: Governor, Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Did not vote: Wanda Blackwood Scott

General Resolution Number 22-028 Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: This resolution approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Cultural Center Phase II, Project Number 20.0016-04, in the amount of \$9,875,445 and the Housing and Tribal Development Administrative Office, Project Number 20-0019-04, in the amount of \$3,446,723. Exhibit A provides both development projects, with documentations to be provided to the Legislature during committee meetings.

Requested by: Governor, Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 22-029

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority

Michael Tally

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Michael Talley to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Board of Trustees. Mr. Talley is filling a seat which has been vacant. Mr. Talley is the former roads engineer for the Chickasaw Nation. He accepted a job as national coordinator of the Indian Reservation Roads Program in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs. He has since left that job and returned to Oklahoma.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Directed by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

*See Resolutions, page 7*

**Bill Anoatubby**  
Governor



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# As generations mature, Chickasaw heritage remains strong

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**  
Governor  
Chickasaw Nation

In 1838, the people of our tribe began the journey to Indian Territory. Removal was a difficult and painful time, and Chickasaw people had to be resourceful both during the journey and once established in this raw, new land.

One hundred sixty-seven years have passed since Removal. Those intervening years have seen our tribe affected in countless ways by the swinging pendulum of federal policy and natural forces.

But 167 years is actually a very brief time in the history of our tribe. We were long-established in our homelands area, and we built a sophisticated social and

political structure that served the people well and provided for the common defense.

That was uprooted in the 1830s. Once in Indian Territory, more changes, both from within and without, would touch our lives. We continued to be resourceful and preserved our unity, despite the many attempts to wipe away our unique and treasured history and culture.

And the pace of change in our world, both tribal and universal, has accelerated. The world has become a smaller place as communication, transportation and interaction have all developed exponentially. The skills and talents that were valued in the workplace 50 years ago have, in many cases, evolved into a whole new collection in 2005.

At the Chickasaw Nation,



**Gov. Bill Anoatubby**

we understand the value of top-tier education, exposure to new technologies and thinking in new ways. We believe we are following our tribal tradition of adapting to changing realities and meeting head-on new challenges as they present themselves.

We have dedicated a good

share of our resources to education and training of our young Chickasaws. And they are taking good advantage of what their tribe has to offer. We now have more Chickasaws in university and graduate programs than at any time in our history. Additionally, we are assisting more Chickasaws than ever in skills and trades training. Our tribe, and our young people, understand the value of education in today's society. It is paramount to the personal success of each of our Chickasaw students, and to the universal success of the Chickasaw Nation.

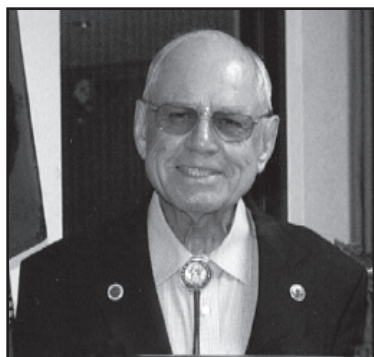
While we are embracing the new elements of American business and the American workplace, we continue to value most our tribal heritage. There is ample room for our new gen-

eration of Chickasaws to operate and excel in the changing American and world economy while preserving those traditional values that have served us so well over the generations. We have entered a period of achievement - both tribal and individual - as we have together helped provide the important tools that our people require.

In past generations, we have used tools for hunting, for growing and for building. We respect our storied past as we incorporate new tools into our arsenal - college educations, professional and trade skills, critical and analytical thinking.

We look forward to the up and coming generations of Chickasaws who will lead our tribe, our country and the global community of people.

## Chickasaw coach Cheadle inducted into Iowa Hall of Pride



**OVERTON "BUCK" CHEADLE**

When Overton "Buck" Cheadle, a Chickasaw from Oklahoma, arrived in cold, wintry Roland, Iowa, he knew he was entering a new chapter in his life.

It was 1950 and Mr. Cheadle had recently finished his U.S.

Navy service. He was a good high school and college basketball player, and he soon found he had a talent for coaching.

So when he drove into Roland that day in 1950, he was to take the reins of a school with a total enrollment of 73. Little did Buck, his players, or the Roland townsfolk realize history would be made.

For the incredible achievements of Coach Cheadle and his Roland Rockets, Buck will be inducted into the newly-completed Iowa Hall of Pride during grand opening ceremonies the first week of March. Buck and wife Helen are traveling to Des Moines for the induction.

The Iowa Hall of Pride is a

*The story of the Roland Rockets*

### 'The Little Team That Could'

"There were 41 boys in the entire school," Coach Overton "Buck" Cheadle said of Roland High School. "And 34 of them were out for basketball. It was a little school, but it was a basketball school."

Coach Cheadle had been selected for the job following an interview with the Roland superintendent. As the snow fell outside, Coach Cheadle was hired.

"He liked something about me and hired me on the spot," Coach Cheadle said.

Coach Cheadle realized he had a great group of boys for the

basketball team and set about teaching them the offense and defense. Soon, the apprehension and fear were gone.

"I didn't know how they might take to me up there, seeing I was a Chickasaw Indian from Oklahoma," Coach Cheadle said. "But I realized they were sort of worried about how I would take to them. So we ended up getting along just fine."

During that initial 1950 season, Coach Cheadle led the Roland Rockets to a 29-2 record. An outstanding achievement, no doubt. But 1951 would be the year to be remembered.

25,000-square foot structure in downtown Des Moines dedicated to important Iowans who have made a difference. Included are sports legends - like Coach Cheadle - movie stars, scientists and Iowans from many points in between. Interactive multimedia exhibits tell the stories of Iowa heroes while teaching about the state and its heroes.

"It is such a tremendous honor to be included in the Hall of Pride," Coach Cheadle said. "These events occurred so long ago, but they are being remembered and presented for future generations."

In the 1950s, all Iowa teams, regardless of enrollment, competed against each other in the state tournament. Roland had rolled to an undefeated season in 1951 and entered the tournament with a 31-0 record.

But the Rockets would soon face the "Goliaths" of the Iowa high school basketball world.

Roland made it through the preliminary rounds and would face Waterloo West in the quarterfinals, played at the University

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**The Iowa Hall of Pride features interactive displays that allow patrons to hear, see and feel special stories about special people from their state. Chickasaw Overton "Buck" Cheadle is to be honored at the Hall of Pride the first week of March. Coach Cheadle was the coach of the Roland (Iowa) Rockets from 1950-1952.**

### Recalling the Roland Rockets

When Coach Cheadle sees the old still photos from the days at Roland, and the history-making games at the state finals, he says he will be happy they are available to everyone at the Iowa Hall of Pride.

"I remember when I got to Roland, and I didn't know how those Norwegians would take an Indian from Oklahoma," Coach Cheadle said. "And they didn't know how I would do. But I can tell you, that was such a special time in my life. Those were the very best kids in the world. Just the very

best."

Several of the old Roland Rockets stay in touch with Coach Cheadle, who lives in Ada, Okla. Gary Thompson, the star Roland guard, went on to a college basketball career at Iowa State University and later played AAU basketball with the old Phillips 66ers in Oklahoma.

Sadly, some of the Rockets are deceased. But Coach Cheadle remembers them all.

"I can still see those boys as clear as day. They were really something."

## Tribal education programs for citizens of all ages



**Linda Briggs**  
Chairman  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Some unseasonably warm days (near 80 degrees!) in our part of the world have fooled Mother Nature into thinking it is time for plants to bud and bloom. In all probability we will still have some very cold days and even the slight possibility of snow. However, the days have been a wonderful gift and make all of us wish we were outside during the day!

As we prepare for our tornado season which is usually a prelude to real spring - or maybe a part of it, since I think of it! - we continue the many programs

presently being offered through the Tribe. Housing, which offers such a myriad of programs it is hard to keep up with them, does an outstanding job of advising, helping and tracking through for our citizens the opportunities of better living available to tribal members. And those fortunate enough to have qualified and received storm shelters are surely doubly thankful as we approach Spring!

We continue to acquire land for the projects to be built which will be an enhancement to our economy - which of course enhances the quality and quantity of services offered. We are operating under a 10-year plan and I do believe an analysis of where we are would show us on target. Such a great deal of planning and work always underway.

The application for assistance in education is now on line and available to everybody who wants to apply for assistance to learn something new. Recently I have spoken with several "going back to school" students in their 40's, 50's and 60's. One 60-year-old is coming up on graduation from college and so happy for

the result of all her years of effort - one course at a time! And we have a returning student Sue Hunter who lives in Norman, Oklahoma (near Oklahoma City for those of you who do not live in this part of the world) who is truly an inspiration. She works full time at our Newcastle facility to supplement her income while she carries a full load at her college. Occasionally she addresses the Legislature and makes us aware of her progress (the honor roll!) and I do not believe Sue will mind if I brag a little bit on her herein. The education assistance programs are not just for full time students and not just for young people just coming out of high school. They are for all of us, all ages and even for the parttimers! If you are thinking about going back, get in touch with the Education Department and let them help you go!

We have acquired the old Chickasaw White House and it is in the process of being renovated and restored. Some of the original furniture has even been acquired and one day the house will be a very special place for

all of us to visit with interest and pride. One of our all time great storytellers and expert on our history Glenda Galvin is in charge of the project and with her penchant for excellence in all that she does we can be assured it will be well done. And as we come around the corner toward summer you should definitely consider a visit to

Tishomingo which has been so important to us historically. The Capitol is completely restored now and wonderful to see. Give yourself a treat and learn more about your heritage!

Take care of yourselves and may God truly bless you.

Linda Briggs

## Diabetes group works to prevent new cases



**Dr. Judy Goforth Parker**  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

our job to get the message out, especially to our children and youth. Dr. Grim has asked the TLDC to also look at chronic diseases as they affect diabetes. We know that many patients with diabetes also have heart disease. In fact, when diabetes is first diagnosed, a significant portion of the newly diagnosed also have heart disease.

I will continue to serve on the TLDC, representing the 39 tribes of Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas with the approval of the Oklahoma Area Indian Health Board. Our new chairperson of the committee is Mr. Buford Rowland of the Porch Band Creek tribe. I will serve as Mr. Rowland's alternate chair and will serve also to keep you updated on news as it relates to diabetes. The special diabetes projects funded by Congress to help combat this disease will continue through 2008. We as a committee are already talking about strategies for permanent legislation or reauthorization of the current funding. The goal of the TLDC is to help in eradicating this disease. If you have questions or concerns about diabetes, please send me an e-mail at [jparker.mailclerk.ecok.edu](mailto:jparker.mailclerk.ecok.edu).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Pontotoc District, Seat 2

The Tribal Leader's Diabetes Committee (TLDC) is meeting once again, under the directive of Dr. Charles Grim, Indian Health Services. Our meeting was in Denver Colorado, February 10-11. You will be pleased to know that the TLDC, a committee that has been functioning for the past several years, is continuing to look at the issues of diabetes as they relate to Indian country. More than 330 grants are funded by the Indian Health Service to help combat the problem of diabetes in Native Americans.

We are now aware, by research, that diabetes is a preventable disease. Lifestyle changes such as increased activity, weight loss, medication, and dietary modifications have been shown to clinically reduce the incidence of diabetes. It is now

### 2004-2005 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.

<u>Pontotoc District</u>		<u>Tishomingo District</u>	
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## Carl Albert outpatient visits top 14,000; clinics see more than 11,000



**Mary Jo Green**

**Chickasaw Tribal Legislature**

Greetings and Happy New Year from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! Winter is almost gone and the trees are starting to show new life as they grow leaf buds in anticipation of spring time. We are certainly ready for warmer weather.

Bill Lance, Administrator of the Chickasaw Health System has provided the following information for this month's report. In the month of January, 2005, the number of hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility 237. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,424. January Emergency Room visits were 1,107 and the

number of surgeries was 238. The Same-day Clinic saw 3,238 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,140 patients in January. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,168 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,517 patients. The Durant Clinic saw 2,401 patients in January and the Purcell Clinic saw 875 patients. The Purcell Clinic has now seen a total of 2,460 since it opened its doors.

Mr. Lance also reported that Dr. James Moody from Moore is the new physician at Ardmore and Dr. Ken Johnson is the new dentist at the Tishomingo Clinic. Both doctors bring extensive experience to the Health System and we are very fortunate to have finally filled our staffing needs with such well-credentialed health care providers.

The Chickasaw Foundation made its annual presentation to the Legislature in January. The progress made by the Foundation over the last 12 months has been dramatic! I am very pleased that the Foundation now offers no less than 14 scholarships for Chickasaw students. So, students, don't forget to apply for financial aid at both the Education Department and the Chickasaw Foundation.

Two of the scholarships were made possible by generous donations from our tribally-owned Bank2. The Bank2 Banking Scholarship is given in the memory of Robert "Bob" Walton who was a Tribal Legislator and was very influential in the creation of Bank2. The scholarship provides \$3,000 per year for a Chickasaw student studying business, finance or accounting and who is interested in pursuing a career in banking. The Bank2 Ta-ossaa-ashá Scholarship provides \$1,000 per year for 3 Chickasaw students who are studying business, finance or accounting and who are interested in pursuing a career in banking. Information regarding all the Foundation scholarships and the application form are available on the home page of [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net).

I now have the email address [mary.green@chickasaw.net](mailto:mary.green@chickasaw.net). Please contact me through email 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. I look forward to speaking with you! Until next month, thank you.

## Chickasaw Adventures a wonderful way to teach our tribal heritage



**Wanda Blackwood Scott**  
**Chickasaw Tribal Legislature**

Chukma!

The tribe has recently published a wonderful new comic book, *Chickasaw Adventures*. All Chickasaws have been mailed a copy of this first issue of the comic. *Chickasaw Adventures* is entertaining, perceptive and very tuned-in to our Chickasaw culture.

We hope you enjoy this issue and maybe even learn something new about our Chickasaw heritage. I think *Chickasaw Adventures* will be a wonderful teaching aid that will really help Chickasaw children appreciate who they are.

I recently had the opportunity to meet and speak with two of our Chickasaw Light-horse Police officers. I thought they were both just terrific. I met one male officer and one female officer. It is obvious they are dedicated to serving the Chickasaw people. They are on the job to enforce the law and, most importantly, to protect Chickasaw citizens.

I am concerned about some federal legislation being discussed that could threaten our American population of wild horses. This new legislation, I have read, could lead to the destruction of older wild horses that have not been adopted. I plan to talk with our Oklahoma Fourth District U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, who is a Chickasaw.

I have a long-time, deep love for horses, and I treasure the wild horses of the American West. Many of those horses have been transported to our

area and I regularly drive past about 200 wild horses within two and one-half miles of my house. They are beautiful and proud animals. I think all Indians hold a special place for these majestic creatures.

The Chickasaw Foundation is an organization I'm sure you know about, but I wanted to say a word or two about the Foundation here. I am so pleased with the important work they do. They are very diligent about raising funds and making sure deserving Chickasaw students have ample opportunity to participate in their scholarships. The Foundation staff must continually work hard to build on its foundation, as almost all its money comes from private donations.

There is less than three months to the deadline for application for most of the Chickasaw Foundation scholarships. If you are a Chickasaw college or graduate student, don't miss out! Call the Foundation today for your application. Their number is (580) 421-9030.

The programs and services directory you recently received from the tribe contains all kinds of helpful information. The compact, spiral-bound booklet has tabs to make information easy to find. If you are looking for anything related to the tribe, you'll find lots of help in that unique booklet.

I recently received information that the President's budget requests \$1.1 billion for the BIA for Indian school construction and repair, and to improve Native education. The President has also signed an executive order establishing an interagency working group to help the process.

Best wishes to all of you. Thank you for reading my column.

You can contact me at my office, (580) 436-4594; my home, (580) 788-4730; or by email at [scotttdes@telepath.com](mailto:scotttdes@telepath.com)

## Committee Reports

Court Development Ad Hoc

Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Education Committee

Feb. 14, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Donna Hartman

Election Rules & Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Feb. 14, 2005

Present: Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott

Finance Committee

Feb. 14, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Health Committee

Feb. 7, 2005

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Judy Goforth Parker

Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott

Human Resources Committee

Feb. 7, 2005

Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Judy Goforth

Parker

Absent: Donna Hartman  
Land Development Committee

Feb. 7, 2005

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs  
Legislative Committee

Feb. 7, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,

# Peacemaking court now open; satellite courts considered



**Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred**  
Supreme Court Chief Justice

Chuckma! Spring is on its way again and the Judicial Branch is looking forward to another productive year. Once again, the Judicial Department has had an outstanding month.

## SUPREME COURT NEWS

The Chickasaw Nation Peacemaking Court opened on February 1, 2005. We currently have seven peacemakers involved in the Peacemaking Court. The Peacemakers have attended many Peacemaking Gatherings where they were trained in the peacemaking experience and process. If you would like more information on the Peacemaking Court or if you would like to use the Peacemaking Court; please contact the Supreme Court, Court Clerk, Jason Burwell, at 580-235-0281. Jason will be happy to explain the peacemaking process that has been incorporated into our court system.

The Judicial Branch was invited to attend the San Antonio Community Council meeting in San Antonio, Texas on February 22, 2005. Legislative Chairman, Linda Briggs accompanied

Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, Justice Barbara Smith, Dustin Rowe, Court Advocate, Jason Burwell, Supreme Court Clerk and visited with our extended Chickasaw family. We had such a wonderful time! Justice Smith and I presented a PowerPoint presentation to discuss our plans for the future as well as some of the changes taking place in the Judicial Branch in 2005. Justice Smith shared our vision of providing a Peacemaking Court that would re-introduce Chickasaw culture and traditions into our courts. Jason Burwell and Dustin Rowe led us in the "Friendship Dance." We had a "Question and Answer" session that gave us the oppor-

tunity to answer many questions for our San Antonio Chickasaw citizens. We held a drawing for an afghan with the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation. Richard Rodriquez, was the proud winner of the afghan. A gift basket of Bedre chocolates was given to Mark Taylor, Chairperson of the San Antonio Council. Bedre chocolates in the shape of our judicial seal was provided to our San Antonio Council members. Everyone loved our Bedre chocolates! Linda Briggs informed the council on the activities of the Legislative Branch. Linda Briggs also passed out Bedre Chocolates sacks and the Great Chickasaw Nation Seal pin to the members. We can't

say enough wonderful things about our San Antonio Council members. They are a very kind and welcoming group and we are very proud and honored to have been invited and included in their meeting. Thank you San Antonio for a wonderful evening!

The Justices have completed our strategic planning meeting. Our goals for our courts this year are as follows:

- Establish satellite courts
- Establish a juvenile court docket
- Complete the Court Clerk's certification training
- Enhance the Peacemaking Court

We have applied for a federal grant that would allow us to establish "satellite courts" in areas other than Ada. Also, we would like to develop a juvenile court docket for juvenile cases

only. These items are contingent on being approved for and receiving the grant monies which would allow us to expand in these areas.

However, the Court Clerk's certification training will begin the first week in March for our four (4) court clerks. We have retained the services of Oklahoma State University to customize the Court Clerk certification program using the Chickasaw Code and Constitution. OSU has developed an impressive curriculum for our clerks and we are looking forward to the skills and training they will bring back into our courts.

It is a privilege and honor to serve the Chickasaw citizens. If you have a chance please view the web page at [www.Chickasaw.net](http://www.Chickasaw.net).



From left, Justice Barbara A. Smith, Richard Rodriguez, and Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred.



From left, Mark Taylor, Chairman of the San Antonio Community Council; Jason Burwell, Supreme Court Clerk; Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille Eldred; Linda Briggs, Tribal Legislator; Justice Barbara A. Smith; and Dustin Rowe.

## Chickasaw District Court news

The Chickasaw Nation District Court continues to strive to serve the citizens to the best of their abilities. District Court Clerk, Wayne Joplin and Deputy Court Clerk, Tamara Dresser, are available to assist you Monday through Friday 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 at the Chickasaw District Court. If you have any questions, you may call: 580-235-0279 to talk to Wayne or Tamara. If you would like to speak with one of the Court Advocates, they will schedule you an appointment with ei-

ther Bud Scott (Oklahoma Indian Legal Services), Darlene Cheadle or Dustin Rowe.

The District Court had a total of **28** NEW cases filed in January 2005 as compared **7** to the same time period in 2004. The Court Advocates assisted **92** individuals in the month of January 2005 compared to **32** individuals in January 2004. As our records indicate, we are continuing to grow and with that growth we will endeavor to provide our citizens with service and guidance to meet their legal needs.

## Tribal rep in Chickasha

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha March 21 to answer questions about tribal programs.

To find out more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, Community Health Representatives or other programs visit Bettie Black at the Chickasha Boys

& Girls Club, 1501 Henderson, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*



# Hendricks commended for service to Chickasaw people



**Cadian Hendricks**

Members of the Chickasaw Nation Housing Authority Board recently passed a resolution to posthumously commend Cadian Colbert Hendricks for "meritorious and devoted service to the Chickasaw people."

Mr. Hendricks was commended for applying his technical, administrative and life experience, his sense of history to his work, as well as the fact that he "was never distracted from the mission of the Housing Authority to serve the less fortunate members of the Chickasaw Tribe, treating

fairly and equally all cases that came before the Board, while at the same time, expecting those whom he helped to also help themselves."

In addition to his service on the housing authority board, Mr. Hendricks had previously served as a member of the Chickasaw Industries board.

He died Dec. 9 at his home in Nida, Okla.

"Mr. Hendricks will be sorely missed by all who knew him," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "His life was marked by a spirit and attitude of service that is seldom seen and will be long remembered."

Co-workers and peers had a great deal of respect for Mr. Hendricks professionally and personally, according to Gary Joiner, who worked with Mr. Hendricks on the Housing Authority Board.

"Cadian was one of the Chickasaw Nation's treasures," said Mr. Joiner. "He did a lot of things for the nation in a quiet and unheralded way. He was

well liked by everyone who knew him."

Mr. Hendricks was recently asked to appear in one of the *Chickasaw Nation: United We Thrive* television spots featuring outstanding Chickasaw citizens.

"Cadian was very proud of his

Chickasaw heritage and being asked by Governor Anoatubby to be the subject of one of those spots was one of the proudest moments in his life," said Mr. Joiner. "Not being able to appear because of poor health was a great disappointment to him."

Mr. Hendricks was also an

active member of the Johnston County Historical Society and was instrumental in the restoration of the Chickasaw Nation Bank building in Tishomingo.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Resolutions, continued from page 2

is filling a seat which has been vacant.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-031

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw nation Bank Holding Company

William G. Paul

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. William G. Paul to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Bank Holding Company. MR. Paul will fill an unexpired term. The terms of office of each board member shall be determined by the bank charter.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,

Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Wilson Seawright

Permanent Resolution Number 22-005

Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Election Rules and Regulations)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code pertaining to the Election Rules and Regulations. The Election Commission and Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar are in agreement with the included changes.

Requested by: Steve Woods, Chairman Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Steve Woods, Chairman Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

As amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

## STARS event to benefit local schools

Oklahoma's First Lady Kim Henry will be the keynote speaker at the Chickasaw Foundation STARS event, Schools That Achieve to Raise Scholars. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29 at 6 p.m.

All proceeds raised at the event will be distributed among the eight Pontotoc County schools.

"This event is a great opportunity for local residents to support our public school systems," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Many students will benefit from the generosity of area residents."

The event will be held at the Agriplex and will feature a barbecue dinner and local "celebrity" waiters and waitresses.

Pontotoc County Schools will provide entertainment for the evening, including choir groups, a jazz band and a comedy act. The Chickasaw Children's Choir will also participate in the event.

In addition, a silent auction will be held featuring donated items from local merchants and well-known individuals. Some silent auction items include

a Barry Switzer autographed football, autographed basketball from Oklahoma State University's 2004 Final Four basketball team, an autographed picture and baseball from professional baseball player Mark Redman and a framed autographed photograph of professional bull rider Jody Newberry.

"The event is so important because the money raised will benefit so many children," said Chickasaw Foundation director Johnna Walker. "Every dollar raised provides another opportunity for a child to have an essential school item for a

craft project or maybe a science experiment or even a field trip that will expose them to a new learning environment."

News Channel 4's Kevin Ogle will be the evening's emcee.

All tickets will be sold prior to the event. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 12 and under. Officials hope to sell around 600 to 700 tickets.

For tickets, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

### Senior sites to host tax clinics

The Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging and the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) are hosting several tax clinics this month. The clinics are free and focus on senior citizens; however, all Chickasaws are welcome to attend.

The dates are as follows:

March 11 – Sulphur Senior Site

March 15 – Pauls Valley Senior Site

March 16 – Duncan at the Old Bus Station Café

March 17 – Achille Senior Site

March 18 – Connerville Senior Site

March 23 – Tishomingo Senior Site

OILS will be available to answer questions and E-file taxes. If you are interested in having your taxes files, remember to bring your tax filing information.

### ELDERS DAY



### FIRST STOMP DANCE

May 6 - 7, 2005

Kullihoma

(located 7 miles northeast of Ada, Okla., on Hwy. 1, 3 miles east and 1 mile south)

#### May 6

Opening Ceremony: 10 a.m.

Chickasaw Color Guard,  
Prayer, Welcome, Voices of  
Culture

Lunch - noon

#### May 7

Stickball game: 4 p.m.

Social dance: 8 p.m. - 10  
p.m.

Stomp dance: Midnight



# CNHS Diabetes Center director presents program administration talk



From left, Sue Thomas, Program Development Specialist; Thomas John, Director Diabetes Care Center; Dr. Debra Vaughn, Program Development Specialist; and Dr. Craig W. Hofford, Director HPP.

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Thomas John, Director of Health Planning & Policy and the Diabetes Care Center (Ada) within the Chickasaw Nation Health System, recently presented at the

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Diabetes Prevention Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference is sponsored annually by Health Promotion Programs (HPP) at the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. John's workshop, "The Progression of Diabetes Program Administration - From Shoe-strings to Research," provided participants with practical tools and methods that new and experienced program managers can use on a daily basis. His presentation included a brief overview of federal diabetes funding, the application of an effective program management model, and a general overview of resources and data management.

The conference was co-sponsored by the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Diabetes Center of Excellence, the Native American Community Health Center, Inc., and the InterTribal Council of Arizona.

Native American, Alaska and

Hawaiian Natives, as well as Canadian First Nations conference participants received the latest information and skills related to the deadly disease of diabetes. Diabetes continues to be a major challenge to the health and wellness of both non-native and indigenous populations. The conference theme, *Standing Together to Meet the Challenges of Diabetes*, incorporated a holistic and interdisciplinary approach to diabetes prevention, intervention and treatment, using a general session, concurrent workshop and evening wellness activities' format.

Keynote speakers included John Molina, M.D. (Pascua Yaqui) medical director for the Arizona Health Care Cost Con-

tainment System. His presentation, "Reflections on Diabetes Care," helped participants understand the importance of the provider-patient relationship, and the significance of patient autonomy in achieving optimal patient compliance. He also stressed that no matter what our role, we all play a significant part in the healing process.

Ann Bullock, M.D. (Minnesota Chippewa), medical director for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Health and Medical Division, spoke on "The Connection of Stress and Trauma to Diabetes." Her presentation focused on the physiologic changes produced

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## Revenues display upward momentum; net assets up

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation 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 sales taxes from the businesses, 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 election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expen-

diture for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

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

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Difference between beginning balance at January 31, 2005 and the ending balance last month are year end audit adjustments. Several year-end adjustments also have not been made.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending January 31, 2005

### Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$3.1 million for the month and \$24.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$2.0 million and \$9.1 million year-to-date including \$2 million transferred to Housing Construction and Loan programs as authorized by GR 21-075. Year-to-date, a total of \$11 million of the transfer from

businesses has been for fixed assets.

### Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$130.4 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$30.3 million for the year-to-date.

### Statement of Net Assets

At January 31, 2005, the tribal government funds had \$36.3 million in cash and investments.

Of this amount, \$6.8 million is in the BIA Trust fund.

The businesses had \$41.8 million in cash and investments of which \$19.0 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$10.6 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of January 31, 2005, tribe operations had assets totaling

\$280.0 million with \$19.6 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$260.1 million compared to \$238.1 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$22 million.

### Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Four Months Ended January 31, 2005

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
<b>Revenues</b>	\$ 413,691	130,441,185	130,854,876
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	24,334,494	(24,334,494)	-
Total funds available	24,748,185	106,106,691	130,854,876
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General government	1,560,360		1,560,360
Legislature	429,548		429,548
Judiciary	150,756		150,756
Education	1,099,204		1,099,204
Heritage Preservation	915,627		915,627
Health	1,252,693		1,252,693
Youth and Family Services	520,346		520,346
Nutrition Programs	556,310		556,310
Regulatory	150,624		150,624
Assistance Programs	429,831		429,831
Transfer to Loan Program	2,000,000		2,000,000
Gaming expense		60,987,802	60,987,802
Other businesses' expense		38,820,582	38,820,582
Total expenditures	9,065,299	99,808,384	108,873,683
Increase in net assets	15,682,886	6,298,307	21,981,193
Beginning net assets	86,983,763	151,166,236	238,149,999
Ending net assets	\$ 102,666,649	157,464,543	260,131,192

### Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets January 31, 2005

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 36,368,607	41,811,107	78,179,714
Receivables	1,043,098	9,160,674	10,203,772
Inventory		3,815,802	3,815,802
Prepaid expenses		4,362,430	4,362,430
Other Assets		18,228,913	18,228,913
Fixed assets	65,863,617	99,077,119	164,940,736
Less payables	(608,673)	(18,991,502)	(19,600,175)
Net Assets	\$ 102,666,649	157,464,543	260,131,192



**Jacob Matthew Webb****Kylee Cohoe**

**Jacob Matthew Webb** celebrated his first birthday December 31, 2004 with his Dad Jeremy Webb. He enjoyed banana cake, ice cream and presents.

Another birthday party was given by his Mom Charity Gage at Pizza Hut on January 1, 2005 where he received more presents from family and friends.

Jacob's parents Jeremy Webb and Charity Gage are from Tishomingo, Okla.

Maternal grandparents are Marvin Gage, of Tishomingo, and Mike and Georgia Alexander, of North Carolina.

Paternal grandparents are Susan and Anthony Webb, of Tishomingo.

Jacob is a descendant of original Chickasaw enrollee Henry Fillmore.

**Kylee Cohoe** will celebrate her second birthday April 7, 2005.

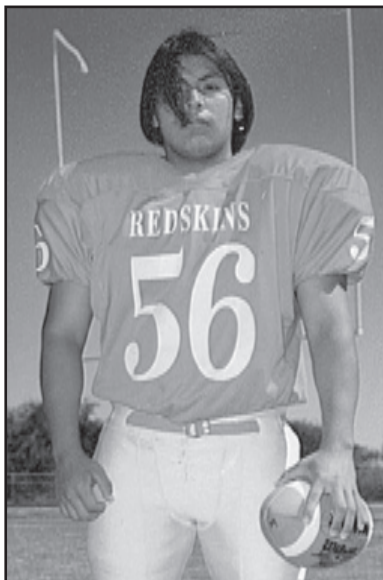
**Nathan Tyler Webb** celebrated his 10th birthday on September 13, 2004 with a Lego birthday party.

Guests played a Lego game and broke open a Lego block pinata.

Nathan is an honor roll student at Tishomingo Elementary School, Tishomingo, Okla.

He is the son of Anthony and Susan Webb, of Tishomingo.

Nathan is a descendant of original Chickasaw enrollee Henry Fillmore.

**Nathan Tyler Webb****Nick Landeros**

The family of **Nick Landeros** wishes him a Happy Birthday. He turned 17 on Jan. 18, 2005. They also wish their cousin Shannon Johnson, Sr. a Happy Birthday on Jan. 13.

Nick attends Kingston (OK) High School and enjoys playing football and basketball. He was selected as one of high merit and was chosen for publication in young poets contest in the Spring of 2004.

He is the son of Joannie Wallace, Ardmore, Okla. His siblings are Christina and Nathan Landeros.

His family includes cousins Coby and Jaime Lewis and kids and Albert, Damien and Alicia and an aunt who loves him and is very proud of him.

Keep up the good work Nick and God bless the both of you.

Love,

Mary Lou Thomas

## Births

**Avery Sue Blair**

**Avery Sue Blair** was born Sept. 29, 2004 in Nacogdoches, Texas.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Ben Claude Burris.

She is the daughter of Brit and Alicia Blair.

She is the granddaughter of Rusty and Tawana (Burris) Blair, of Frankston, Texas and the great-granddaughter of the late Bennie and Elizabeth Burris, Jr.

She has a faithful dog, Jake.

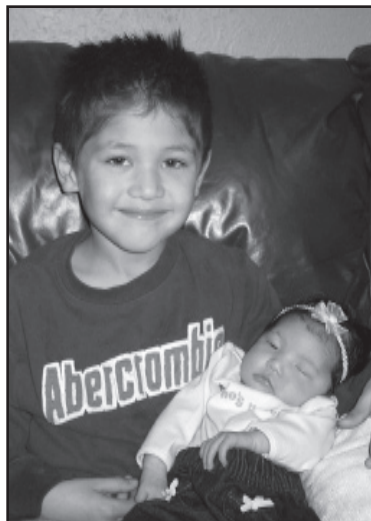
Our wish for Avery is a long and happy life filled with love.

**Ethan John Gomez**

**Ethan John Gomez** was born Dec. 16, 2004 at Oklahoma City. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and measured 20 inches. He is the son of John and Michelle Gomez, of Meeker, Okla. He is the brother of Kyla Paige.

His maternal grandparents are James and Jan Buoy, of Prague, Okla., and Karl and Triphina Brown, of Louisiana. His paternal grandparents are Patricia Gomez, of Newalla, Okla., and Joe A Gomez, Jr., of Oklahoma City.

He is the great-grandson of Harvey and Mildred Leslie, of Newalla, and George and the late Barbara Buoy. He is the great-great-grandson of William and Nannie Wade Leslie.

**Jalen and Jacee Underwood**

Jalen Underwood proudly welcomes his baby sister, **Jacee Grace Underwood**.

Jacee was born Jan. 18, 2005 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 ozs.

She is the daughter of Gina and JD Underwood, of Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Kathy Maxey, Stratford, Okla., and Jack and Barbara Underwood, Stratford.

**Jeremy Webb**

**Jeremy Webb** celebrated his 17th birthday on December 9, 2004.

Jeremy is an honor roll student at Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla., and is employed at Sonic Drive Inn, Tishomingo.

He is the son of Susan and Anthony Webb, of Tishomingo.

Jeremy is a descendant of original Chickasaw enrollee Henry Fillmore.

## Chickasaw in scholarship meet

Brice Dewitt, 15, an eighth grade student at Stonewall (OK) Junior High School, recently competed in a scholastic meet conducted at Byng School, Byng, Okla. Brice competed in eighth grade science and math.

Brice was selected for the Governor's Honor Club for the first nine weeks of the 2004 - 2005 school year.

He is the son of Brenda Dewitt and the grandson of Serena Bounds. He has a brother, Brandon McWethy.

**Brice Dewitt**





## Ellis new roads program director



**Bo Ellis**

Bo Ellis, Chickasaw, has been named director of the Chickasaw Nation roads program, where he will be responsible for overseeing numerous roads projects.

Mr. Ellis has more than four years experience with the Chickasaw Nation roads program as well as a background in various construction related activities including earth work and heavy equipment experience.

Projects the program has completed include numerous road improvements as well as the total replacement of four bridges in the past year.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were recently conducted to

celebrate the completion of the Wynnewood Street bridge in Sulphur. School bus traffic across the bridge made the project a high priority for the Chickasaw Nation and the City of Sulphur, who worked together to complete the project.

"The Roads Program has developed an excellent construction record in the past and we plan on maintaining those standards in the future," said Mr. Ellis. "Currently we are working to improve relations and communication with local governments to better meet the needs of Chickasaw people and the general public."

"When we coordinate our projects to coincide with city and county road improvements it creates a situation that benefits not only the Chickasaw Nation but also serves to expand projects that may not have been possible otherwise."

Mr. Ellis and his wife, Amie, have two children, Melissa and Levi.

## KADA wins state recognition

Chickasaw Nation's KADA AM/FM Radio recently learned it has won four major broadcasting awards from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters (OAB).

With one award each for station event promotion and general image promotion, as well as two awards for outstanding commercial announcements, the station garnered more awards than any other small market radio station in the state.

"It is gratifying to see the talented staff at KADA receive this type of recognition," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "While this is not the first time KADA has been recognized for its outstanding achievements, to receive four awards in a single year is quite a notable achievement."

A commercial produced by KADA General manager Roger Harris for Lazer Zone Family Fun Center won the award for best 60-second commercial. Lazer Zone is one of the newest Chickasaw Nation owned businesses.

Halloween Safe House, an event organized and sponsored

by the station, was honored as best station event promotion. One of the largest events in the area, the Halloween Safe House has an average nightly attendance of more than 4,000.

The Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters is the state association that represents all radio and TV stations in Oklahoma. An OAB award is the highest state recognition a radio or TV station can receive.

Harris sits on the Board of Directors of the OAB and is currently running for the office of chairman for 2006-2007.

"It is an honor to be so recognized by our radio peers and TV colleagues," said Harris. "Manufacturing a quality product for our listeners and advertisers has always been job one at KADA. If we happen to win an award in the process, that's just icing on the cake."

Awards will be presented the first weekend in April at the OAB annual conference in Tulsa.

KADA was the only station in the Ada area market to be recognized.

## King named director of tribal development



**Wayne King**

Wayne King was recently named director of tribal development, where he will direct an 11-member staff in their

efforts to assist tribal divisions with new construction needs.

Tribal development staff members work on all new building construction projects with the exception of Chickasaw Enterprises business facilities.

Tribal development assists in all phases of developing construction projects from assisting in designing floor plans and budgeting to completion of the structure.

"We hope to help tribal divisions receive the building of their dreams without taking up a great deal of their employees' time and effort," said Mr. King. "We want to make the building process painless and fulfilling for the divisions we serve."

The department also has a custom housing program for Chickasaw tribal members, employees and citizens of other tribes.

Mr. King has worked for the tribe since 1984 in housing development. He graduated from East Central (OK) University in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in business administration.

After gaining construction experience as a college student, he worked for a time as a general contractor, before coming to work for the tribe.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Spec. Wilson returns from Iraq duty

After a year of service in Iraq, Specialist David "DJ" Wilson, 21, of Okmulgee, Okla., recently made a safe return.

Spec. Wilson is in the National Guard with the 120<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion based in Okmulgee. He has been in the National Guard since November 2002.

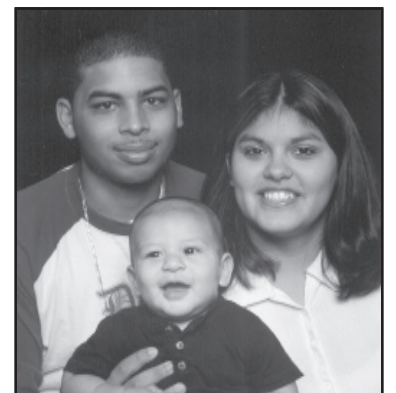
His wife, Sarah, is a Chickasaw citizen and the couple has a one-year old son, Trey. Trey

was only one month old when his father left for Iraq.

Spec. Wilson's parents are David and Lisa Wilson, of Okmulgee. Sarah's parents are Tim and Neva Harjochee, of Ada.

"We want to thank all those who prayed for his safe return," said Mrs. Harjochee.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*



**DJ, Sarah and Trey Wilson**

## Chikashsha Anompa ilithana! Let's Learn the Chickasaw Language!

Chickasaw families across the nation will celebrate Easter March 27. Below are some words or phrases which may be used in the celebration of Easter. While there is no single Chickasaw word for Easter, some might use the phrase Chisus at itti tayokana ontakali tok, which means "Jesus hung on the cross."

Easter - Falamat Taani Nittak, Akankoshi Aalohmi Nittak  
Jesus - Chisus  
God's son - Chihoowi Oshi  
cross - itti tayokana

arose - taanit tok  
third day - nittak atochchi'na

Jesus arose on the third day.  
Chisus at nittak atochchi'na ka taanit tok.

Jesus arose.  
Chisus at taanit tok.

eggs - akankoshi, kankoshi  
chicken - akanka, kanka  
rabbit - chokfi  
hide - loma  
find - hayoochi  
colors (a lot of different colors) - pisittimilayyoka

go - aya  
come - minti

Here comes the rabbit.  
Chokfi at minti.

Let's hide the eggs.  
Akankoshi ililohmi.

Go find the eggs.  
Akankoshi hoyot aya.

The eggs are different colors  
Akankoshi pisittimilayyoka.

red - homma  
yellow - lakna  
white - tohbi  
blue - okchamali  
green - okchamali  
brown - losayyi





## Monetathchi, Runyan to wed



**Shawn Runyan and Nola Monetathchi**

Ms. Delores Monetathchi, of Tishomingo, Okla., is pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of her daughter, Nola, to Shawn Runyan, of Madill, Okla.

The outdoor wedding will be March 12, 2005 at 4 p.m. at the couple's homestead west of Ravia, Okla. A reception will follow.

The prospective bride is a 1998 graduate of Tishomingo High School. She graduated from Southeastern (OK) State University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in biology. She is pursuing a degree in exercise science at East Central University, Ada, Okla., and working part time for the

Chickasaw Nation. Ms. Monetathchi has one son, Jacob Drinkard. Ms. Monetathchi is Chickasaw and the granddaughter of the late Joe and Mary Underwood.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Runyan, of Madill, and a 1996 graduate of Madill High School. He graduated with a degree in wildlife conservation from Southeastern (OK) State University in 2000. He is currently employed as teacher and coach at Madill Public Schools. Mr. Runyan is a member of the Lost Cherokee Tribe.

After a short honeymoon to Wyoming, the couple plans to make their home in Ravia.

## Life eventful for tribal security guard

### 'Something to tell the grandkids'

Charity Freeman says she likes her job as a security guard at Chickasaw Hills housing complex in Ardmore because "it's not monotonous."

That may seem like something of an understatement from a woman whose recent job duties included delivering a baby and performing lifesaving CPR on a seven-month-old infant.

"You come to work and you never know what you're going to come into, as you can see," she said with an easy laugh as she spoke of her recent experiences.

After arriving at work early one Friday in January, she received a call that a resident was in labor. She quickly ran to the house, where she assisted Bridget Knight in the delivery of Tiana, a five-pound, seven-ounce baby girl.

While her training for work as a security guard did not include instruction on child delivery, Mrs. Freeman said she drew on her personal experience.

"I had never seen (child birth) from that perspective," she said with a grin. "But I've had three daughters of my own, so that helped."

Growing somewhat more serious, she told of a young mother bringing in an infant with tears in its eyes moving his mouth as if trying to cry out but not making a sound.

"That was scary," she said of seeing the baby so near death.

Taking the baby from his

mother, she laid him upside down on one arm holding him by his chin as she struck him on the back three times with her other hand to dislodge the object.

"He was fine after that. I was real shaky after that one," said Mrs. Freeman with a grin.

Obviously, both mothers were very thankful Charity was on the job when she was so desperately needed.

Those mothers might also want to thank Charity's husband, John Freeman, who is partly responsible for Charity becoming a security guard.

John found information about security guard training at the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center and encouraged Charity to attend classes with him.

"Actually, I didn't want to be a security guard, but John said 'try it, you might like it.' I took the class with him and loved it," said Mrs. Freeman. "I've been doing it ever since."

It has been four years since she and her husband got their start in the security field.

While she ended up leaving her childhood home of Tishomingo, the transition has been relatively easy.

Her daughters, Michelle, Amber and Mariah, thought they might miss the Tishomingo schools they had attended since

kindergarten. They are, however, very much at home in Ardmore schools. In fact, one daughter is a member of the French club, while another aspires to be a cheerleader.

It is obvious as she speaks that Mrs. Freeman, who was raised to value family and her Chickasaw heritage, is very close to her family.

In fact, she mentioned at one point that her experiences on her job will give her something to tell her grand children.

Her family values and Chickasaw heritage are intertwined, because Indian culture includes close ties to family.

"Not just a few family members being close, it's like the whole family wants to keep in touch and be close and everybody knows everybody," she said. "I was raised to be proud to be Indian."

"That's what I teach my girls. They're blonde-headed, but I teach them 'You're Indian. You're Native American. You may have blonde hair, but you're Native American,'" she said with a wide grin. "So be proud of that."

Mrs. Freeman is the daughter of Virgil Lee Anoatubby, Jr. and Linda Hicks-Anoatubby.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

## Summer Youth Program accepting applications

ADA - Applications are now available for the 2005 Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program.

Native American youth from 14 to 21 years of age by June 6, 2005 are eligible to apply for the program, where they can gain valuable work experience and earn an average of more than \$200 per week for the eight week program.

To apply for the program, youth need to supply a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, proof of residence, income verification and social security card, as well as a recent report card, achievement test scores or transcript. Males 18 and older also need to supply a selective service number.

While the deadline to return applications to area offices is May 2, youth are encouraged to apply early.

Work sites will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis for those who have completed the application.

For information or an application contact your local area office.

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815 E. 6th Street  
P.O. Box 192  
Tishomingo, OK 73460  
(580) 371-9512

Sulphur Area Office  
2200 W. Broadway  
Sulphur, OK 73086  
(580) 622-2888

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Purcell, OK 73080  
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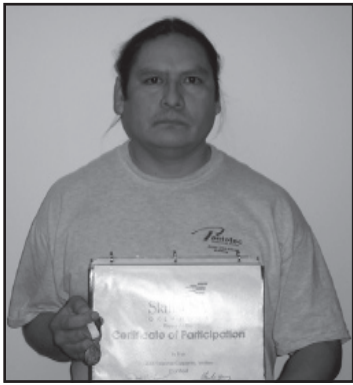




## Places first in skills test

Phillip Lewis, Chickasaw, recently placed first at the Skills USA/VICA contest.

Mr. Lewis is currently a student at the Pontotoc Technology Center. The students participated in the contest answered questions related to professional development and carpentry. Students from many different Vo-Tech and Technology Centers completed in the contest. Phillip was assisted by the Chickasaw Nation's Career Technology Program.



**Phillip Lewis**

We are very proud of you Phillip!  
Jennifer and Danny

## Vows exchanged in Iceland



**MASN Joshua and Erna Spradlin**

MASN Joshua Philip Spradlin, currently stationed at the NAS/NATO base in Keflavik, Iceland, and Erna Gudmundsdóttir of Reykjavik, Iceland, exchanged vows Friday, January 21, 2005, at Lágafellskirkja, a small church outside of Reykjavik, Iceland.

The bride is the daughter of Gudmundur Oli Gudmundsson of Akureyri, Iceland and Elín Reynisdóttir of Reykjavik, Iceland.

The groom is the son of Jeanie

and Purman Jones, of Asher, Okla., and John and Rita Spradlin, of Healdton, Okla.

The bride wore an elegant knee-length gown of white matte satin, featuring spaghetti straps and a stylish fitted bodice. Her hair was styled beautifully down, with an illusion fingertip veil.

The groom proudly wore his dress-blue Navy uniform.

As with Icelandic tradition, the bride's father accompanied her at the altar.

The groom's friend and military partner, MA2 Joshua Michael Fawcett of Bridge Creek, Okla. was the best man.

The bride's brother, Tomas Bui Kemp, was the ring bearer.

Following the exchange of vows, a reception was hosted in Reykjavik.

A second reception for the couple will be April 16, 2005, while the couple is in Oklahoma visiting family and friends.

The couple will reside in London, England.

## Pfc. Corbin on duty in Iraq

Pfc. Jennifer Ann Corbin, 21, a U.S. Army combat medic with the 125th Stryker Brigade Support Battalion based at Ft. Lewis, Wash., has been deployed to Mosul, Iraq.

She joined her unit as a replacement, leaving Ft. Lewis Dec. 21 for Kuwait and arriving in Mosul on Christmas Eve. She is presently posted at Forward Operating Base Marez, Mosul.

Corbin completed basic combat training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, on June 16 and Advanced Infantry Training on Oct. 14.

She is the daughter of Gene and Mary Corbin, of Durant, Okla.; and the granddaughter of Sky and Pat Corbin, of Milburn, Okla.; and Dorothy Green, Tishomingo, Okla.; and the late Johnnie Green.

## Chickasaw cager shines at tournament



**Back row, Coach Terry Gregory. Front from left, Coach Gayle Luna, Chelsie Stallings, Kelsey Jones, Rebecca Greenwood, Saranne Fewell, Wendi O'Conner, Camelia Thurman, Renee Johnson and manager Kara Floyd.**

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD) Lady Indians completed their season with a 15-3 record and second place finish at Great Plains Schools for the Deaf tournament in Olathe, Kan. For the second time in two consecutive years, Minnesota defeated OSD in the championship game.

"Minnesota was just too quick for us," said Coach Gregory. "They were quicker to the shot, rebound, and out hustled us on every loose ball. They had a good team."

The Lady Indians started the tournament against 7<sup>th</sup> seed, Colorado on Thursday, February 10. OSD jumped to a 15-2 lead the first quarter and cruised to a 39-20 win. Rebecca Greenwood, a Chickasaw, led the scoring for the Lady Indians with 18 points. On Friday, the girls played host school and number 3 seed, Kansas. The Lady Jackrabbits put the pressure on early and at the end of the first quarter Kansas was ahead 10-7. The Lady Indians re-grouped in the second to outscore Kansas 15-4 and led at the half 22-14. OSD struggled to find their game in the second half but maintained well enough to win 40-27 to make their way to the championship game against Minnesota.

"We struggled in both games to find the open basket. We have been averaging 60 points a game this season but were lucky to hit almost forty in each game," said Gregory. The Lady Indians did however have three players in double figures against Kansas. Greenwood led with 15 points followed by Camelia Thurman with 12, followed by Kelsey Jones with 11 points.

The trend carried over in the championship game against Minnesota. The Lady Indians

played solid defense but gave up too many second and third chance baskets.

"Rebounding was a big problem for us," said Gregory.

OSD got behind and was down 8-4 at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Indians just could not make their shots but defense kept them within striking distance as they trailed 20-11 at the half. In the second half, OSD could never make a run. They committed some crucial turnovers and Minnesota won 47-31.

GPSD is an eight-state tournament in which Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, and

Wisconsin Schools for the Deaf compete. In addition to winning second place in the tournament the Lady Indians won the three point competition and Rebecca Greenwood and Kelsey Jones were selected for the ten member all tournament team.

"Although we were not pleased with the outcome of this tournament, we have had a successful season," said coaches Gregory and Luna. "We end the season with a 15-3 record, the four state Cajun Classic championship, and runner-up in this tournament. Although she's a good one, we lose only one senior, Rebecca Greenwood. We should still have a pretty good team next year!"



**All-Tournament players Kelsey Jones, left, and Rebecca Greenwood.**

## Chickasaw boys do well in league



Adam Walker, right, and Preston Brown, both Chickasaw, recently finished playing in the Trinity Baptist league in the first and second grade division. They both had a great season and we are very proud of them. Adam and Preston are the sons of Bailey and Jennifer Walker. Their grandparents are Kathy Prentice, Herb and Julie Darras and Ruby Long. Great-grandparents are Gene and Lorene Prentice, the late Alford and Ann Darras and the late Adam and Viola Walker.





## Colbert selected for Greater OKC Chamber board



**J.D. Colbert**

OKLAHOMA CITY - J.D. Colbert, Chickasaw-Creek, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. Greater OKC Chamber Chair, Fred Hall, appointed Colbert to a one-year term for 2005. Colbert will also serve on the Economic Development sub-committee of the Oklahoma City Chamber.

"I am very excited to serve on the Greater OKC Chamber board," Colbert stated. "As Chair of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Indian Chamber of

Commerce (AICCO), I hope to provide a vital communications link between the Greater OKC Chamber, the AICCO and the American Indian business community in central Oklahoma."

In addition to his roles with the Greater OKC Chamber and the OKC Chapter of the AICCO, Colbert serves on the State Board of Directors of the AICCO. He also serves on the board of Oklahoma City's Empowerment Zone EDA Revolving Loan Fund and serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for Oaks Indian Mission in Oaks, Okla.

"We are very pleased that J.D. Colbert has been appointed to the board of directors of the

Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce," stated Margo Gray, AICCO State Board President. "He is highly qualified to not only serve on the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce board but also to represent the unique interests of the American Indian business community in the greater Oklahoma City area."

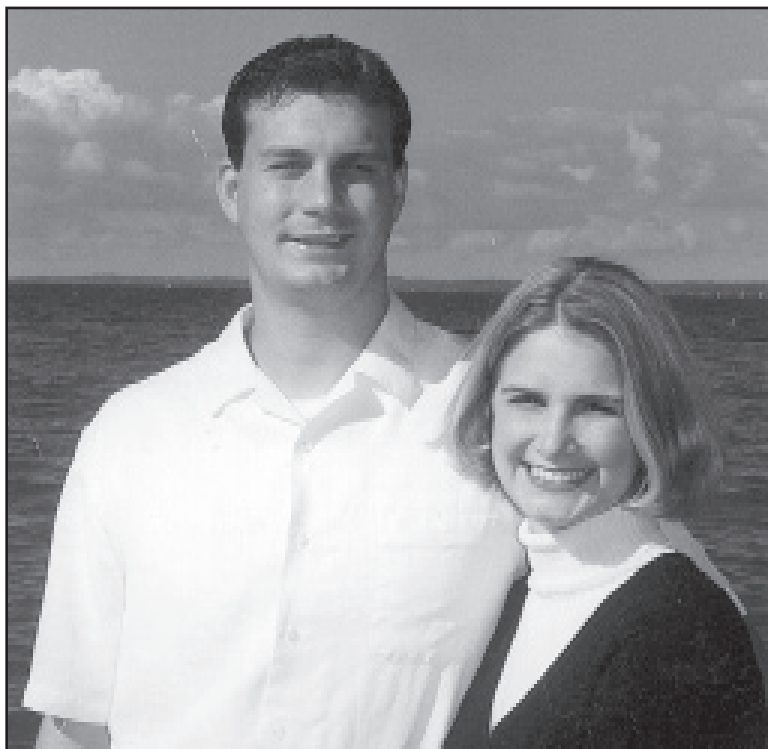
J.D. Colbert is the executive vice president for Native American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is an Oklahoma City-based community bank that is 100% owned by the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. He is also the founder of the North American Native Bankers Association, an

association of banks owned by tribes and American Indian individuals. Colbert may be reached at [jdcolbert@bank2.biz](mailto:jdcolbert@bank2.biz), or toll free at 1-877-409-2265.

*The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO) is the representative body for American Indian owned*

*businesses in Oklahoma. The AICCO has chapters in Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Durant. To learn more about the AICCO, log on to [www.aicco.org](http://www.aicco.org).*

## Jameson, Baird to exchange vows in June ceremony



**Bryan Baird and Leah Jameson**

Cindy Looney Seymore and Greg Seymore, of Snoqualmie, Wash., and Paul Jameson of Seattle, Wash., announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah M. Jameson, to Bryan J. Baird. The future bridegroom is the son of Hugh and Gretchen Baird, of Binghamton, N.Y.

Miss Jameson is the granddaughter of Nedd and the late Virginia Looney, the great-granddaughter of the late Eula A. Looney and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Susie Nedd Magee Aldrich. Miss Jameson's great-grandmothers were original Chickasaw

enrollee's

Miss Jameson graduated from Forest Ridge School, Bellevue, Wash., Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and Seattle University, Seattle. She is a special education teacher at Oronco Elementary School, Hillsboro, Ore.

Mr. Baird graduated from Chenango Valley High School, Binghamton, and Duquesne University. He is a global products manager for DHL in Portland.

A June 25, 2005 wedding is planned at the Episcopal Cathedral in Portland.

## Williams receives commendation



**Cpl. Kevin K. Williams**

Cpl. Kevin K. Williams, U.S. Marine Corps, was awarded the Marine Corps Achievement Medal for combat and distinguished service for his outstanding duty in Iraq from April 25 to August 5, 2004.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Burl Williams, of Newcomb, N.M.

His grandparents are the late Shineesta Cheadle Williams and Barry Williams, of Farmington, N.M.

## Letter to Editor:

Dear Editor:

First, we would like to thank Governor Bill Anoatubby and his staff of people who worked so hard to make it possible. It is a beautiful site.

Secondly, we feel that we are truly blessed to have as our director, Paula Woods. She is very professional, and you can see her hard at work when we arrive.

Paula has a good attitude to helping wherever she is needed. She is very well-liked by everyone, and is helpful in many ways: helping to serve the meal, making announcements, and appointing people as needed for various duties.

If it happens that she doesn't know the answer when asked, she will make every effort to find out soon. She is very accommodating in every way.

We also appreciate our cook, Mary McGill, and our van driver, Sherri Sanders. We have twenty-five to thirty people everyday for the noon meal. Don't believe that we have had one meal that has not been tasty to eat. Of course, we can't leave out the custodian, Lincoln Meely, he is doing a great job.

**The Seniors at the Pauls Valley Facility**

## To All Chickasaws:

We are asking for your help. The genealogy and archives department is hoping to compile a binder for our library to include the names, photographs, military branches, and short biographies of Chickasaws who have served, or are currently serving in Iraq. We would like to recognize our soldiers in this way, so that people doing research can see the contribution these Chickasaws have made to our country. We can scan or copy photos; originals are not requested unless you want to donate pictures to the library. If you know of anyone who is a Chickasaw veteran, please send information or tell them to call us at the genealogy library so we can include them.

Please feel free to contact our office for more information or any questions.

Thank you,  
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# Council of Elders studies information on old Chickasaw place names

**Submitted by  
Robert Perry for the  
Council of Elders**

The Chickasaw Council of Elders (COE) met at the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur on Thursday January 20. Last month, Mr. Kirk Perry mentioned that many pieces of information about Chickasaw history pass daily through the Division of Heritage Preservation. Although unable to attend today, Mr. Perry sent written information for the COE to study: (1) Chickasaw Village Names from Contact to Removal: 1540-1835 by John F. Dyson. (2) Copies of pages from an original 1860 book donation: Constitution, Laws, and Treaties of the Chickasaws published in Tishomingo City. (1) was interesting because much of history lacks Chickasaw sources for the old names; instead the Choctaws gave the Chickasaw names of places to their French allies. Although the experts say that the two languages are almost identical, the Choctaw names are more poetic such as Dancing Rabbit, while names that the Choctaw give for Chickasaw places are rather plain. With a lot of comparison and using the Munro Analytical Dictionary as a basis, the author tried to add meaning to the old Chickasaw names, mostly based on landscape features and village description. The author has published in *the Chickasaw Journal* and seeks input from native speakers and scholars, such as COE and the Chickasaw language committee. (2) was interesting with facts such as the District Attorney was appointed and paid a salary, but he had to post a \$1,000 bond and attend all terms of the Circuit Courts; and failure to attend would dock his salary.

COE is vitally interested in preserving the stories of our Elders and has begun identifying these cultural treasures within the tribe. Bob Perry reported that the Chickasaw Historical Society (CHS), with the technical assistance of Chickasaw multimedia department, recently did an hour long film interview with Mrs. Gunning. Mr. Brian Brashier of Multimedia showed this film to COE. Because the film had been made around a big

table; Brashier wants to build a kitchen set in Ada. Bob Perry reported that the division of arts & humanities wants to show the Gunning film in a fall 2005 conference. Mr. Earnest Guess of Purcell spoke to COE and told about his Chickasaw ancestors two of whom were light horsemen. Mr. Guess consented to be interviewed by multimedia.

Bob Perry had written an article about the Bloomfield Flirtation song that the girls created over a church hymn. The article will be submitted to the *Chickasaw Journal of History and Culture*. Mrs. Marie Beck has a book of the Sandy Creek Presbyterian Church history, which will be used for an article to be written for the Chickasaw Journal.

**Actions:** Mrs. Beck reported that member Virginia Edwards had passed away and members attended the funeral. It was pointed out COE has two unfilled slots. Mrs. Beck asked members to offer names as replacements at the February meeting. Mrs. Beck announced that a Chickasaw language facilitator class would be given by Murray State College in Tishomingo for six all-day Saturdays from February 19<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$33 for college credit. Mr. Eddie Postoak explained that the course is intended to teach the teachers how to teach the Chickasaw language and that the language committee had asked that their fee be paid. Council Members were urged to help facilitate the course offering to make it a real good course. COE asked that the \$33 fee be paid for COE members who could help. Council Member Winnie McNeely has been chosen as one of a group of Native Singers invited to Manchester, England in July. To help defray expenses, COE asked that a honarium be given, urged members to donate and offered suggestions on ways for the church group to raise money. We heard that the Zuni Tribe received a national award from Harvard University for raising eagles. A request was made to check out the Zuni award and determine if something similar could be done at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. This would not be a money-raising project but

could bring favorable attention to the tribe. Long ago the Chickasaws did an Eagle dance.

**Announcements:** Mr. Bob Perry reported that the 2005 CHS Artist Calendar and the Picture Book prices will be increased March 15. Most of the Artist calendars have been sold and the remaining ones are collector items to be priced at \$30. The Picture Books will be sold by a third party with a web-site and CHS must meet their prices. Tribal members will be able to buy at

the old prices (\$15-C & \$12-P) until that date. Thereafter, the calendar and picture book can be purchased together at the higher prices, but for no more money persons also receive a one year CHS membership that normally sells for \$20. CHS Members receive four journals a year filled with exciting Chickasaw history not available otherwise.

**Next Meeting:** Chickasaw Motor Lodge, 10 AM on Feb. 17, Sulphur. Ms. Jesse Sandefur was unable to attend today's

meeting, but wants to bring an Elder speaker to the next meeting. Other members will meet with other elders to arrange future talks to COE. The Gunning film mentioned that the tribe had just initiated the Chickasaw Nation light horse police. COE asked that Lisa John over the Chickasaw Nation light horse be asked to speak at next months' meeting.

## Applications available for Chickasaw internship program

Applications are now available for the Chickasaw Nation internship program.

College sophomores through seniors ages 18 to 25 are eligible for the program. Interns gain valuable hands-on experience and knowledge about the workings of both tribal and federal government as they work in a variety of government offices in across the U.S., or in Chickasaw Nation businesses and departments throughout Oklahoma.

Internships are designed to help train students to work with government leaders to address challenges facing Indian country. The tribe selects and funds participants in hopes they will

gain the experience and knowledge to become effective leaders and facilitate a continuing improvement in government-to-government relationships.

Chickasaw students selected for internships receive a weekly stipend and paid round-trip airfare, if applicable, and paid housing from the tribe.

These tribally-funded internships are designed to help prepare students to work with leaders in the nation's capitol to address challenges facing tribal governments.

Interns serve four to eight weeks in a variety of offices, including Chickasaw Nation businesses and departments, the

Indian Health Service, Congressional or Senate offices, Indian Affairs Commission, Environmental Protection Agency and others.

Location and dates of service are determined by the Chickasaw Nation after selection.

A weekly stipend of \$300 is provided for interns serving in Oklahoma, while interns in Washington, D.C. receive \$350 per week.

For information or an application contact:

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## Chickasaw History Quiz: Civil War Edition

By Richard Green

- The most important factor in the Chickasaws' decision to join the Confederacy:
  - If the South wins, slavery continues and many tribal leaders owned slaves
  - Confederate states were better trading partners.
  - Early in the war, the U.S. abandoned its forts in the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations.
  - The tribe was fed up with the U.S. for not honoring its treaty obligations.
- When war was declared, some Chickasaws opposed an alliance with the Confederacy or supported the U.S. What happened to them?
  - They were jailed and some were executed as traitors.
  - They acted as a guerilla force within their nation.
  - Saying no government controlled them, they continued to farm and supply Union troops.
  - Most fled to refugee camps or went into exile.
- The leader of the Choctaw-Chickasaw regiment, which fought in several battles against the Union army was:
  - Douglas Cooper
  - Tandy Walker
  - Albert Pike
  - Pushmataha
- At the war's end, the word that best describes the state of the Chickasaw Nation:
  - Optimistic
  - Pragmatic
  - Confused
  - Devastated

See Answers, page 20





## A Chickasaw man's story of survival

# A Heart to Give

"He has touched my heart time and time and time again," said Tammy Blevins-Purser, a Chickasaw Nation community health representative, about one of her clients, Chickasaw John Patterson.

Mr. Patterson, from Oklahoma City, has been through a lot in his days and his story is heart-warming.

The following was previously published in the *God Allows U-Turns* More edition.

**By John Patterson, as told to Louise Tucker Jones, Edmond, Oklahoma**

As I lay in bed on Thanksgiving Day in 1989, my body racked with pain, I found little to be thankful for. Some months earlier I had broken my foot. Having been a world-champion steer wrestler on the rodeo circuit in my early years, I certainly didn't worry over broken bones. The main problem was the inconvenience of the cast. But as the weeks went by, I began to experience intense pain. Finally, the cast was cut away and the source of pain revealed. Somehow the cast had cut the bottom of my foot, and since I was a diabetic, gangrene had quickly set in. After several days of intravenous antibiotics, I went home, but the wound never healed. Now the searing, throbbing pain was unbearable, and my temperature was escalating. I knew what the next step would be.

The following morning an emergency surgical team prepared to amputate my right leg, just below the knee. Though I had protested in the beginning, now I just wanted to live and to be out of pain. After the surgery, I gradually moved from a wheelchair to crutches and often hopped around on my good leg until a blister appeared on my foot. Six months later, my left leg had to be amputated. If I felt sorry for myself with the first amputation, it was nothing compared to the anger and rage I now experienced.

When I was 12-years old, I had joined a little country church and thought that took care of my religion. I didn't talk to God the way some people claimed to do. I took care of

myself and figured most folks would be better off if they did the same. What I learned about God growing up was that He was to be feared, and I had experienced enough fear in my own home. I certainly didn't need more from some deity.

But now, as a grown man, trying to cope with two "stubs" instead of legs, I even lost my fear of God. As I sat in the middle of the bathroom floor, unable to raise myself up, I cursed God violently. So what if He struck me dead with lightning; could that be much worse? Maybe I wasn't the best person in the world, but I didn't deserve this.

Eventually I was fitted with two prostheses and spent time in rehab learning to walk again. As my muscle mass and weight decreased, my own determination to walk increased, and I continued my tirades against God. Who needed Him anyway? I could take care of myself, just like I had always done.

By 1995 I was back to a fairly normal lifestyle with a good job, when I began to have chest pains. The pain was familiar. When I was 31-years old, I'd had quintuple heart bypass surgery. Years later, stents were placed in the arteries. What else could they possibly repair? After spending a few days in the hospital on pain medication, I went home. The pain returned and didn't go away. I couldn't even walk from one end of the living room to the other without collapsing in total exhaustion. Finally, the doctor recommended a heart transplant even though my medical problems posed a great risk. Having been a gambler in my rodeo days, I didn't like the odds they were giving me, but I saw no other option.

The first step was being accepted by a transplant team, which was no easy task. As a diabetic and double amputee, some teams wouldn't even consider me. And even if I were accepted, I would have to go on a waiting list, which could take months or years. And if I was lucky and received a heart, there were no guarantees that the surgery would work.

When I'd had the bypass surgery years earlier, I was put on

a heart-lung machine to keep my heart pumping during surgery, then an electrical impulse restarted my heart. But this would be different. My diseased heart would be removed and someone else's heart would be placed in my body. It didn't take a genius to figure out that the only One who could make a brand-new heart start beating was Almighty God, and I figured I had alienated Him completely when I cursed Him. I truly didn't think I even had the right to ask Him for help.

But my wife, a wonderful Christian woman, along with the pastor and friends from her church, had a different idea. They gradually convinced me that God was full of love and forgiveness, not anger. That was a new concept for me. How could anyone, especially God, love me enough to forgive me for the years I had ignored Him and the things I had said? But slowly, as I read and studied my Bible, I found a God that was totally different from the judgmental one of my youth.

This was a God of love, peace, joy and even healing. This was not a God to fear. This was Someone I could trust and believe. To say I was surprised by His love would not be sufficient. I was completely overwhelmed. I asked God over and over to forgive me and told Him whatever life I had left, no matter how much or how little, I wanted it to count for Him.

Eventually I was accepted as a transplant candidate, and on the day after Christmas I went into the hospital to wait for a new heart. It was like living with life and death at the same time. One minute I thought of being healthy again' the next minute the reality that I might die surfaced.

Finally on January 22, 1996, a heart was available. The doctor told me to get my family together. We called our pastor, friends and family and prayed together. I was prepared for surgery and felt complete peace. I had given everything to God. He was in control no matter what happened.

Suddenly, the doctor came in and told us they had a problem.

He didn't seem to know how to approach us. Finally, he said, "We have a 17-year-old boy on a ventilator who probably won't make it through the night without a heart." He paused, then asked if I would consider giving the boy the heart. He also emphasized that the heart was originally intended for me and it would be my choice. I could keep it or give it away, not knowing when another heart would become available or how long my body would make it without one.

Talk about a roller coaster of emotions. From the moment I was notified, I had gone from disbelief, to elation, to apprehension, to acceptance, and now I wasn't sure what I was feeling. How do you choose who lives or dies? It was both the toughest and the easiest decision I ever made. The tough part was knowing what my family would go through if I didn't receive another heart. I didn't want to leave my wife a widow. I wanted to live. I wanted to see my grandchildren grow up.

The easy part was knowing who needed the heart most. And it wasn't just about the physical body. My faith in God had intensified over the last months. I knew I was going to heaven when I died, but I didn't know about that boy. Was he a believer? If he lived, it might give me a chance to tell him about God and share His love. And didn't a 17-year-old deserve life more than a 49-year-old double-amputee diabetic?

The young man survived the surgery. One week later I received my new heart, an even better physiological match for my body than the previous one.

I was even able to share God's love with the young man's family.

That was five years ago, and today I feel great. In fact, I'm probably healthier than many people my age. It takes extra energy for me to walk, but I enjoy going places and meeting people. And I wear shorts everywhere I go, no matter what the season or weather. I want people to see my prostheses and ask questions so I can tell them about my medical miracles. When they ask, I tell them that God gave me new legs so I could walk with Him. Then I explain He gave me two new hearts-this physical heart transplanted into my chest cavity and a spiritual one deep in my soul that overflows with His love.

That's my greatest miracle, and I plan to share it with everyone I meet.

A similar rendition of Mr. Patterson's story was also published in *Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul*.

He likes to tell his story to help people and show them it's possible to survive. Mr. Patterson also likes to encourage people to donate their organs because he wouldn't be here if it weren't for a very giving person and family.

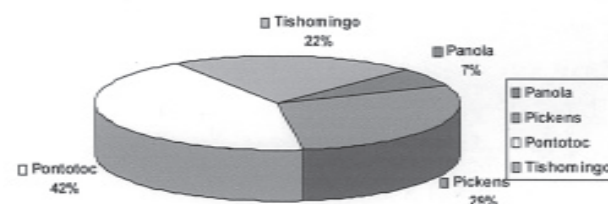
He offers this advice to those with medical problems, "Keep praying and hang in there. Always remember there is someone in worse shape than you are."

Mr. Patterson and his wife, Karen, have two children and two grandchildren. Tammy Blevins-Purser visits Mr. Patterson's home once a month to assist with his health needs and concerns.

## Count of Voters by District

<b>Panola</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>Pontotoc</b>	<b>8,428</b>
<b>Pickens</b>	<b>5,652</b>	<b>Tishomingo</b>	<b>4,245</b>
		<b>19,599</b>	

### Voters Chart by Districts





# Chickasaw Nation recognizes employees for service

More than 100 Chickasaw Nation employees were recognized for 10 years or more of service during award ceremonies Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Kennedy Brown, former lieutenant governor and now special assistant to Gov. Anoatubby, was recognized for 30 years of service.

"Kennedy is a great asset to the Chickasaw Nation," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "His devoted service to the Chickasaw people has always been marked by a high level of professionalism, as well as a friendly, easy going nature that brings honor to the Chickasaw Nation."

LaDawn Wainscott was honored as Customer Service Employee of the Year for her "positive attitude, excellent teamwork, exemplary job performance and full support of organizational and departmental goals."

Her nomination for the honor read, in part, "She is always friendly and helpful to all seeking information and assistance from our division. She is always diplomatic – even in the most tension filled situations. She projects and creates a helping atmosphere."

Governor Anoatubby said "LaDawn consistently strives for, and achieves, excellence in everything she does. She is willing to take on the largest task, and makes sure to take care of every detail."

Seven employees each received a personalized Pendleton blanket marking 25 years of service, while seven more employees each received a commemorative watch to mark 20 years of service.

A personalized wall clock marking 15 years of service was awarded to 17 loyal employees, while more than 70 received a 10-year service pin.

"It is an honor to salute each of these employees for years of selfless service to the Chickasaw people," said Governor Anoatubby. "While we can keep track of the years, it is impossible to measure the positive impact they have had in the lives of their fellow citizens."

Those honored for 25 years of service are Debbie Stephens, Betty Crisp, Rebecca Maytubby, Haskell Alexander, Madeline Johnson, John Hilton and Geneva Cole.

Receiving awards for 20 years of service were Margaret Foley, Susan Alexander, Bill Gold, Deanna Kendall, Carol Snyder, Terry Davis and Thomas Smith.

Honorees marking 15 years of service are Deanna Carpitche, Johnna Walker, Patricia Barnes, David Battice, William England, Ron Frazier, Marian Yochum, Tommy Brown, Kevin Worcester, Robert Allison, Leta Burwell, Kathy Pettit, Debra Cox, Roxanna Newsom, William Shephard and Sheilla Brashier.

Employees honored for 10 years of service are

Ramona Chapman, Norma Prince, Julie Ray, Glenna Bottoms, Patricia King, Barbara Underwood, Andrew Wade, Linda Dalton, Janelle Folk, Sonya Isley, Paulette Jones, Michale Jones, Linda Wells, Beverly Cravatt, Douglass Benester, Scott Furimsky, Elaine Fennell, Angie McElrath, Kelly Short, Mary Taylor, Joyce Bear, Joy Bohanon, Donald James, Danny Key, Jerry Payne, Bryan Rich, Debbie Jewett, Kim Jones, Heather Mathews, Marvia Johnson, Carol Dilbeck, Rhonda C. Harjo, Evelyn Parchcorn, Jimmy James, Willie Spann, Roy Worcester, Sharon Scott, Helen Jackson, Patricia Griffin, David Huff, Delores Stick, Regina Bullard, Michael Allman, Donna Howlingwolf, Maybell Sellers, Mitchell Buck, David Poe, Tony Poe, Richard Wilson, Larry Wood, Lisa John, Darla Wolf, Marilyn Lehman, Emma McLeod, Donna Gipson, Britt Johnson, Betty Baptiste, Betty Hamilton, Joann MacCollister, Amy Russell, Shirley Washburn, Charlene Nix, Sharon Yargee, Theresa Holman, Susie Huggins, Debra Chaote and Mary Biggs.

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**Kennedy Brown, 30 years of service.**



**LaDawn Wainscott, Customer Service Employee of the Year.**



**Madeline Johnson, 25 years of service.**



**Debbie Stevens, 25 years of service.**



**Betty Crisp, 25 years of service.**



**John Hilton, 25 years of service.**



**Rebecca Maytubby, 25 years of service.**



**Haskell Alexander, 25 years of service.**



**Geneva Cole, 25 years of service.**



*Employee Service pictures,* continued from page 16



Bill Gold, 20 years of service.



Terry Davis, 20 years of service.



Deanna Kendall, 20 years of service.



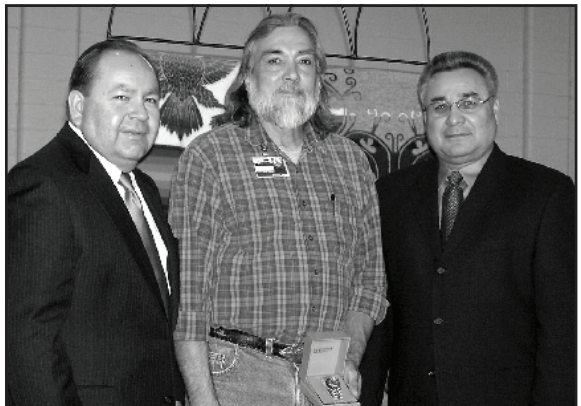
Margaret Foley, 20 years of service.



Susan Alexander, 20 years of service.



Carol Snyder, 20 years of service.



Thomas Smith, 20 years of service.



Employees with 15 years of service.



Employees with 10 years of service.



Employees with 10 years of service.



## Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship for social work, health care-related study



**Lillian Fowler**

This scholarship is named in memory of Ms. Lillian Fowler. It was made possible through the generous donations of The Chickasaw Nation, Ms. Fowler's son-in-law and daughter, Phil and Trisha Hays of Hot Springs, Arkansas; their two children, Stacie and Greg Hays; and a private donor, Mr. Bill Best of Thermal Engineering Technologies from Columbia, South Carolina. Ms. Fowler's daughters Linda Frost, Sandra Homer and Trisha Hays and her son, Roger Fowler, have pledged the proceeds of her estate to the Chickasaw Foundation.

This annual scholarship will be awarded to a Chickasaw undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in social work or a health care related field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who has a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Lillian Fowler was born in Antioch, Oklahoma; the eldest daughter of Bryant Blackwood and Malinda Blackwood (Gibson), an original enrollee of the Dawes Commission. She attended Bloomfield Academy, previously known as Carter Seminary, and attended Chillico Indian School in 1940. She married Nicholas Bit Fowler, and to this marriage came four daughters and two sons.

Ms. Fowler was very proud of her work with the Chickasaw Nation, which spanned a 13-year period from 1969 to 1982. This was a time of challenges and opportunities for the Chickasaw Nation as it was in the infancy stage of growth with many programs and services be-

ing established. She was hired as the second Community Health Representative (CHR) for the Tribe, allowing her to be involved in setting basic standards of work and service for this position. These standards still exist today. As a CHR she did it all; transporting people to and from health clinics, vaccination of dogs, preparing and delivering food baskets, cooking holiday meals, scheduling and hosting community meetings and many times just being a confidant and friend to the people. She was fun loving, proud of her Chickasaw heritage and represented the Chickasaw Nation admirably as she traveled extensively

throughout the states to improve her skills by attending numerous seminars, workshops, education conventions and other Native American events. She valued education, and knowing that she fell short of graduating from high school, she enrolled in a General Education Development (GED) course. At the age of 57, the oldest in the class and still working full time, she attained her GED in June of 1977.

She was taken from her family and friends on January 31, 2004, after a valiant battle with heart disease and the debilitating effects of diabetes. She is greatly missed!

## Upward Bound students visit Omniplex Rockwell display

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students recently visited the Omniplex in Oklahoma City. Students stepped into the world of Norman Rockwell in a unique interactive exhibit and experienced the imaginative scenes of American life. With more than 100 original *Saturday Evening Post* covers, 40 interactive experiences, life-sized sculptures and an original Norman Rockwell painting, the exhibit blended elements of education and entertainment. Brought to life in theatrical environments and multi-media productions, Rockwell's America: Celebrating the Art of Norman Rockwell, presented a once in a lifetime experience that represents the very best of America's past and present as only Norman Rockwell could envision.

Students also journeyed deep into Gombe Stream National Park and across four decades of research to experience the

world of chimpanzees in Jane Goodall's *Wild Chimpanzees* Omnidome show. Dr. Goodall's legendary work with the chimpanzees of Tanzania celebrated 40 years of chimp science with rare footage of chimps at close range playing with one another and their baboon neighbors, grooming, hunting, communicating and using tools to find food. Dr. Goodall is also the founder of Roots & Shoots, a grassroots environmental education program that encourages students to be active in their efforts to protect animals, the environment, and human communities.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program is located at Murray State College in Tishomingo and serves over 150 students in 23 schools within the Chickasaw Nation. For more information, please call (580) 371-9903.

## Chickasaw Foundation STARS

The Chickasaw Foundation STARS (*Schools That Achieve to Raise Scholars*) will be Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at 6 p.m. at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada. This event will be a benefit fundraiser for Pontotoc County schools.

Celebrity waiters will serve the meal, and silent auction items will be on display for purchase. These items will be available for viewing at the Chickasaw Foundation office or

on-line at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net).

KFOR-TV's Kevin Ogle will be the emcee for the event. Oklahoma's First Lady, Mrs. Kim Henry, will be the keynote speaker.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 12 and under.

For additional information about the Chickasaw Foundation STARS event, please contact Mr. Justin Villines, special projects coordinator, at (580) 421-9030.

## Humes Scholarship for Native American studies, history, education



**Vinne May Humes**

The Chickasaw Nation has paid tribute to Vinne May Humes by naming a scholarship in her honor. This scholarship will be awarded to a Chickasaw undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a major in Native American Studies, history or education. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who has a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Ms. Humes was born in 1903 in Coatsworth, Indian Territory, the oldest of five children. At an early age, the family moved to the Enterprise community where her step-father, Eastman Maytubby, owned a large farm. Chickasaw was the only language spoken in the home, but Mr. Maytubby always believed that his children should learn English so that they would have better opportunities in their lives.

At the age of eight, Ms. Humes entered Wapanucka Public Schools with no knowledge of English. She was fortunate in becoming friends with Lilly Bates and learning the English

language. Ms. Humes also attended Bloomfield Academy, but she had to return home at the age of 14 when her mother died during a flu epidemic. This put an abrupt halt to her education as there were still two brothers and a six-month old sister to care for at home.

Life was far from easy for Ms. Humes, but she helped raise the family until she was married to Rufus "Cub" James in 1920. They had three children, and she taught them the need for a good education, as her father taught her, so they would have life a little easier than what she had.

Ms. Humes served as a social case worker during the administration of Governor Bill Murray; riding horse back to serve Indian clients in the rugged, rural area.

Ms. Humes remarried in 1956 to the Reverend Jesse J. Humes. She and her husband became co-authors of the first Chickasaw dictionary. She taught a class on conversational Chickasaw at Murray State College in Tishomingo, and was active for many years with Methodist Indian mission work and served as a Sunday school teacher. She was an acknowledged authority on Chickasaw history and language.

At the age of 70, Ms. Humes was determined to complete her formal education. She attended the General Education Development (GED) courses offered by the Chickasaw Nation and earned her GED certificate. Ms. Humes passed away on May 17, 1996 at the age of 93. She is the mother of Chenena Roach and Overton James, Governor Emeritus of the Chickasaw Nation.

## Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



**D. Scott Colbert**  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.



# Chickasaw Foundation lists 2005-2006 Scholarships

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to offer the following scholarships for the 2005-2006 school year. It is the philosophy of the Chickasaw Foundation to provide educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, dedication to Native America and commitment to learning.

The Chickasaw Foundation appreciates our donors who have so generously given their time and resources to establish a scholarship to further the education of our Chickasaw students. Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 if you are interested in applying for one of our scholarships or contributing to our scholarship program.

All applicants must complete the application and supply the appropriate documentation. Incomplete applications and/or applications lacking appropriate support documentation will not be considered. All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by Wednesday, June 1, 2005 to be considered for funding. Applications are also available on the Chickasaw Nation website by visiting [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net).

## **Computercraft Corporation Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Undergraduate students. Computers engineers, graphic designers, biologists, conference managers and international trade specialists recruited. However, the scholarship is not limited to these areas of study.

- One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester).

## **Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.
- Junior or senior year in any four-year college.

- History major or education or pre-law major with a minor in history (Chickasaw or Native American studies emphasis).

- One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester).

## **Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw stu-

dents only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

- Undergraduate students.
- Major in finance, business or accounting.

## **Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate students.
- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate, graduate or vo-tech students.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate students in a four-year college.

- Major in education.

- One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester).

## **Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.

- Undergraduate students in any four-year college.

- Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.

- One - \$3,000 scholarship (\$1,500 per semester).

## **Bank2 Ta'ossaa-asha' Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.

- Undergraduate students.

- Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.

- Three - \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester).

## **Ann Eubank Health Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate or graduate students.

- Student pursuing a pre-approved health care related major.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Chickasaw Foundation**

## **General Purpose Education Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate or graduate students.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Frederick L. Hill - The Hill Group Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate students.

- Two - \$1,250 scholarships (\$625 per semester).

## **Vinnie May Humes Memo-**

## **rial Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate or graduate students.

- Major in Native American studies, history or education.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.

- Student in freshman year at any two or four-year college.

- Proof of income (most

recent filed tax form for financial need).

- One - \$500 scholarship.

## **Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aasha Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Graduate students enrolled in pharmacy school.

- One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester).

## **Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship**

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate or grad-



**Upward Bound Students - Omniplex Trip:** Tyler Bratcher, Jessica Joslin, John Costiloe, Lilnita Lozano, Ashley Dixon, Angela Moore, Shellan Gray, Janie Sampson, Beth Huddleston, Crystal Schwartz, Cody Jones, Patricia Schwartz, Cory Jones, Jeremy Webb, Nick Lambert, Rachel Wilkins, Kendra Lanier, Jessica Willis, John Maple, Felix Martinez, Haylee Pitman, Joshua Sisco, Heather Baker, Taylor Britt, Jessica Carter, Sheimeka Davis, Breken Eason, Starlett Etheridge, Brooke Gilbert, Sam Johnson, Clifton Keck, Rebecca Moore, Detrick Mowdy, Jennifer Pedigo, Amanda Riley, Amanda Sanner, Ashley Talbott, Kaylea Taylor, Lewis Valdez, Brandon Wilkerson, Annester Wilson, Ricky Wilson, James Wyler, Sirena Adams, Josh Arrington, Shawna Baxter, Sage Burns, Blake Davis, Jennifer Edwards, Elizabeth Elliott, Julie Emerson, Lindsey Fanning, Jessica Fels, Robyn Gilbreath, Camelia Hamil. Staff, Rici Love



**At left, Jessica Willis, Angela Moore, Elizabeth Elliott.**

## *Haskell '55 Class to meet in May*

The 1955 Class of Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan., will gather at Haskell May 13 and 14, 2005 for a 50-year reunion.

For more information contact Avis Sorrels Glodek (760) 757-2619 or 2317 Nicklaus Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056.

We are still trying to locate Wanita Westbrook and Charles Etta Foraker.



## Bank2 'second to none' in Oklahoma Native American home loans

OKLAHOMA CITY - While some organizations talk about serving Native America, there is no mistaking the fact that Oklahoma City based Bank2 is Native American.

Just three years after its creation by the Chickasaw Nation, Bank2 has become the number one provider of home loans to Native Americans in Oklahoma and second in the nation - with the gap closing fast on number one.

"While being a Native American owned bank is our greatest distinction, serving Native America is our greatest passion," said Ross A. Hill, president and

CEO of Bank2, the fastest growing Native American bank in the nation.

Bank2 is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation and has an entire mortgage team devoted solely to meeting the home loan needs of Native Americans.

"We have developed many home loan programs designed especially for Native Americans," Hill said. "We have become the largest HUD-184 lender in the state of Oklahoma. This is due in part to the strong relationships we have developed with tribal housing authorities in the area of mortgage lending."

Bank2's dedication to Native

America is never more evident than in their deep commitment to providing financing for housing opportunities for low-to-moderate income individuals in Native America.

"A division of our mortgage department is strictly dedicated to Native Americans and Native Housing," said Bank2 Vice President Angie Little. "As a Native American myself, I take great pride and ownership in what we are doing at Bank2. It brings me great satisfaction knowing I am helping so many of our people."

Bank2 is focused on becoming the nation's most premier minor-

ity-owned, Native American financial institution. The bank is well on its way to success having grown to over \$70 million in assets in just over 36 months of operation.

"I am incredibly proud of what Bank2 and our leadership team has accomplished in Indian Country in such a short time span," said Hill.

"Meeting the needs of Native Americans is what Bank2 is all about."

To learn more about how to take advantage of the many great financial services and home loan programs designed especially for Native Americans at Bank2, call toll-free nationwide, 1-877-409-2265 or visit their web site at [www.bank2.biz](http://www.bank2.biz)

## Clues needed on Chickasaw informants

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

*Readers: I need your help!*

As the tribal historian, I'm in the business of not only looking for sources of historical information, but evaluating them as well. Two of the main sources on how Chickasaws lived in the 1700s, John R. Swanton and Frank G. Speck, were anthropologists who interviewed tribal members living in the 1910s and 1920s.

I'm wanting to learn more, not about Speck and Swanton, but about the Chickasaw people who served as their informants. This is important because the information they provided has been reported by scholars as facts about how the tribe lived in the 1700s.

Josiah Mikey was named by Speck and Swanton as a Chickasaw informant. But no Chickasaw I've spoken with knows anything about him. In Speck's article, Mikey's Chickasaw name is Ca'bitci, which Speck said meant clearing. (When I asked Chickasaw speaker JoAnn Ellis to confirm this, she said *shahbichi* means to clear the area.).

In addition to Mikey, Swanton named four others in his correspondence and articles. They include Atchison Anowatabi (Anoatubby), George Wilson, Amos Hayes and Swanton's interpreter, Zeno McCurtain. Swanton usually didn't identify them as sources of specific information in the text of his articles; sometimes, he cited certain information via "a Chickasaw

Indian."

Some of those unnamed sources may have been other Chickasaws, possibly even females who would have had a different view on some aspects of Chickasaw life.

Frank Speck wrote a very important article that was loaded with information on Chickasaw clans and ceremonies. It was published in 1907 in *Journal of American Folk-Lore*. The only informant Speck named was Mikey.

The most famous and quoted article among Swanton's Chickasaw research is "Social and Religious Beliefs of the Chickasaw Indians." It was a 1928 publication of the Smithsonian Institution's Bureau of American Ethnology.

We know very little about the Chickasaw informants. Anoatubby was a judge and grandfather of Gov. Bill Anoatubby. Hayes and Wilson were identified by Swanton as the informants on 14 Chickasaw stories dealing with clans and house groups.

The information was used by Speck and Swanton to describe elements of early Chickasaw society. Arrell Gibson, in his

1971 book, *The Chickasaws*, described some of the earliest Chickasaw customs by citing Swanton, who cited his 20<sup>th</sup> century "native informants." So the information Gibson was purporting to be valid for the ancient Chickasaws had been recounted by people at least 200 years later!

That doesn't make it untrue. But it is important to learn as much as possible about these Chickasaw people, their kinship, backgrounds and, if possible, their own sources of information on Chickasaw culture.

Persons with information on any of these Chickasaws or tribal members who spoke with John Swanton or Frank Speck are asked to contact me at [rgreen26@cox.net](mailto:rgreen26@cox.net) or (405) 947-5020.

### Information needed on the Chickasaw Five (Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Informants)

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Zeno McCurtain  
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1. C. Although a multiple-choice quiz supposedly is objective, the answer to this question is subjective, in that C cannot be proven correct. Furthermore, the choices were all factors contributing to the Chickasaws' aligning with the Confederacy. And actually D is related to C because the U.S. was obligated by treaty to protect the Chickasaws and Choctaws. According to historian Daniel Littlefield, Jr., when federal troops were abruptly withdrawn from Indian Territory after war broke out, the Confederate troops filled the vacuum by establishing posts and garrisons within the Indian nations to offer them protection. "The Chickasaws and Choctaws had little choice but to join them."

2. D. Although the Chickasaw and Choctaw governments decreed that anyone going north was to be killed and their property confiscated, only three loyalists were put to death at the war's beginning. While it isn't believed that many Chickasaws initially fled their land, by 1863, more substantial numbers were fleeing Indian Territory or going into exile in pockets inside the Chickasaw Nation. Chickasaws living in the external refugee camps had little food and medicine, especially at the Sac and Fox agency in Kansas. After the war ended, loyalists such as Lewis Johnson and Esh-ma-tubba attended the council at Ft. Smith in September 1865 with the Choctaws and U.S.

3. A. Cooper had been a U.S. military officer and throughout the 1850s he was the U.S. Indian agent to the Chickasaws and Choctaws. The leadership of both tribes knew and liked him and when he threw his lot in with the Confederates, he was the natural choice to lead the Chickasaw and Choctaw regiment. Tandy Walker was his second in command. Some Chickasaws joined other Confederate authorized units as well, including the Chickasaw Infantry Regiment and the Chickasaw Battalion.

4. D. According to the late historian Arrell M. Gibson, most of post-war Indian Territory was a "wasteland." Following the development of their first sovereign post-removal government in 1855-56, the Chickasaws had become more and more prosperous. That prosperity ended almost as soon as the war commenced because the government, the economy, a burgeoning communication system and the schools ceased to function. For five years there was essentially no commercial activity. Livestock had been taken by the combatants. The tribe was depopulated because soldiers were killed in battle or died from disease and many civilians died from diseases such as smallpox and measles. The Chickasaw government, in exile through most of the war, had no money and barely functioned. The Chickasaws continued to pay a heavy price after the war for having been on the wrong side. A provision of the 1866 Treaty of Washington between the Chickasaws, Choctaws and U.S. forced the Chickasaws to "permit" railroads to crisscross their land. Though it would take several years to have an impact, the railroads were the principal means of bringing in white intruders. By the 1890s, they would engulf the Chickasaws in their own land.



# 1729 Natchez Uprising turning point in Chickasaw history

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
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On November 28, 1729, Natchez warriors launched a surprise attack that in a matter of hours killed approximately 250 French men, women and children inside or near the French garrison named Fort Rosalie.

The French from other locations in their colony of Louisiana and their Indian allies began retaliating by killing and capturing a large portion of the 1,600 Natchez. Their villages destroyed, the survivors became refugees; the largest group among them—about 250 to 300—eventually asked for and was granted asylum by the pro-English Chickasaws at the southwestern village of Falacheco. The French, at odds with these Chickasaws and other pro-English factions for years, demanded that the tribe either kill or surrender their Natchez guests. Which would it be?

Neither, was the answer. Those Chickasaws who had extended asylum made it clear that the Natchez refugees were their guests. When French threats did not have the desired effect, the governor of the French colony of Louisiana, and his superiors in Paris decided that to uphold French honor the Natchez and their hosts, the Chickasaws, would have to be exterminated.

They tried in 1736 by launching a two-prong attack on Chickasaw villages. When both attacks failed, the French waged a 20-year war of attrition against the Chickasaws. During these years, the tribe's population decreased so much that its survival was in doubt. Their chiefs said so in several letters to the English, pleading for essential guns and ammunition.

Given this momentous chain of events, it is worthwhile to try to understand the factors that led the Natchez to wipe out the French at Fort Rosalie, and how and why the Chickasaw became involved in such a deadly affair for all three nations.

Since we have only French versions of events leading up to and including Fort Rosalie, most historians have used narratives and correspondence to report

that the "massacre" was part of a conspiracy among several tribes, including the Chickasaw, to bring down French Louisiana.

But today, new information and a willingness to look at old records in new ways leads to a different conclusion. Both documentary and archaeological evidence shows that French arrogance and ignorance about the Natchez and the Chickasaw led the colonial leaders to make crucial mistakes and misjudgments that resulted in the Natchez uprising at Fort Rosalie and the lengthy, destructive conflict with the Chickasaw.

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The French, led by Pierre Le Moyne, Sieur d'Iberville, came to colonize the lower Mississippi River Valley in 1699. This was 17 years after La Salle had first claimed the region for France. During this interval, the English colony of Carolina had been sending traders into the interior Indian country and had developed a substantial trading relationship with some tribes including the Chickasaws and Creeks.

Iberville knew that the colony's success depended on alliances with the Indian nations, particularly the Choctaw, Natchez and Chickasaw. And although he had smoked the calumet of peace with members of these tribes, he understood from his brother, Bienville, and other French colonial officials that the region was unstable if not in turmoil. European borne infectious diseases were devastating tribes like the Natchez. Furthermore, as allies of Carolina slave traders, the Chickasaws and allied tribes were carrying out slave raids mainly on eastern Choctaw villages, but also in Natchez country.

Such raids drove the majority of these Indians into the French camp. These bonds were strengthened by the skillful diplomacy practiced by Iberville and Bienville, who learned to speak some of the native languages. But because English trade goods were superior in quality and quantity, more plentiful and cheaper than those of the French, some Choctaws and Natchez favored the Carolina traders. Some Indians wanted to trade with both Carolina and Louisiana, which neither col-

ony found acceptable because France and England were in deadly competition in the region and periodically in Europe.

While this was the picture through most of the first twenty years of the 1700s,

recent evidence suggests that the alignments were changing especially among the Natchez. One reason was that some of the successors of Iberville, who died in 1706, took the Natchez for granted and treated them contemptuously.

That pro-English or anti-French factions were growing demonstrated that the Natchez chiefdom was decentralizing. But in 1700 when Iberville met the Natchez ruler, the Great Sun, the traditional authoritarian chiefdom *seemed* to be in place. To meet Iberville, the Great Sun was carried on a covered chair mounted on a litter. His house, atop a mound, faced a temple on another mound across a plaza. Iberville and the Great Sun exchanged gifts and smoked the calumet, but Iberville later wrote that the Great Sun was a "tyrant." A Catholic priest who met the Great Sun said he possessed the bearing of an emperor.

If there was opposition among the Natchez to the French in the early years of Louisiana, colonial officials were not reporting it. That the Natchez's paramount chiefdom was still in place was convenient for the French because in contrast to tribes whose members were not politically or economically bound to a leader, the French believed they only had to deal with one Natchez man whose word was law. And the Great Sun and his influential brother, the Tattooed Serpent were both pro-French. So when things started changing, the French didn't notice or looked the other way.

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Bienville lived in and governed Louisiana intermittently. He spent years, understaffed and underfunded, establishing good relations with many tribes of the Lower Mississippi Valley, including even factions of the Chickasaw. He was succeeded as governor of Louisiana in 1713 by a man who began undoing his good works almost immediately. The goal of Antoine de Lamonthé, Sieur de Cadillac

was to achieve great wealth. With habitual rude behavior, he angered and alienated French settlers and the Indians, upon whom he would depend for food and good will. He frequently and senselessly insulted members of tribes who extended hands of friendship. For example, when Cadillac's flotilla was on the Mississippi, sailing north to Illinois country, he refused the Natchez's invitation to stop and perform the calumet ceremony with them. From the Natchez viewpoint, this refusal was a gross violation of etiquette. As a result, several French traders on the Mississippi River paid with their lives and brought the Natchez and French to the brink of war. It was averted mainly due to the intervention of Bienville.

Another wise Frenchman and friend to the Natchez arrived in 1720 to live in their country and learn their ways. Antoine Simon Le Page Du Pratz was well educated, pragmatic, insightful and curious; owing to these qualities and his friendship with the Great Sun and Tattooed Serpent, he played a role in preventing serious incidents in 1722 and 1723 between the French and Natchez from boiling over into war.

Du Pratz wrote about these incidents in his book, *The History of Louisiana*. In it, he reports trying in vain to explain inexplicably harmful French actions to Tattooed Serpent. Tattooed Serpent said the Natchez met all of their own needs before the French arrived. They had assisted and shared freely with the French to establish and maintain their garrisons. Before the French arrived, he said, "we lived like men who can be satisfied with what they have, whereas now we are like slaves who are not allowed to do as they please."

Du Pratz knew that most Frenchmen didn't understand the Natchez, and that this, and their mistreatment of the Indians would lead to a disaster that he didn't care to witness. Following the natural deaths of Tattooed Serpent (1725) and the Great Sun (1728), Du Pratz thought the disaster could be pending. So in 1728, he sold the land and moved to the colony's capital, New Orleans. But even Du Pratz, who spent eight

years learning Natchez culture and making friendships, didn't seem to understand the changes that were occurring within the chiefdom, shifting alliances in response to external forces that would result in the Natchez uprising of 1729.

The most immediate cause, however, was French ignorance or arrogance, or both, exhibited by Sieur de Chepart, the commandant of the French Fort Rosalie, which the Natchez had helped the French to build on Natchez land in 1716. Chepart had a history of causing trouble with the Natchez, but his brutish behavior had been overlooked or excused by Louisiana's governor, M. Etienne Perier.

Chepart told the Natchez to vacate their White Apple village immediately; he had plans to turn it into a plantation. The chief explained that the Natchez had lived in that village for eons; furthermore the village contained a mound that was sacred to them. No matter, said Chepart, who did grant their request for a little extra time to depart.

The Natchez used this interval to plan the extermination of the French at the fort. Perhaps the Chickasaws and/or their English allies were assisting the Natchez during this time. (When the French retaliated following the attack, the largest group of Natchez refugees settled with the Chickasaws, suggesting a prior arrangement had been made.) But the Natchez, not needing extra motivation, struck on November 28, 1729. Using the ruse of asking for guns with which to hunt for the French, the Natchez turned the guns on the unsuspecting French and within hours had killed or captured almost all of the nearly 600 residents in and around the fort.

Here accounts diverge. The main source of one version is Gov. Perier, who wrote his superiors that the Natchez "massacre" was part of a conspiracy of tribes dedicated to destroying the French colony. This view is supported and expanded by French writers, who probably thought they needed more details to improve their literary accounts. So writes Gordon

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# December 2004 and January 2005 Students of the Month

Students of the month have been selected for December 2004, and January 2005 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

**Jessica Ryan** and **Preston Cox** of Plainview School and **Pamela Holland** of Turner High are the December students of the month in Pickens District.

**"Jessica Ryan** would be, in my opinion an outstanding choice for Student of the Month. As her 5th grade teacher, I can always count on her to be a very positive influence in my class," said Diane Barrett. "She is consistently well prepared, respectful, interested in the learning, caring, and anxious to help her teachers and peers. She is a very responsible child. She displays leadership qualities with her quiet pleasant manner, her terrific work ethic, and her constant desire to do the right thing!"

**"Preston Cox** is a very good student. He tries very hard to keep good grades," said Esthelina Stick. "He is very nice to other students and teachers. He would be my choice for Student of the Month.

"It is my Pleasure that I recommend **Pamela Holland** as

your Student of the Month. Pam is an excellent student and her attitude is outstanding," said Coach Mac. "She has a gift with young children and her peers look to her for leadership." Pam plans to enroll at MSU and open her own daycare.

**Taylor Burkhalter** of Colbert Jr. High School is the Student of the Month for the Panola District.

**Taylor Burkhalter** is a 7th grade student at Colbert Middle School. "She is an excellent student academically and is involved in athletics," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter.

Taylor is very responsible and a hard worker. "She participates in choir and several organizations. Taylor enjoys learning and sharing her Indian Culture with others and participates in the JOM and Title VII programs and activities offered by Colbert School."

**Benjamin McBrayer, Bailey Hughes** and **Stephen Campbell** of Tishomingo School are the Tishomingo District Students of the Month.

**Benjamin McBrayer** is an excellent student. "He is very respectful to teachers and his peers," said Julia Underwood. "He is a hard worker and he has not missed any days from school. He always exemplifies a positive attitude and eagerly participates in the classroom. He demonstrates responsibility by returning all of his work back to school. I feel he needs to be recognized for being such a good citizen at school."

**"Bailey Hughes** works hard to maintain good grades. She participates in sports and band," said Donna Owens. "Her positive attitude and sense of responsibility influence those around her. She is respectful of her teachers and peers. Bailey is in class on time

with assignment and material needed for class there by being a role model for her classmates."

**"Stephen Campbell** works hard both in class and out. He takes his school responsibilities seriously, turning in his work on time," said Donna Owens. "He treats teachers and peers with respect and presents a positive attitude every day. Stephen participates in sports and is a team player in both sports and other group activities."

**Jayme Janda** of Allen School, **Kelli Robertson** and **Patrick Ferris** of Wapanucka School, and **Emily Briggs, Jace Cearly** and **Rubie Roman** of Latta School are the Pontotoc District Students of the Month.

**"Jayme Janda** is an all around student. He is a very hard worker. He always does what he can to help others," said Kelli Butler. "When there are disagreements, Jayme is usually the one who steps in to try to resolve the conflict. Jayme always has something nice to say about everyone. He is extremely polite and a true joy to have in class."

**"Kelli Robertson** is a very bright young girl who tries hard at everything she does," said Bill Vann. "She not only excels at academics but does very well in sports. She is well liked by her classmates and is well rounded."

"I am happy to recommend **Patrick Ferris** as Student of the Month. Patrick always has a smile for his friends and teachers, and he comes to class prepared and ready to work," said Bill Vann. "He is responsible in completing

his assignments and consistently demonstrates a solid understanding of the concepts taught. He works well with other students, and he's always ready for something new. I value Patrick's

participation in the classroom and believe he would be an excellent choice for Student of the Month."

**"Emily Briggs** is one of the nicest young ladies I have ever came into contact with," said Terry Painter. "Emily is very smart and very talented. Emily is involved in lots of activities at school and is very well liked by all her teachers."

**"Jace Cearly** is an extremely dedicated student at Latta High School. He tries hard to maintain a high level of success and thus he sets a good example for other students who might not otherwise be as motivated," said Stan Cochran. "Jace shows respect and courtesy to other students and to his teachers. He is a positive representative of Latta High School while at school and away from school."

**Rubie Roman** has developed into a real leader during the past two years at Latta High School.

"It has been a pleasure to observe her step out as a positive example of hard work before her fellow students," said Stan Cochran. "Rubie is respectful to her teachers and to her peers. She seems to have her priorities straight and she works to reach her goals. We are proud to have Rubie represent Latta High School as Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month."

The following are Students of the Month for January 2005 in the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

**Jay McMillan** of Greenville Elementary and **Heather Richardson, Courtney Branch, Benjamin Graham, Ella Allen,** and **Jody Whaley** all of Comanche School are the Pickens District Students of the Month.

**"Jay McMillan** is an exceptional student. Although he has a speech problem, he does not let it slow him down," said Michele McLain. "He does all of his

work and turns it in on time. He is one of my best readers. He uses his good manners and his great sense of humor to make out class enjoyable."

**Heather Richardson** has been a very helpful, considerate and determined student," said Becky Larcher. "She is very kind to others. She works very hard in class and does not quit until she understands the task at hand. She is truly a pleasure to have in class."

**"Courtney Branch** is very active in school. She makes excellent grades while playing basketball and cheerleading," said Beth Brown. "Courtney always has a smile and kind words for others. She is among the first to volunteer for any job big or small. Other students look to her for advice, help and leadership." Teachers know that when Courtney is involved in any activity or project it will be done quickly and efficiently.

**"Benjamin Graham** should be selected as Student of the Month because he continually proves himself as an academic leader of this school," said Brandy Sanders. "Not only are his grades excellent, but his class participation and overall demeanor serve as great examples for others to follow."

**"Ella Allen** is a student who is respected and liked by both teachers and classmates," said Elizabeth Res-sel. "I believe she would be an excellent choice as Student of the Month, because she displays good citizenship, and maintains good grades and demonstrates responsibility in both home and school. Ella has maintained a 4.0 her Senior





# December 2004 and January 2005 Students of the Month

year. In fact, she has taken extra classes this year because she has finished some of her required coursework early. Every morning, Ella arrives to school with a great attitude and ready to work. She often completes her work early and then helps other students with their assignments. Unofficially, she is the teacher assistant. Many times I will look up to see Ella sitting next to a student assisting him or her with a problem. She is polite and respectful to each student, which is why they all seem to seek her out. Without question, she is a leader and role model for students in the entire school. If more students were like Ella, we would have problem free schools! Ella Mae Allen would be a great choice as Student of the Month."

"**Jody Whaley** is an outstanding young man," said Jasper Anderson. "He is a team player



and gives his all in everything he does. He is an excellent leader and role model for his peers. Jody Whaley would be a wonderful choice for Student of the Month."

**Emily Miller** and **James Lenard** of Ravia Elementary are the Tishoming District Students of the Month.

"**Emily Miller** is a very sweet girl. She is always willing to step up first when help is needed," said Debbie Allen. "She is always wanting to help others."

"**James Lenard** is an excellent student. He is always willing to help out in any way he can," said Debbie Allen. "He has a positive attitude."

**Tierra McAlpin**, **Jess Buss**, **Ashkia Hummel**, **Jareth Ray**, **Sharla DeWitt** and **Gary DeWitt** all of Wapanucka School are the Pontotoc District Student of the Month.

"**Tierra McAlpin** is an excellent student. She is on the honor roll each nine weeks," said Bill Vann.

"Tierra is cooperative and always has a good attitude about learning. She is an active 4-H member and has received awards for showing animals."



"**Jess Buss** behavior has improved dramatically since the beginning of the school year," said Bill Vann. "His handwriting has also improved."

"I am happy to recommend **Ashkia Hummel** as Student of the Month," said Carol Heitland. "Ashkia is energetic and friendly, with a bright, upbeat personality, and she enjoys positive relationships with her peers and with her teachers. She is motivated to do her best work in class, and she is always willing to help others in class during group activities. She thinks carefully about the work she does,



and she demonstrates insight and understanding of her lessons. I believe Ashkia would be an excellent choice for Student of the Month."



"I am happy to recommend **Jareth Ray** for Student of the Month. Jareth is the kind of student who makes teaching enjoyable," said Carol Heitland. "He is constantly attentive and dedicated to completing classwork and homework to the best of his ability, and is consistently turns in work of the highest quality."

"Jareth works well with others

in group, he is always ready to work, and he is willing to ask questions and share insights with the class when appropriate. He is friendly, with a ready smile and a willingness to help when he can." I believe Jareth would be an excellent choice for Student of the Month."



"**Sharla DeWitt** is a very kind, friendly and hard working person," said Rose Wooley. "She is very involved in FFA and gives 100% of that by showing animals, being an officer and being involved in all other activities. She works very hard and is



dedicated."

"**Gary DeWitt** is a very nice young man. He is very helpful and would do anything to help someone out,"

said Rose Wooley. "He is dedicated to FFA and his animals."



## 2005 Senior Valentine's Day Kings and Queens crowned February 11



**Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel** congratulates the king, queen and sweetheart winners. They included: from the Achille Senior Site, Hurl and Flora Mead; from the Ada Senior Site, Pat and Jim Cox; from the Ardmore Senior Site, Joyce and Richard Davis; from the Connerville Senior Site, Lou Norman and Catherine Pendergraft; from the Duncan Senior Site, Jon and Jane Reading; from the Kullihoma Senior Site, Roy and Dora Panther; from the Madill Senior Site, Charles and Rosie Sisson; from Pauls Valley Senior Site, Myrna and Gilbert Morris; from Purcell Senior Site, Adda and Thurman Cole; from Sulphur Senior Site, Ruby and David Richberg; and from Tishomingo Senior Site, Jerry and Eileen Underwood.



**Winn Harjo**, from Sasakwa, Okla., provides entertainment during the Division on Aging Valentine King and Queen Coronation February 11 in Ada. Following the entertainment, lunch was served and the 2005 Senior Site King, Queen and Sweethearts were crowned by Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and division administrator Karen Cook.

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# Child Development Center kids get lessons in dental health

February was National Children's Dental Health Month, so the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center promoted healthy teeth for all children. Several activities took place during the month to make parents and children more aware of the facts on early dental care. One of the activities was a visit from Angie McElrath, dental hygienist from Carl Albert Health Facility.

According to the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the first visit to the dentist should be when the first tooth comes in, usually between six and twelve months of age. In addition to looking for and preventing prob-

lems, an early visit to the dentist can help educate you about your child's oral health and proper hygiene. If your child is not at high risk, your pediatrician

should begin oral health evaluations by six months of age.

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**Dental hygienist Angie McElrath talks about dental care to Makynlee Miller.**



**Angie McElrath, Carl Albert Hospital dental hygienist, takes a look at Kaylee Wesley's teeth while teacher Ruby Wesley looks on.**

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the tribe, including a stint as lieutenant governor during Governor Bill Anoatubby's first term from 1987 to 1991. Since then, he has worked as special assistant to the governor, contributing his skills to a wide variety of projects.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Chickasaw cultural committee, which was a forerunner of the Chickasaw Historical Society and also served as one of the first board members of the society. He is also on the board

of trustees of the Chickasaw Foundation.

Since first serving on the cultural committee, Mr. Brown has seen a great deal of progress in preserving the Chickasaw culture.

"Through the things the tribe is doing today in the cultural and language area, we have been able to identify who we really are," said Mr. Brown. "Being a tribal citizen and seeing the accomplishments of our tribe,

makes us more proud of ourselves as individuals."

In his 30 years with the tribe, Mr. Brown has also witnessed include major strides in health care, education, economic development, cultural awareness and other areas.

"The tribe has so many opportunities for our people that we never thought of back then," said Mr. Brown. "We didn't have the health care that we've got. We didn't have the opportunities for jobs that we have today, which are way beyond what was available at the time I came to work for the tribe."

He gives much of the credit for the success the tribe has enjoyed to the vision of its leaders, Governor James and Governor Anoatubby.

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of Iowa fieldhouse. Roland's 73 souls would face a school with enrollment of nearly 2,000.

"They played a 1-2-2 zone, so we played 'keep away'," Coach Cheadle said. "Our best player, Gary Thompson, fouled out with six minutes left, so we were in some trouble. But the kids executed the plan to perfection."

Roland beat Waterloo West 43-40 in what would become the biggest upset in Iowa basketball history.

The Rockets won their semi-final game and met Davenport (enrollment 2,700) in the finals. Davenport proved to be too much and handed Roland its lone

Successful economic development projects have enabled the nation to provide more stable funding for the programs and services offered.

Tribal administration has also increased the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and services.

"One thing that has made a positive difference in our nation is the compacting of services," said Mr. Brown. "We are now setting the direction in our programs and operating them in a way to better serve our people."

In October, 1994, the tribe became the first in history to successfully negotiate a compact to manage a health care system. The tribe has continued to be a leader in compacting in virtu-

ally every area of service, from health care, housing and education to economic development.

"We know we're a sovereign nation, but we're willing to work with the federal government," said Mr. Brown. "I think that has helped us gain respect for the nation."

Looking to the future, Mr. Brown has great confidence the tribe will continue to progress.

"I think the nation can accomplish whatever it wants to accomplish. We've got the resources, we've got the technology, we have the vision to continue to accomplish great things."

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Children's Fair set for April

To celebrate the Week of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Children's Fair 2005 is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The free event will be hosted at the Pontotoc County Agriplex, Ada, Okla., and will feature games, door prizes, information booths, rides, entertainment, Smokey the Bear, a petting farm and much more.

During the fair, the Baby Olympics will be open to all

children who are crawling. In addition, wheelbarrow races and three-legged races, featuring parents and children, will be held.

The event is coordinated by the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Nation Health System and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. For more information, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 421-4532.

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by chronic stress, and specifically how the physiological and behavioral mechanisms of stress and trauma increase the risk for developing Type 2 diabetes. A significant portion of her presentation targeted personal, family and community interventions that reduce the effects of stress and trauma in people with diabetes.

Conference workshops were selected to balance prevention, intervention and treatment topics. Prevention workshops focused on exercise and nutrition, breastfeeding, developing youth camps, and preventing obesity. Intervention workshops focused on identifying pre-diabetics, creating positive attitudes, the mental health of diabetes, and incorporating spiritual values into daily living. Treatment workshops focused on alternative treatments for limb damage and neuropathy, medical foot

care, and care for the health practitioner.

Program administrators were treated to a special workshop on the latest tools for conducting effective programs. In addition, a four-part institute, *Diabetes Today* (Community Mobilization, Capacity Building, Program Planning and Evaluation), was presented by trainers from the Association of American Indian Physicians.

As a complement to this conference, HPP also facilitated a Native Fitness Training for Special Populations, January 20-22. This training was led by ACSM, NSCA, ACE and Cooper Institute certified trainer, Barbie Johnson (Cherokee), director of Health Education for the Mescalero Apache Tribe. This specialized training focused on working with native people who are experiencing

limited movement abilities as a result of chronic conditions like diabetes.

Upcoming events facilitated by Health Promotion Programs include: Wellness & Women XII Conference, San Diego, California — April 3-7, 2005; Wellness & Native Men X Conference, Phoenix, Arizona — May 10-13, 2005; Wellness & Spirituality XIII Conference, Tucson, Arizona — November 14-17, 2005; Native Diabetes Prevention Conference, January/February 2006; Native Women & Men's Wellness V Conference, San Diego, California — March 5-9, 2006.

For more information, contact HPP at (405) 325-1790 or via email at [hpp@ou.edu](mailto:hpp@ou.edu). Please feel free to visit our website at <http://hpp.ou.edu>

## Car seat safety



Community Health Representative Pam Aguilar evaluates Blake Smith's car seat during the Chickasaw Nation car seat check. Aguilar, Gary Wear (back) and others performed safety seat checks in February during the National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week.

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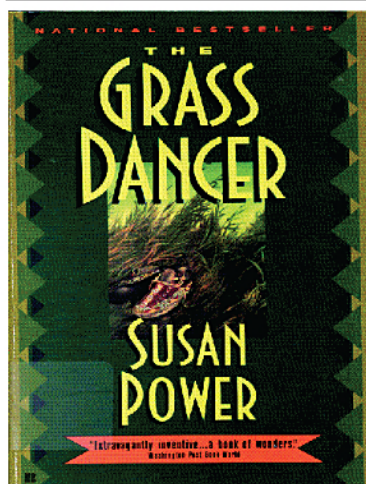
## Gallery to feature students' work



Micah Hart, 11-year-old Chickasaw, of Ada, works on his mask during the tribal Arts in Education department's After School Arts Program. This month the After School Arts Program will be featured in a mask exhibit at the Gallery on Mississippi, 815 N. Mississippi in Ada, in conjunction with National Youth Arts Month. The National Youth Arts Month is an annual observance emphasizing the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs. The exhibit will run through March and April. A reception is planned for April. While participating in the mask exhibit, the students learned about cultural history of painting and tattooing traditions of long ago.

## Check it out . . . at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

### Featured Selections of the Month



#### The Grass Dancer

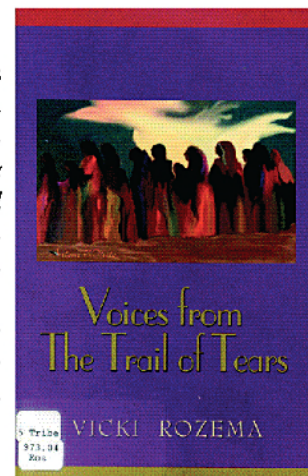
by Susan Power

*Back Cover:* From the lore of her people, the Sioux, Susan Power has forged a remarkable novel, rich with drama and infused with the magic of the everyday. Set on a North Dakota reservation, the Grass Dancer weaves the stories of the and the young, of broken families, romantic rivals, men and women in love and at war. Revealing the harsh price of unfulfilled longings and the healing power of mystery and hope, it takes readers on a journey through both past and present in a tale as resonant and haunting as an ancestor's memory, and as promising as a child's dream.

#### Voices from The Trail of Tears

by Vicki Rozema

*Back cover:* In *Voices from The Trail of Tears*, editor Vicki Rozema recreates this tragic period in American history by letting eyewitnesses speak for themselves. Using newspaper articles and editorials, journal excerpts, correspondence, and official documents, she presents a comprehensive overview of the Trail of Tears—the events leading to the Indian Removal Act, the Cheokees' conflicting attitudes toward removal, life in the emigrant camps, the routes westward by land and water, the rampant deaths in camp and along the trail, the experiences of the United States military and of the missionaries and physicians attending the Cherokees, and the difficulties faced by the tribe in the West.



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## Natchez, continued from page 21

Sayre in his article, "Plotting the Natchez Massacre," for *Early American Literature* (Volume 37, Number 3). Sayre notes that in embellished versions of Du Pratz and other contemporaries, the pro-French mother of the adolescent Great Sun uses trickery to foil concerted Choctaw and Chickasaw attacks on French locations such as Mobile and New Orleans.

The trouble is, even contemporary French officials in Louisiana and France didn't buy the intertribal conspiracy. Father John Delanglez referenced French correspondence to that effect in his article published in *The Louisiana Historical Quarterly* in 1934. Diron d'Artaquette, the commandant of Mobile, wrote that a conspiracy never existed. "It was in the interest of M. Perier to make people believe this, in order to cloak the reasons that led the Natchez to revolt." A French official in Paris pointed out that if the Choctaw had been conspiring with the Natchez, the Choctaw would not have joined French forces pursuing Natchez refugees following the uprising.

What no one seemed to realize or admit was that the Natchez villages were no longer all subject to the paramount chiefdom governed by the Great Sun and minor suns (chiefs). If the French didn't know this it probably was because the Natchez still retained visible trappings of their former authoritarian chiefdom, including a successor to the Great Sun who died in 1728.

But the authoritarian control of the chiefdom had been weakening for a variety of suspected reasons—as was true of all chiefdoms in the past. (The Natchez was thought to be the last surviving chiefdom in the Southeast.) This permitted factions to develop that were opposed to the French and could deal with pro-English or anti-French divisions within other tribes.

In a sense, the Natchez were split down the middle, according to anthropologist Karl Lorenz in his article that appeared in *Southeastern Archaeology* (winter 1997). Documentary and archaeological evidence, Lorenz wrote, revealed that the Great Sun controlled his own and two

other southern villages; the three northern villages had enough autonomy to deal with pro-English/anti-French factions. He said one of those northern villages, not coincidentally, was White Apple, the village that de Chepart demanded from the Natchez.

The French ignorance and/or arrogance was monumental: De Chepart, with Gov. Perier's backing, demanded that these Natchez who already hated the French abandon their ancient sacred village. Surely, these Natchez needed no external motivation to kill the French. Other Natchez, supposedly warned French officers who warned de Chepart. After clamping these troublemakers in irons, de Chepart was among the first to die when the attack was launched.

In a note to me, Lorenz wrote that while his research of French correspondence revealed "no smoking gun for direct Chickasaw involvement in Natchez affairs," the sources of information were French, who were getting their news from their ally the Great Sun residing in the Grand Village—one of the southern villages. "If one reads between the lines...some sort of informal

alliance" between some Natchez and Chickasaw "must have existed given their mutual hostility toward the French and the fact that they were able to peacefully co-exist within Chickasaw territory" after the largest group of survivors escaped French retaliation in 1731. Most were from the northern villages, and were therefore pro-English. Ironically, many of the pro-French were killed or captured and sent, as the Great Sun was, to do hard labor in the sugarcane fields in what is now Haiti.

It would appear that the arrogance/ignorance that the French showed regarding the Natchez was visited upon the Chickasaw, who were ordered to expel the Natchez. But in another irony, the French official making this demand was Bienville, brought back in 1733 for his third tour as governor. Very likely, he knew that cultural etiquette would not allow Chickasaws to cast out their guests. Bienville, who had been given his marching orders regarding the Chickasaws, had to make the demand. After exerting years of skillful diplomacy in an attempt to win over or neutralize the Chickasaws, he knew that his attempts had ended in failure. But if he felt any mel-

ancholy over his situation, he soldiered on and began planning for the battles ahead.

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Note: I appreciate Gordon Sayre of the University of Oregon for sending me the articles of Karl Lorenz and himself.

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Dunbar Rowland and A.G.

### 6th Annual New Creations Youth Rally 2005

Little River Mission Church

Seminole, OK

March 17 - 19, 2005

7 p.m. nightly

Featuring: Emcee One, Oklahoma City; Peculiar, Konawa, Okla.; Visionary, Tahlequah, Okla.; Trail of Tears, Lawton, Okla.; Power of Praise, Durant, Okla.; Rev. Rick Manis, Tulsa, Okla.

Music styles: Contemporary, Praise & Worship, Blues, Hip-Hop, Rock

Everyone Welcome!

For more information contact, Helen Williams or Philip Harrison, (405) 382-6905. Refreshments will be served nightly and annual jam session on Saturday, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

### Note of thanks from the family of Lester Allen Worcester

Our sincere gratitude for the loss of a father, grandfather, brother, uncle or a relative.

We appreciate the food, flowers, and encouraging words which were spoken to the family and uplifted our spirits. We appreciate Bill Frazier, Joe & Hazel Wallace, Steve Walker, Blue Baptist Church, JoAnn Hawkins and the Ladies of Blue Church, Larry Colbert, Les Gibson, Criswell, CAIH staff, Jimmy James, Mrs. Powers, Mr. & Mrs. Lyda, the Chickasaw Honor Guard, and many other friends and relatives who made this a special time in our need. We couldn't have done this without having good people like you. Thank you for all your Prayers, Thank you.

From: Christy, Carla, Stephanie, Leslie, Frank, Roy Worcester and their families.

Noted: Son of Cecil & Audra Worcester but their nicknames made them known as "Butch & Dumpie".



## SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE AND JOY!

We want to feature your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. in a special "Pride and Joy" section in our April issue of the *Chickasaw Times*. Please send a photo with you special child's name, age and guardian information. Include a note about why they are your "Pride and Joy!"

We need to receive these by **March 22, 2005**. Please send to: **The Chickasaw Times, c/o Pride and Joy, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.**

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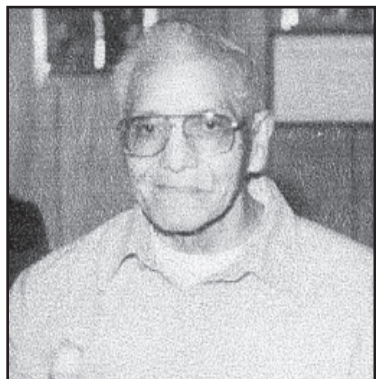
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## Jackson Puller



Services for Jackson Puller, Sr., 79, Ada, Okla., were Jan. 24, 2005 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, The Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Burial followed at Hayes Cemetery, Ada.

Mr. Puller died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at an Ardmore, Okla., hospital. He was born June 23, 1925 at Ada to Moses and Lillie Grayson Puller. He attended school at Jones Academy.

He married Virginia Alexander. Mr. Puller was employed with the State Highway Department retiring after 25 years of service. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Regina Sneed, Ada and Rebecca Puller, Ada; three sons, Jackson Puller Jr., Grandview, Mo., Victor Puller, Oklahoma City and Mark Puller, Ada; two half-brothers, Charles "Cubby" Walton and John Puller, Tishomingo; five grandsons, Michael Sneed, Jonathan Sneed, Jonah Puller, Ethan Puller, and Eric Murray; one granddaughter, Leah Puller.

Bearers will be Johnny Grigg, Gilbert Walker, Steve Walker, Tony Walker, Hubert Alexander and Leroy Alexander. Honorary bearers will be Elsie Walton, Chester Sneed, Mark Puller, Jackson Puller, Jr. and Victor Puller.

## Lester Allen Worcester

Services for Lester Allen Worcester, 53, Ada, were Feb. 1, 2005 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Burial followed at Pontotoc Cemetery with the Chickasaw Honor Guard performing military honors.

Mr. Worcester died Friday, Jan. 28, 2005, at a local hospital. He was born March 3, 1952, at

Talihina to Cecil (Butch) Franklin Worcester and Audra (Dumpe) Faye Cravatt Worcester. He lived in this area all his life, and attended grade school at Pontotoc and high school at McLish. He was an oil field rough neck for many years. He served as a sergeant in the U. S. Army, serving from 1970-1971. He attended Blue Baptist Church, where he was a member of the youth group. He also attended Freedom Center in Ada.

Survivors include five daughters, Christy Worcester and her husband Thomas Cole, Ada, Carla Loggins and her husband Johnnie, Ada, Leslee Ariason and her husband Mostafa, Oklahoma City, Stephanie Galvan, Ada, and Julia Extrom, California; one son, Allan Worcester, Korea; two brothers, Frank Worcester and his wife Rosie, Ada, and Roy Worcester and his wife Dinah, Pontotoc; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Tony Worcester; and a granddaughter, Tabitha Worcester-Loggins.

Bearers are Johnnie Loggins, Thomas Cole, Weldon Fulsom, Larry Colbert, Lloyd Hatley and Jimmy James.

## Lonnie Lee Dawkins



Lonnie Lee Dawkins, 82, a resident of The Dalles, died July 4, 2004.

He was born July 9, 1921 in Stewart, Okla., to Lonnie E. and Lula Pearl (Knight) Dawkins.

He was the eldest of 12 children and a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

He was raised in Oklahoma and married Bertha May Kincaid on July 26, 1937 in Antair, Okla. They moved to the Zillah, Wash., area and he entered the

U.S. Army in July 1944. He served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and received the Purple Heart Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Service Star. After his discharge he returned to the Zillah area and then to The Dalles in 1947. He worked in cherry farming and for many years worked as foreman for Treaty Oak Orchards on Mill Creek Road.

He enjoyed all outdoor activities including hunting elk, deer and trapping.

He is survived by his daughter, Luetta M. and her husband Ted Barrier, The Dalles; daughter-in-law, Patsy Marine Dawkins, the Dalles; four grandchildren, Bart and his wife Kathy Dawkins, Laurie Dawkins, Corey and his wife Michele Bardes, all of The Dalles, Marie and her husband, Daniel J. Bardes, Portland, Ore.; great-grandchildren, Coleman, Devon, Rachel, Audra, Christopher, Josh, Jayme, Nick and Riley; great-great-grandchildren, Gavin and Dezirae; three sisters, Joyce DeLaughter and Nina Dunn, both of Portland and Kathleen Lake, Boise, Idaho; brothers, Stan Dawkins, Portland and Edman Dawkins, The Dalles.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha in 1984; brothers, Melvin and Roland; sisters, Wilma, Loraine, Matty and Leola; and son Doyle Lee Dawkins in 1987.

Services were conducted at Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home July 10, 2004 with interment at Three Mile Road Odd Fellows Cemetery.

## Reuben Carney

Reuben Carney, 95, of Ravia, Okla., died December 17, 2004 in Morongo Valley, Calif. He was born April 5, 1909, to Gilbert Carney and Agnes Brown Carney at Kingston Okla.

He grew up in the Russet (OK) and Ravia area and attended the Russet school system.

He married Hazel Leona Adams on June 11, 1930, at Durant, Okla.

He was a proud Chickasaw tribal member and served in the U.S. Navy from 1925 to 1930. He also volunteered for week-end U.S. Coast Guard duty during World War II while working full time as an airplane engine

mechanic.

He worked as an airplane mechanic and inspector for 30 years and retired from Rockwell International. His retirement pastimes included gardening, tinkering with anything mechanical, traveling the southwest and visiting family.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Carney; daughter, Virginia Lee Kurtz of Morongo Valley, Calif.; son, Von Edwin Carney and wife Heidi Marie Carney of Morro Bay, Calif.; six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial services was December 22, 2004 at Melrose Abbey Memorial Park, Anaheim, Calif.

## Cadian Colbert Hendricks

Cadian Colbert Hendricks, 78, of Nida, Okla., died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004 at his residence.

He was born March 2, 1926, in Nida to James A. Hendricks and Gladys Colbert. He married Jennifer Hendricks Sept. 8, 1987 in Caddo.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1965, including World War II and two tours of duty in Europe.

After retiring from the Army, he was treasurer of Caddo United Methodist Church, a Chickasaw Industries board member, Chickasaw Housing Authority commissioner and charter member and past president of the Johnston County Historical Society. He was also an aviator, farmer, and rancher who loved gardening and collecting antiques.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Levi Lyn Hendricks and brother James Hendricks.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; sons Perry Hendricks and wife Cathy, Seattle, Wash., Cadian Hendricks Jr. and Wife Sylvia, Port Townsend, Wash.; daughters Elizabeth and Jacqueline Hendricks, both of the home, Susi Jones and husband Bob, Bend, Ore., Gwen Hansen and husband Gary, Shelton, Wash.; grandchildren Todd and Kim Hendricks, Cadian, Erin, Julian and Lily Hendricks, Scot and Jesse Jones, Sarah, Levi and Lauren Hansen; brothers George Hendricks and wife Wanda, Phoenix, Ariz., John Martin and

wife Lee, Avondale, Ariz., Paul Martin and wife Marie, Ardmore, Charlie Martin and wife Beverly, Ruidoso, N.M.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Nida, with pallbearers Charles Miller, Andrew Huggins, Royce Hendricks Jr., Lee Roy Pettyjohn, Kenneth Decker, James Hendicks and Arlyn Hendricks. Honorary pallbearers were Charles D. Hendricks, Craig Hall, Lee Cargill, Jack Decker, Kenneth Blackburn, Franklin Stallings, Gary Armstrong, Bill Johnson, Wayne Scribner and Bert Cloyd.

Memorials may be made to Caddo United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 167, Caddo, OK, 74729, or to the Johnston County Historical Society, P.O. Box 804, Tishomingo, OK 73460.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [dhfh@communitycomm.com](mailto:dhfh@communitycomm.com).

## William B. Bates

William B. (Bob) Bates died December 22, 2004. He was born December 16, 1926 at Durant, Okla. to Ned and Jennie Bates.

He was a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Freddie Lavonhe; his parents; a son, Clifford; and a brother Lemon Bates.

He is survived by his sons, William B. Bates, Jr. and Raymond Bates; daughters, Betty Lynn Guzman and Jeannie Warren; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were Dec. 29, 2004 at Sunset Funeral Home - Northeast. Interment took place at Desert View Cemetery, Chaparral, N.M.

You are missed by all!

## Bettie Brunk

Lettie Belle Stewart Brunk died Jan. 13, 2005. She was born Oct. 4, 1900 at Ardmore, Okla.

She is survived by a granddaughter Lisa McDonald; a great-granddaughter Amanda Martenes.

She is grieved by her friends Donna Gail Levy and Pat Recter.

Greg Selman officiated the service.



## Michael Cudahy Allison



Michael Cudahy Allison, was born at Allen, Okla., to Wade Henry and Alice (Keel) Allison November 11, 1910. He went to join our Lord January 23, 2005.

He and mother were united in marriage February 7, 1937 and were blessed with their children, Michael Gerry and Sheryl Ann. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Gerry, mother and father, brothers Cornish Allison and Bob Allison, Ada; Calvin Allison, Allen; sisters Mae Alexander, Oklahoma City, Thelma Brumley, Panole, Calif.; Vadare Justice and Hilda Malone, Allen, Judy Campbell, Stonewall, OK, and nephew, Billy Joe Alexander, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Allison is survived by his wife Imogene and daughter Sheryl Ann "Shawn" Jones and daughter Joy, Oklahoma City; nieces and nephews Pat Bowman Brumley, Panole; Glenn Brumley, Temple, Calif.; Oren Alexander, Okarche; William Alexander, Oklahoma City; Ruby Winters, Tulsa; Gary and Larry Whitaker, Houston; Norman Fallin, Jr., El Paso, Texas; Kenneth Fallin, Nacogdoches, Texas; Bob and Don Allison, Allen, and devoted companion Tiffany.

He attended school at Conway, Okla., Chilloco Indian School, and Byng High School, 1933. He was a devoted member of Trinity Baptist Church for 53 years serving as Sunday School teacher and deacon, and a member of the Gideons International and Royal Ambassadors. During his life he was a leader in the Boy Scouts of America, Last Frontier Council, for 62 years. He was Explorer Advisor for Post 123 for many of those years. Mr. Allison received the Silver Beaver award, the highest award bestowed upon a Scout

leader. He was recipient of the Scouter's Key, Order of the Arrow, Wood Badge; and a Charter member of the Camp Masters Corps at Camp Kickapoo for over 40 years. He was a Scout advisor for 55 years in the OU football ushering program.

He personally organized and led seven different high adventure trips to Canada, taking 40-50 Explorer Scouts each time to the Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base near Ely, Minnesota. There the Scouts attained their Canoe 50 Miler award. He also led Scouts on two Boy Scout National Jamborees.

He was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a past chairman of the Sports and recreation Association, working in conjunction with others to bring to Oklahoma City the 89er baseball club and National Finals Rodeo; a YMCA baseball coach; Chamber of Commerce member; and was honored in 1965 by the Jaycees-*Who's Who in Greater Oklahoma City*; Board of Baptist Children's Home.

During his professional years he worked at the M&P Store in Ada where he met Imogene; the Borden's Milk Company, Colonial Baking Company now Rainbo, Merchants Biscuit Company now Keebler, Bill Doyle Office Supply and Scott Rice Office Supply, co-owner of the Fifth Avenue Lithographing & Printing company; and was active in real estate sales for 30 years, retiring from First Place Realty. He took pride in his ability to continue to drive and remain active as a realtor until his retirement in 2003 at the age of 93.

During his life Mr. Allison enjoyed his Scouting adventures, golfing, hunting and fishing and watching and attending sporting events, especially OU football games, golf and bull riding. His highest adventure was his devotion to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He always made sure the young men he led had an opportunity to dedicate their life to the Lord. Christ was always first in his life and to Him he gave all the glory and honor.

Services were January 29, at Trinity International Baptist Church, 1329 NW 23, Oklahoma City. Interment followed in Rose Hill Burial Park.

## William Keith Leslie

William Keith Leslie, 44, died April 25, 2004. Services were April 29, 2005 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel.

He was born March 12, 1960 at Ada, Okla., to Glen and Jolene McCracken Leslie.

He graduated from Byng (OK) High School and attended Bible Baptist Church, Ada.

He worked for Melvin Chilcoat for 12 years and in the oil field for Sun Oil Pipeline. He was formerly employed by the Chickasaw Nation and Earl Horton Metal Shop.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William I. and Nannie Wade Leslie.

He is survived by his father Glen Leslie; brother Gary Glen Leslie; nephews, Gary Leslie Jr., and wife, Wendy, Tishomingo, Okla., and Shannon Leslie, Ada; great-nephew Tyler Glen Leslie; great-niece, Ashley Nicole Leslie; uncle and aunt, Harvey and Mildred Leslie, Newalla, Okla., Ruby Akins, Walnut Grove, Calif. Marvin and Francis Herdridge, Porttownsend, Wash., Diamond Mildred Leslie, Ada; 60 first cousins; and many more other relatives in California, Washington and Oklahoma.

Bearers were Mark Miller, Clifford Hyatt, Steve Tomolinson, David Fites, Tim Holt and Randy Humphrey. Honorary Bearers were Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

## Glen Leon Leslie

Services for Glen Leon Leslie, 70, were July 1, 2005 at Criswell Funeral Chapel with the Revs. Paul Butler and Larry Coltura officiating. Burial was at 5-Mile cemetery with the Chickasaw Honor Guard presenting military honors.

Mr. Leslie died June 28, 2004. He was born Dec. 4, 1933 at Allen, Okla., to William Ingram and Nannie Wade Leslie an original enrollee.

He was 1/2 Chickasaw. He attended school at Owl Creek, Okla., and Hayes Elementary, Ada, Okla., and Ada High School. He worked in the oil field and construction. He was in the U.S. Army from 1952

- 1954 serving in Korea

He and Jolene McCracken were married April 15, 1956.

He was preceded in death by a son William Keith Leslie, April 25, 2004; parents, William Ingram Leslie and Nannie Wade Leslie, brothers, Walter (Pete) Leslie, Otto Leslie, Tommy Leslie, John Leslie, Oral Leslie and J.D. Leslie; sisters, Lilly Vineyard, Lena Hatton, and Maud Mandrell Hyatt.

He is survived by son, Glen Leslie, Sr., Ada; grandsons, Gary Leslie, Jr., and wife Wendy, Ada, Shannon Leslie, Ada; great-grandchildren, Tyler Leslie and Ashley Leslie both of Ada; sisters, Francis and husband Marvin Herridge, Ruby Akins, Walnut Grove, Calif.; brother, Harvey Leslie and wife Mildred, Newalla, Okla.; one sister-in-law, D. Mildred Leslie, Ada; 60 nieces and nephews of Ada, Calif., and Washington State; and many friends and relatives.

Bearers were Donnie Scroggins, David Fites, Marty Odom, Tim Holt, Clifford Hyatt, and Marvin Briggs. Honorary bearers were Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

## William Franklin Holder

William Franklin Holder, 91, died Feb. 6, 2005.

He lived in Alex, Oklahoma all of his life except for the years he served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

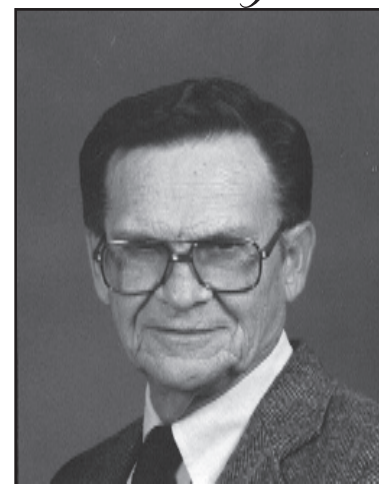
He looked forward to attending his army reunion every year. He was a farmer and a friend to many long-time residents of Alex. Bill was proud of his Chickasaw heritage. He was well known for his friendly manner and dry wit.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Caline Morris Holder and Ray Benjamin Holder; his brother John Tomas Holder; and sister, Geneva Holder Martin.

He is survived by daughter, Mahona McShotts; grandson, Morgan McShotts, both from California.

He shared a close relationship with and will be especially missed by Mary Holder Cagle, sister-in-law; nephew, Ben Cates Holder; nieces, Lea Ann Holder and Cindy Claire Holder.

## Eddie Randal Ridley



Eddie Randal Ridley died Jan. 21, 2005 at Sulphur, Okla.

He was born Nov. 9, 1927 at Sulphur to Oleta Kinney Ridley and Arthur Lee Ridley. He is the great-great-grandson of Chickasaw Governor Cyrus Harris.

His family moved from Sulphur to Oklahoma City where he attended Central High School. He joined the U.S. Air Force and served 10 years as a cryptographer, stationed primarily in England. He returned to Oklahoma City after his military service and married Peggy Fife. After the death of his wife, he moved back to Sulphur to look after his mother and grandmother. He was a great admirer of his uncle, Colonel Jack Ridley, who was the chief engineer of the first plane to break the sound barrier.

He took up the hobby of collecting memorabilia and articles pertaining to Colonel Ridley's career and achievements. He also like to build things and enjoyed woodworking.

He is survived by a sister, Pat Ridley Herndon and her husband James of Carrollton, Texas; a brother, Jerry K. Ridley of Sulphur; nephew, James Lynn Herndon of Los Angeles; nieces, Valerie Richards of Frisco, Texas, and Jennifer Ridley Burnett and her husband Jeff of Indiana; great-nephew, Harrison Blake Richards of Frisco; great-niece, Caitlin Burnett, Indiana; uncles, Jesse Cyrus Kinney of Dallas and Mack Gerald Kinney of Lompoc, Calif.; cousins, Mary F. Boggs, Dr. Barry David Kinney, Jeri Kay Sauls, Ronald Kinney, James Dale Kinney, Mary Sue Lynch, Carol A. Cory, Walter L. Kinney and Sharon Timmons; and his close and longtime friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cunningham of Oklahoma City.