

Tribe's Bank2 rebranded Chickasaw Community Bank



Governor Bill Anoatubby, at left, was joined by officials and guests for the Chickasaw Community Bank Ribbon Cutting Unveiling Ceremony Jan. 14 in Oklahoma City. From left, Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Chris Anoatubby, former Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, bank CEO T.W. Shannon, Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt, and former Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Bank2 has helped small businesses, homeowners and community members build better lives for almost two decades. Now, Bank2 is changing its name to Chickasaw Community Bank to better reflect Chickasaw values and heritage.

Governor Bill Anoatubby led a Jan. 14 ceremony celebrating the new name.

"In its name and in its vision, Chickasaw Community Bank pays tribute to the culture and history of Chickasaw entrepreneurship," Gov. Anoatubby said. "From extensive trade routes along the Mississippi River in our Homeland to new businesses in Indian Territory, commerce has long been seen as a way to improve the quality of life of our people."

"Today, our businesses remain an integral part of our mission to enhance the quality of life of the Chickasaw people. We also work to ensure business diversification and economic development include a focus on local communities, because we believe a rising tide should lift all ships."

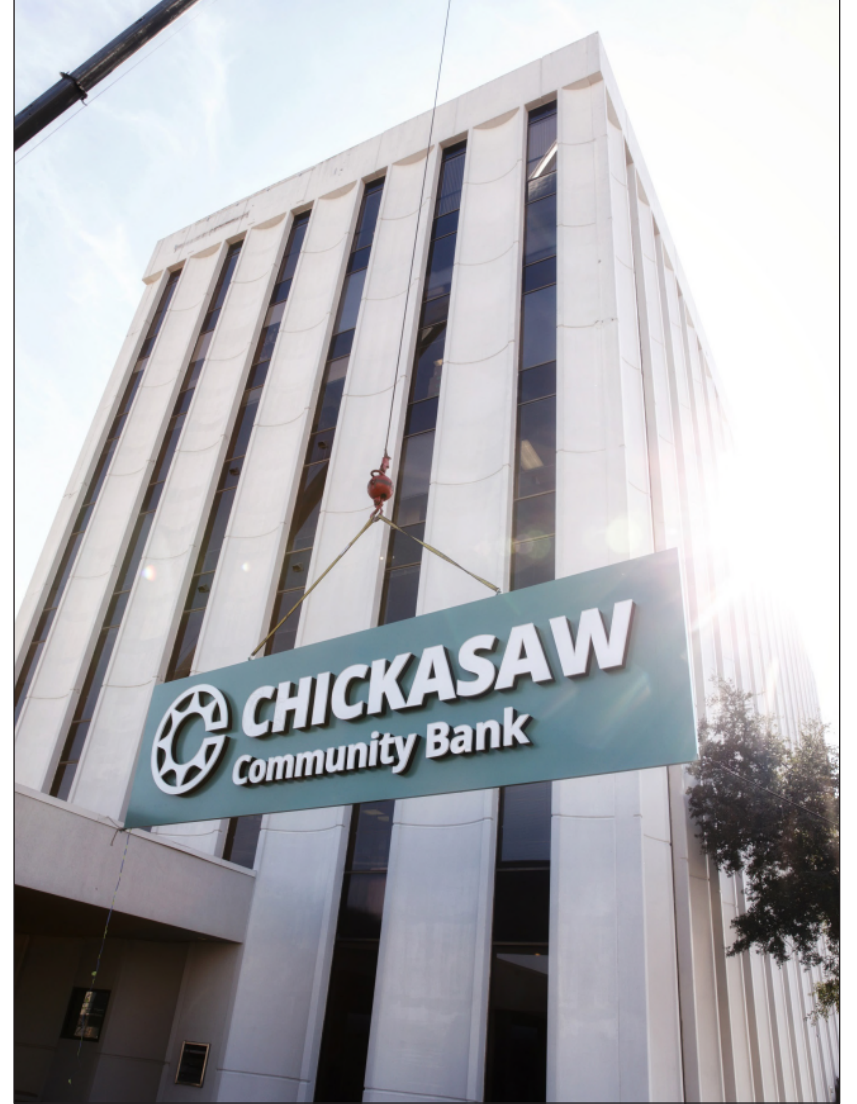
Bank CEO T.W. Shannon said the new brand, Chickasaw Community Bank, better reflected the bank's purpose, "Building Better Lives for Everyone," as well as its mission and community partnership initiatives.

"The Chickasaw Nation has always been about improving the quality of life of our community," Mr. Shannon said. "As a community bank headquartered in Oklahoma City, this name change will reflect those values and the

Bank's commitment to our heritage and partnership initiatives.

"At Chickasaw Community Bank we are committed to building better lives for everyone, starting with our employees and customers. As a state-chartered community bank we offer banking products and service for all Oklahomans including commercial lending and home mortgages. We are the leader in the state for the HUD 184 Native American mortgages."

Chickasaw Community Bank is wholly owned by the Chickasaw Nation. Opened in 2002, the bank's assets have increased to more than \$200 million since initial capital investment of \$9 million. Serving the Native American community is a significant part of the bank's mission, and the



A crane hoists the new Chickasaw Community Bank sign to the top of the former Bank2 building, 909 South Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, during a ribbon cutting and unveiling ceremony Jan. 14. The bank's name was officially changed to Chickasaw Community Bank. The new brand better reflects the bank's purpose, "Building Better Lives for Everyone," as well as the mission and community partnership initiatives of the Chickasaw Nation-owned institution.

positive impact of that outreach extends throughout the community, the state and the country.

"The blessing of being a community banker is that we really do help people's dreams come true," Mr. Shannon said. "Whether we are helping Oklahomans start a business, or helping someone buy their first home, Chicka-

saw Community Bank is on the ground floor of the American dream.

"The impeccable reputation of our shareholder the Chickasaw Nation, and our leader Governor Anoatubby, are above reproach and it is important that our cus-

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State Superintendent of Public Instruction praises tribes for contributions

CATOOSA, Okla. - Oklahoma's State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister thanked the state's tribes for their contributions to the state's educational goals during a quarterly meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes Jan. 10. The quarterly meeting was hosted by the Cherokee Nation at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa.

"My heart is filled with gratitude for the service and the prioritization you have made over the years for the school children of Oklahoma," Ms. Hofmeister said.

Since the beginning of Ms. Hofmeister's term in 2014, the state's tribes have invested more than \$575.8 million in gaming funds to the state's education system.

"These contributions have steadily risen, despite tribal nations receiving no state subsidies to the gaming industry," Ms. Hofmeister said.

These contributions, she said, have been supplemented by Oklahoma's Native American tribes, both monetarily and through their educational programs and services.

"On behalf of the State of Oklahoma, again, thank you," she said. "Thank you for supporting public education."

In other business, the council passed a resolution honoring Lisa Billy for her service as Secretary of Native American Affairs for the State of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Billy recently resigned from her gubernatorially-appointed position following the compact renegotiation dispute between the tribes and Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt. Mrs. Billy currently serves as a legislator for the Chickasaw Nation representing Pontotoc District.

"Today, we thank Lisa Billy for



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her integrity and legacy for tribal advocacy, and we look forward to seeing how she will use her talents for leadership and politics in the future," Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

Mrs. Billy was presented with a medal, a drum and a copy of the resolution honoring her.

"We are mighty in our message of unity," she said. "We continue to move forward."

Tribal leaders said the state's many Native American tribes are committed to each other, their communities and their state.

"We are united for Oklahoma," said Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Chief Gary Batton.

Other tribal leaders echoed Chief Batton's message of unity. Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Chief Greg Chilcoat said the tribes work, communicate and



Tribal leaders at the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes received baskets presented by the Cherokee Nation, which hosted their quarterly meeting Jan. 10 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. From left, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr., Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Chief Gary Batton, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief David Hill, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Chief Greg Chilcoat.

move forward together.

Newly-elected Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief David Hill said the Muscogee (Creek) Nation stands with all tribal nations in the state.

"I'm looking forward to working with each one of you to ensure our partnership is strong and our voices are heard as one," Principal Chief Hill said.

Tribal leaders said tribal programs and services help more than just the citizens of their respective tribes. They help all Oklahomans.

"Construction and operation of programs and services, combined with governmental and business endeavors, as well as philanthropic and infrastructure projects, make the Chickasaw Nation

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First baby of 2020



Billy Holland III and Kaylee Keenan welcomed their baby girl into the world at 6:25 a.m., Jan. 1, 2020 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. Kinlee Sue Holland was the first Chickasaw baby born in the new year at the medical center. Kinlee weighed 6 lbs., 14.5 oz. and measured 19.5 inches at birth.

Shoppers find lots of gently used items for use in the home

ReUse Center celebrates 10 years of reducing solid waste

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center opened its doors in Ada Jan. 5, 2010. Since then, the center has helped the community keep over 1.6 million pounds of reusable materials from ending up in landfills – all while offering clothing, housewares and materials to the public for no charge.

The ReUse Center is a public service available to everyone.

The ReUse Center, 2205 N. Broadway, is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays for normal business hours, with special days occurring on the first and third Monday of every month exclusively for Chickasaw citizens.

“The ReUse Center’s service is twofold,” Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services Director Phillip Cravatt said. “We’re providing for the community’s needs while preserving our resources by keeping material from the landfill. It’s a great service to the community as a whole, because anybody who goes is welcome to take what they need for no charge.”

The facility serves as a place where locals can donate new or gently used items for others to use. Donated items are put on display. During scheduled hours, everyone is welcome to peruse and select items to take home at no charge.



The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center gives price-conscious customers a way to find unique items for personal use and helps keep reusable items out of landfills. Since its opening Jan. 5, 2010, the center has helped the Ada community keep more than 100 tons of reusable materials from ending up in landfills. The ReUse Center is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

“We’re protecting our natural resources for future generations. That’s our goal,” Mr. Cravatt said.

In addition to individual donations, businesses, as well as civic and community groups, drop off used building materials, office equipment, electronics, housewares and furniture.

Over 117,000 visitors have taken advantage of the ReUse Center over the past 10 years.

According to Mac Peterson, environmental section head for the Chickasaw Nation, donating items to the ReUse Center helps both the environment and those

in need.

“If you have something that you don’t want anymore, don’t let it go to the landfill,” Mr. Peterson said. “Bring it to the ReUse Center and we will make sure it goes to someone in the community who needs it. Something as small as a working coffeepot can be a big help to someone who might not be able to afford one.”

In recognition of its efforts to improve the community through litter prevention, waste reduction and beautification, the Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center received the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful 2018

Visionary Leadership Award.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT IN APRIL

The ReUse Center also plans an annual document-shredding event the week of Earth Day in April. This event provides the public an opportunity to dispose of unwanted paper documents in an environmentally conscious way.

More than five tons of shredded material was collected during the 2019 event.

The ReUse Center also coordinates with the Ada Recycling Coalition during its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. Latex paints and stains – among other hazardous chemicals – are also collected to be properly disposed of, or distributed for community use at the ReUse Center.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center hosts a community-wide coat drive throughout November and December benefiting those who are in need of a coat as the weather gets colder.

Generous donations of coats throughout the year help ensure the success of the coat drive.

All of the coats are provided at no cost to visitors and given to

anyone in need.

Perry Payne Jr., the ReUse Center warehouse foreman, is proud of the impact this month-long event has on the community.

During a typical day of the drive, 145 coats are distributed. Almost 1,400 total coats given out over the duration of the drive.

Residents throughout Pontotoc County and surrounding areas are involved in the coat drive.

“It is amazing to see so many people helping out their neighbors and their community,” Mr. Payne said.

ABOUT THE REUSE CENTER

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center provides used items for the local community. The ReUse Center is a component of the Chickasaw Nation’s solid waste management program that keeps material out of the landfill.

In 2019, the center prevented 126,644 pounds of material from going to the landfill and provided services to 9,312 community members.

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center accepts new and gently used items for reuse. It is free of charge to drop off or pick up items at the center and all services are open to the public. The center is located at 2205 N. Broadway in Ada.

‘Better to serve others and be a part of a community’

Chickasaw lawyer seeks to move US justice system past inequalities



MARISSA HATTON

was happening, both along racial and poverty lines,” she said. “I saw the legal system was continuing to reinforce that inequality.”

JOURNEY INTO LAW

Born in Tulsa, Ms. Hatton left the state to attend college in California. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of California-Santa Barbara, then attended law school at Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

She saw evidence that people of color and indigenous people within the criminal justice system were being treated unfairly. She determined then her path was to try and make reforms from the inside, offering help to people who couldn’t afford an attorney or to those who didn’t understand the legal system itself.

“There are a lot of ways to address social problems but I wanted to go to law school and go that route,” she said. “I wanted to get straight into the system.”

While in law school, Ms. Hatton served as co-president of the Native American Law Students Association (NALSA), Georgetown’s first affinity group for Native American students. It became a safe place for Native American

law students to come together and work on indigenous issues, as well as women’s, poverty and environmental issues.

“There were a lot of ways it was really rewarding,” she said. “One was to find other Native American students. We were able to support each other and keep our shared community and beliefs alive while we were in law school. Second, being able to educate others to understand the intersection of indigenous issues and other civil rights issues like environmental law was gratifying.”

The group still functions today and has become a place where Native American students can go for fellowship.

Since graduating from law school, she has taken the initiative to connect with Native Americans, encouraging fellow tribal citizens to dip their toes into law, in whatever aspect they choose.

“A lot of people think it is unattainable because there are so many hurdles to applying to law school, and then getting through it,” she said. “People should consider themselves capable of it and think of it as an attainable goal because it certainly is. We are very fortunate to have a tribe who supports us.”

CONNECTING WITH HER CHICKASAW HERITAGE

As a member of the Chickasaw Bar Association, Ms. Hatton has stayed connected to the Chickasaw Nation. She enjoys being involved with the tribe’s advocacy on a legal level and makes it a goal to attend the Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference every year.

Through many aspects of her life, she keeps her heritage as a guiding light.

“My Chickasaw heritage has taught me it’s better to serve others and to be part of a community and to do what you can to uplift others,” she said. “That you should care not just about your immediate family, but your community and your kinship with people who have shared heritage and your kinship with humanity in general. It’s led me to feel that I should serve others and use my platform to do that.”

Ms. Hatton dreams of starting her own nonprofit that focuses on prison conditions and prisoners’ rights. She hopes to hire indigenous interns and incorporate indigenous education.

The message she holds close to

her heart though is one of community and change. As a Native American working in law, Ms. Hatton urges Chickasaw citizens to look into the path of law themselves so that they may also help change the system for the better.

“I really encourage citizens of the Chickasaw Nation to involve themselves in the legal systems as advocates whether it’s as a lawyer or court-appointed advocate,” Ms. Hatton said. “Our sense of community makes us really good and apt people for working on social justice issues. We certainly need more civil rights lawyers and we certainly need more Native American lawyers.”

Overall, Ms. Hatton is making daily strides to make a difference in the criminal and justice system. She wants everyone to receive the justice and equality they deserve. Her culture and heritage as a Chickasaw citizen are woven into her career, and for that she is grateful.

“The effect that it had on me to see a nation that cares so much about community and to be fortunate enough to be a part of that community has had a huge impact that I can’t even really measure when it comes to my decisions to work in public service.”

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We had an idea for growth. It turned out to be a very good idea!

American writer and humorist Mark Twain once wrote, "A person with a new idea is a crank...until that idea succeeds!" At the Chickasaw Nation, we had a good idea many years ago, when we set off on our path to seek greater levels of economic development, self-governance and self-determination.

Today, we are among the most successful tribes in the country.

Years ago, the environment for tribes throughout the country created challenges to success for individual Native Americans and Tribal governments alike. Many Chickasaw citizens experienced the daily struggle of working to earn just enough to sustain to their families.

While the Chickasaw Nation was committed to serving our people, more than 98 percent of our funding came from the federal government. At that time, there were no tribal businesses or other entities that might contribute to the tribe's dreams and initiatives. Therefore, the programs and services the tribe could offer its citizens were often insufficient to meet the needs of our people.

The Chickasaw Nation continued to seek education, housing, health care and family services that would provide new opportunities to the Chickasaw people.

Our strong Chickasaw family connection held us together. All of us believed our situation would get better if we continued to work hard and came up with new ways to be successful.

Chickasaws began meeting together to discuss ways to reclaim the inherent sovereignty of the Tribe and help enhance the quality of life of their fellow Chickasaws.

Chickasaw leaders have long known that a productive sovereign-to-sovereign relationship with the federal



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

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We knew we had to grow. We began looking at all ideas that might produce funds for all the great programs and services we envisioned.

Growth, to us, equaled self-sufficiency and Chickasaw opportunity. We set a course and followed that path to tribal commercial expansion. The goal was a vibrant and self-sufficient nation dedicated to improving the lives of

its people. government is essential to our success. During the decades of the 1960s through the 1980s, we became familiar with people in elected office and other officials who could assist us on our drive to build up our tribe.

We learned how to better access and employ the federal funds on which we depended for basic services.

And we began coming up with good new ideas we thought could really work for us.

It became clear we could not, over time, sustain the healthy programs and services we envisioned on federal funding alone. Such funds were notoriously spare and volatile. They could be reduced without warning from year to year.

its people.

We believed we had a good idea. We were going to take a risk and put our idea into action!

Our growth was not without its ups and downs, particularly early on. Anyone engaged in business knows success most often lies in an organization's ability to adapt and respond positively to challenge. We were learning the ropes and, fortunately, we began to meet with success, and we hit on some real winners. Our tribe learned to adapt and base decisions on the reality of the environment in which we operated. And we played to our strengths.

In the 1990s, the Chickasaw Nation began to break through in a big way. We built profitable, vibrant businesses. We built our quality management team from within, and that has proved a strong and essential pillar of our success.

Today, our elders can recall the days of struggle, and fully appreciate the blessings we today enjoy. We always remember it is our people we serve, and our entities that provide the financial foundation are in place strictly to serve the Chickasaw people. The times have changed, but our mission has never varied.

Our businesses are now very profitable, but the real proof of our success is the new Chickasaw college graduate; the Chickasaw family receiving top quality health care; Chickasaw elders gathering for a nutritious meal and fellowship; the celebrations of our Chickasaw culture.

And it all happened because we had a new, good idea, and we moved forward! We have accomplished much together. Working together, the opportunities for the future are limitless.

Tribe, Feed the Children, Murray County join up to deliver holiday care packages



Nearly 100 volunteers attended the Dec. 17 "No Hunger Holiday" event at Sulphur's Crossway Church. Many were locals with civic groups including Rotary, some came representing local churches, and others were Chickasaw Nation employees or with Feed the Children.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Volunteers from the Chickasaw Nation, Feed the Children and Murray County joined forces before Christmas to deliver holiday care packages to hundreds of families.

The packages were delivered Dec. 17 in Sulphur and were available to both Native American and non-Native families.

Crossway Church opened its doors to host the fourth "No Hunger Holiday" event in south-central Oklahoma. Nearly 100 volunteers from the Chickasaw Nation and Feed the Children joined with local church and civic groups at 2 p.m. to prepare the packages. Volunteers passed out packages until well after dark.

The line started just off Broadway where local law enforcement helped direct traffic. Bundled up volunteers greeted passengers

and guided them through the line. Groups of volunteers assembled care packages and carried them to car trunks and truck beds.

Local residents received an assortment of food, beverages, educational materials and household items. In total, 800 Murray County families were served.

"We have an important partnership between the Chickasaw Nation and Feed the Children that's been going on for many years," Chickasaw Nation Undersecretary of Support and Programs Marty Wafford said. "We are excited and blessed to be here today. As you can see behind me, this already has a large presence in Murray County," she said, looking back to the active church parking lot. "This is a big event we've done the last few years around the holiday



Visitors of the "No Hunger Holiday" event in Sulphur received an assortment of food, beverages, educational material and household items. In total, 800 individuals and families were assisted.

season, but the Chickasaw Nation has many programs and services for our people all throughout the Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma which helps our families, elders and children."

The "No Hunger Holiday" initiative helps children and families during the holidays, as well as brings awareness to the important issue of childhood hunger. Recipients were selected by Sulphur area churches, social services and other organizations, which observe food insecurity firsthand.

This is the fourth year the Chickasaw Nation and Feed the Children worked together to address hunger in Oklahoma. Previous events have been conducted in Ada, Ardmore and Tishomingo.

Feed the Children, one of the

nation's leading anti-hunger organizations, was established in 1979. It is headquartered in Oklahoma City. The organization provides food, education initiatives, essentials and disaster response as it helps children and their families become independent and self-reliant. Feed the Children currently works in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and in 10 countries around the world.

"We believe that no child should go to bed hungry in a land where there is plenty of food, especially during the holiday season," Feed the Children president and CEO Travis Arnold said. "But the reality is millions of boys and girls right here in our own backyard face this hardship every day. Thanks to the support of the Chickasaw Nation, we are able to help families rest a little easier knowing they do not have to worry about where their next meal is coming from."

For more information about the food-based programs and services the Chickasaw Nation offers its citizens and members of the public, contact Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services at (580) 436-7255. Visit FeedTheChildren.org/NoHungerHolidays to learn more about the No Hunger Holidays campaign, which has events planned in communities across America.

Mary Jo Green memorial scholarship established at Chickasaw Foundation



MARY JO GREEN

A memorial scholarship honoring the late Mary Jo Green has been established through the Chickasaw Foundation.

Mrs. Green was born April 18, 1934 in the Fitzhugh area, to John Thomas and Julie Kennedy Thomas. She and husband J.L. Green raised two children, Jess Green (deceased) and Melissa Green Whipple. Mrs. Green passed away July 28, 2019.

Mary Jo Green was a child of God and an active member of the Sunshine Missionary Baptist Church since the early 1950s. She taught Sunday School for many years, and educated her children and grandchildren on the importance of giving their lives to Christ. She graduated from Fitzhugh High School and attended East Central University for one

semester. She devoted her life to being a friend to the elderly. She was a band leader for 25 years for a senior citizens band known as "The Chickasaw Cats."

Mrs. Green was elected to the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature in 1998 and served until her retirement in 2016. Prior to her service as a legislator, she was a Chickasaw Nation employee for over 22 years. She received many awards during her time as an employee: 1986 Outstanding Employee in the State of Aging Network; 1993 Professional of the Year in the Field of Aging; 1994 Indian Health Service Director's Award; 1995 Betsy D. Smith Award for her dedication in providing services to older Americans; and AARP Outstanding Indian Elder Trailblazer Award in 2016. She was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2017.

Mrs. Green loved history and the law. The Mary Jo Green Memorial Scholarship has been established to assist Chickasaw students studying those disciplines. This scholarship is open to students majoring in history, education or pre-law, and minoring in history with an emphasis on Chickasaw or Native American studies. For more information, visit ChickasawFoundation.org or call (580) 421-9030.

Summer camp experiences inspire Chickasaw student to launch career in aerospace engineering



ABIGAIL MCNALLY

Chickasaw citizen Abigail McNally is reaching new heights in her educational and professional journey. She credits summer camps she attended as a youth.

Ms. McNally, 22, of El Paso, Texas, is a student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz. She is studying to be an aerospace engineer with a specialization in astronautics and will graduate in May. Her studies include basic engineering of building, designing, planning and implementing, based within the aerospace world - involving planes, satellites, space crafts and more.

"There are two different tracks you can focus on," she said. "You can study the aviation route, which they call the aero track, or the astro track, which is more

space oriented and is the track I've chosen."

Ms. McNally is appreciative of the Chickasaw Nation's summer camps in allowing her to discover her passion through the different educational opportunities they provide.

"If it was not for these camps I don't know if I would be doing exactly what I love today in being an aerospace engineer," she said.

While in middle school, Ms. McNally's father, Tim, was reading through the Chickasaw Times and came across the many camps offered to Chickasaw citizens. With the help of her mother, Kimberly, she completed and sent in her applications. She had no idea the impact the camps would have on her future.

"I had the privilege to be accepted to go to both the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) and Space Camp where my love for aviation and space exploded," she said.

These summer camps sparked her to pursue her soon-to-be career. CNASA is a weeklong summer academy for students interested in space, aviation, math and science. Space Camp allows students to become cadets for a week at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center at NASA's Marshall Flight Center at Huntsville, Ala.

Ms. McNally's first summer at both camps proved rewarding and the knowledge she gained

had her yearning to go back. She attended the camps the following three summers.

"I still look back at my camp memories and wonder where my life would be if I didn't find my passion through the help of the Chickasaw Nation and my encouraging family," she said.

Throughout her time in college she utilized services from the Chickasaw Nation. She received higher education grants and was accepted into the internship program which allowed her to intern in Washington, D.C., for the National Transportation Safety Board. During her internship she developed a love for safety engineering.

"My successful education would not have been possible without my family's support as well as the Chickasaw Nation's financial support," she said.

Ms. McNally has accepted an offer to work as an engineer for Northrop Grumman, an American global aerospace and defense technology company, after she graduates this upcoming spring. She is looking forward to this new and exciting experience.

"I am so grateful for the opportunities that the Chickasaw Nation offers," she said. "I am proud to be Chickasaw because it was through the Chickasaw Nation and my family that I have been able to accomplish so much in my life."

Chikasha Pehlichikbi students connect with veterans through service

Ninety-three Chickasaw veterans and their guests attended the Veterans Holiday Luncheon hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Chikasha Pehlichikbi (CPI) Youth Leadership Program on Dec. 14, at the Veterans Lodge in Ada.

CPI program members served meals to Chickasaw veterans, active duty service members, National Guardsmen, and reserves along with their guests. Posting of colors and the pledge of allegiance were presented by the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard.

Governor Bill Anoatubby addressed the group before the meal.

At the end of the event, CPI

members handed each veteran a small appreciation gift.

Chickasaw citizen Samuel Daniel, a Coalgate High School senior, has volunteered at this event for the past two years and has been with the CPI program for three years. Volunteering for this event, Samuel said, allows him to meet new people and get out of his comfort zone.

"It really connects me with people and I get to build relationships," he said. "It makes me step out and do things I would not normally do."

Having the opportunity to give back to veterans is special to Samuel because his grandfather

served in the military.

"My grandpa is a veteran and set a great example for me, so it is really cool to show appreciation to the veterans for all the things they have done for us," he said.

Chickasaw citizen Bradley Stick, CPI youth specialist, said he hoped CPI members learned about the Chickasaw Nation core values during the luncheon.

"I want the youth to know what it feels like to be selfless, to produce servant leadership with a 'can-do' attitude, all while working together as a team," Mr. Stick said. "To see Chickasaw youth from the ages of 14 to 18 coming from different schools working

together, communicating and serving, it is a blessing to witness and it is what we strive to do in the Chikasha Pehlichikbi program. I would like the Chickasaw veterans to know how much

CPI program members appreciate their sacrifice for this country."

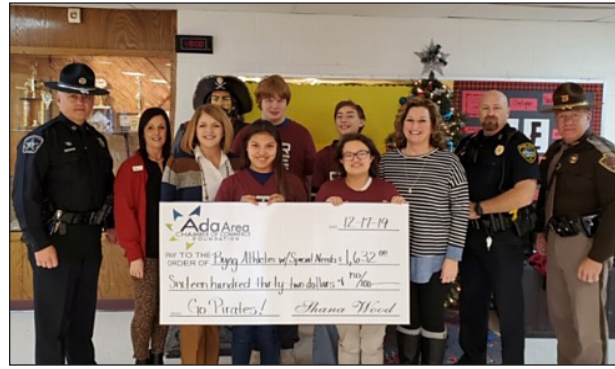
For more information about the Chikasha Pehlichikbi (CPI) Youth Leadership Program, visit Chickasaw.net/CPI.



Chickasha Pehlichikbi (CPI) Youth Leadership Program members Sarah Bittle-Poulin and Jesse Clark serve dessert during the Veterans Holiday Luncheon Dec. 14 in Ada.

Jacquelyn Sparks

Chickasaw Lighthouse, local law enforcement host golf tournament, make donations to local student-athletes with disabilities



Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police, in partnership with the Ada (Oklahoma) Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Ada Police Department and Oklahoma Highway Patrol presents numerous donations to Pontotoc County Schools. The funds, earmarked for student-athletes with disabilities, were raised through the "Tee'd Up FORE A Cause" golf tournament. The tournament was played June 2019. Ada Chamber Director Shana Wood, Lighthouse Police Captain Daimon Alexander, OHP Trooper Tyler Jack, and Ada Police Detective Joe Machetta presented donations to Stonewall, Ada, Latta and Byng Public Schools.

2020 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference registration deadline March 30

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - March 30 is the registration deadline for the 2020 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference.

This year's conference will be April 30-May 1 at the WinStar Convention Center in Thacker-ville.

The Dynamic Women Conference, themed "Empowerment through Culture," is hosted by Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities.

This conference recognizes

Submit nominations now for Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year

March 1 is the deadline for 2020 Dynamic Woman of the Year Award nominations.

The Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year Award was established in 2006. The award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Chickasaw Nation and its citizens.

Chickasaw women are leaders in education, health care, arts, cultural advocacy, legal professions, social services and community development. They have forged new roads that continue to serve as a force of empowerment for girls, women and men of all ages.

Chickasaw women selected for this honor have inspired, given hope and opened new possibilities and opportunities for others.

These women serve as role models for other Chickasaw women, make a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens and enrich their communities and society at large.

Chickasaw women ages 35 and up with Chickasaw citizenship are eligible. Chickasaw Nation employees are not eligible.

All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities by Sunday, March 1 at 11:59 p.m.

For a nomination form, visit Chickasaw.net/DWAward or for more information, contact Kati Cain at Kati.Cain@Chickasaw.net or call (580) 272-5520.

the strength and leadership of Chickasaw women from all walks of life and salutes their valuable contributions, talents and skills.

Merry Monroe, 2019 Dynamic Women of the Year, is this year's keynote speaker.

Deadline to register to attend is March 30.

Visit Chickasaw.net/Dynamic-Women to register.

For more information, contact Kati Cain at (580) 272-5520 or Kati.Cain@Chickasaw.net.

Deadline is Feb. 15 to apply for 2020 Spring term Higher Education grants and scholarships

Chickasaw students can apply online for higher education grants and scholarships for the 2020 spring term through the extended deadline of Feb. 15.

Students participating in an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral program from an accredited college are eligible to receive assistance through a number of grants and scholarship programs provided by the Chickasaw Nation.

Grants and scholarships assist

part-time and full-time students with tuition, books and fees.

Applicants must complete a programs, grants and scholarship application, provide an official high school or college transcript and a schedule of classes.

Applications are available at Chickasaw.net/Highered.

Application deadline is Feb. 15. For more information, contact (580) 421-7711.

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Qualifying citizens' income tax returns can be prepared by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program

Beginning Feb. 4, the Chickasaw Nation will provide free income tax preparation for qualified filers. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will assist qualifying individuals and families prepare their income tax returns. An appointment is required.

Participants must provide the following items:

- Two forms of ID (one must be a photo ID)
- Social Security cards for the filer and all dependents
- All W-2s, 1099s, etc. (and any documents that pertain to completing your tax return)
- Voided check for direct deposit of any refund you may receive
- If a new VITA client, please bring a copy last year's tax return

This program is free to qualifying individuals and families earning less than \$56,000 per year. Appointments are available at the locations listed below.

- 501 S. Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma
- Feb. 4-6, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11-13, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 18-20, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25-27, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- March 3-5, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- March 10-12, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- March 24-25, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- March 31-April 1, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- April 7-8, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- April 9, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

- Treasure Valley Casino, Davis, Oklahoma
- March 17: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- March 19: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- WinStar World Casino and Resort, Thackerville, Oklahoma
- March 26: 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Ardmore, Oklahoma
- April 2, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Riverwind Casino, Norman, Oklahoma
- For information, visit Chickasaw.net/VITA, or contact the VITA program at (580) 272-5798 or email VitaProgram@Chickasaw.net.

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FEB. 15
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Day camp for younger students, two-week overnight camp for older students

Annual Chickasaw Arts Academy June 15-26, July 11-24

The annual Chickasaw Arts Academy is an intensive exploration of various artistic fields, career preparatory programming and student oriented skill development.

Students are divided into levels to accommodate specific ages and skills. The academy emphasizes Chickasaw and other Southeastern tribal cultures, along with other tribal aesthetics through visual and performing arts. The 2020 academy promises opportunities for more individual study closely tailored to age and ability. Academies, separated by age, will take place at different times, reducing class sizes and allowing instructors to focus more on developing individual students.

This summer, STAR (ages 8-10) and Intermediate (ages 11-13) levels begin training in the arts with

instruction, tailored for their age and skill levels, facilitated by professional artists. STAR and Intermediate instruction is taught in a two-week day academy, June 15-26. The day camp academy takes place at East Central University (ECU) Monday through Friday during the two-week period.

STAR and Intermediate participants receive an overall introduction to and instruction in the visual and performing arts disciplines. STAR students will rotate through six classes daily and the Intermediate students will either be in a visual or performing arts track of four classes daily.

The STAR/Intermediate showcase and arts gala is scheduled for June 26.

Chickasaw Arts Academy Majors (ages 14-18) is an immersive art instruction experience in

the form of an overnight summer academy, also taking place on the ECU campus. Students in the Majors courses are often repeat participants and are given the opportunity to mesh technical skill with developed talents. Beginners are also welcome to attend. The two-week overnight academy takes place July 11-24. Students are housed in the ECU dorms, giving them a taste of college life as well.

Majors participants gain experience in their choice of mediums including drawing, painting, culinary arts, musical theatre, dance, vocal music, digital arts, pottery, photography, printmaking, theater technology, video production, acting for the camera, fashion design and much more.

A public showcase and arts gala conclude the academies, giving

students the opportunity to display their work and perform with their new or strengthened skills. The arts gala reception highlights the visual arts disciplines and the showcase is a performing arts event that incorporates all of the performing arts disciplines into a final production

The Majors showcase and arts gala takes place July 24.

To apply for the Arts Academy, students must complete the camps, clinics and academies application once it is available

in early spring. The application deadline for all camps, clinics and academies is April 15, 2020. A complete listing of opportunities with 2020 dates will be mailed to Chickasaw families. Details regarding each opportunity can also be found at Chickasaw.net/YouthCamps.

For more information about the Chickasaw Arts Academy, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email ArtsAcademy@Chickasaw.net.

Native population traditionally not well counted

Census 2020 critically important to Native citizens

Few things are as important as being counted during the 2020 United States census. The census will shape both local communities and the national landscape. For Native Americans, the census offers an opportunity to provide a better future for tribal communities and future generations.

The census bureau reported the Native American population was undercounted by nearly five percent during the last national census. This is a rate more than double that of the next closest population group, and it cost Native Americans vital resources that could have been provided by the government.

It is estimated that for every individual who did not participate in the 2010 census, Oklahoma lost \$1,800, and each nonparticipating household cost the state \$4,000.

The Chickasaw Nation is taking steps to ensure the Native American voice is heard. The Chickasaw Nation was one of the first tribes to establish a Complete Count Committee, an organization with representatives from the various departments within the tribe. The committee determines the best methods to reach Chickasaw Nation employees, citizens and fellow tribal citizens.

Every 10 years, the U.S. counts everyone living in the country on April 1. The totals from this census determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. Individual states use the information gleaned during the census to redraw their local legislative and school districts.

Approximately \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year based on census data. The information also helps private businesses plan their locations, affecting individual communities' tax dollars.

Every community, both urban and rural, is important to the count. The data collected en-

ables them to receive money for things like Medicare Part B, special education, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, substance abuse programs and infrastructure projects, such as water and waste disposal systems for rural communities.

According to Chickasaw Nation Self Governance Executive Officer Kyle Key, who is heading up the Complete Count Committee for the Chickasaw Nation, census data are used for more than just tax dollars.

"Census data are what businesses use to determine where to locate or possibly relocate, so it is important that the Census Bureau conducts an accurate count and that individuals are counted once, only once, and in the right place on April 1, 2020," Mr. Key said. "As a sovereign nation, it is important for us to participate and maintain that government to government relationship with the United States."

Participating in the census ensures future generations will benefit. Census data helps determine native communities' needs for schools, housing, health care facilities and roads. Completing the census will ensure the tribal community is counted, heard and visible.

It is important individuals with Native American heritage stand for themselves to be counted. Data collected in the 2020 census will help shape how billions of federal funds are distributed for programs, services and grants in the local community.

"There has historically been a lack of trust in the federal government among Native Americans, resulting in low participation," Mr. Key said. "However, Census Bureau staff are required to take an oath of confidentiality with very harsh penalties. We at the Chickasaw Nation have developed a great partnership with the Census Bureau over the past year. For the first time in Census Bu-

reau history, they invited a tribal leader, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, to speak at the Census Day press briefing.

"The Census Bureau has set up informational booths at numerous Chickasaw events, and, in turn, we have hosted internal trainings for them. Participation in the 2020 census is a partnership that we must encourage for all Native Americans. This is an opportunity for us to create a brighter future for our communities."

There are many reasons for such a large undercounting of Native American populations. According to the 2010 census, more than 25 percent of Native Americans live in what it described as "hard to count" census tracts. These include those living in rural areas, a quarter of the Native American population living in poverty and a higher percentage of families living in shared homes or renting.

To help with accurate counts, address lists and automated field operations are being implemented using state-of-the-art technology. The Census Bureau is able to verify 65 percent of the addresses using satellite imagery. This has had the added benefit of reducing census staff from 150,000 in 2010 to an estimated 40,000 to verify the remaining 35 percent in 2020.

"Each household will receive an invitation in March 2020 with instructions on how to respond," Mr. Key said. "Having an online option in 2020 greatly enhances an individual's opportunity to respond, and you will be able to do so from your smartphone, computer, by telephone or by mail."

For the first time, participants will be able to respond to the census online, by phone or traditional mail. The Census Bureau will use existing data already provided to minimize in person follow-up visits to nonresponding households.

numerous state and national recognitions because of its efforts in Native America, especially in the area of housing. The bank was ranked one of the "Top Ten Places to Work in Oklahoma" four consecutive years, listed in the top 15 percent of all U.S. banks in 2016, as well as awarded "Access to Capital" Award from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

About the Logo



The new Chickasaw Community Bank logo incorporates elements of Chickasaw symbolism, including the sun, which represents rebirth, light and warmth. Various shades of green were selected to suggest positive growth and new beginnings - not just for the company, but the company's commitment to responsible growth for its customers and community.

Summer EBT Program accepting applications

The application period is now open for the Chickasaw Nation Summer EBT program.

This federally-funded program is available to both Native and non-Native citizens. Qualifying families receive approximately \$30 of free food per child each month May 15 through Aug. 14.

Benefits are on an EBT card (works like a debit card) that allows for the purchase of healthy food for the summer.

To qualify for this program, students must be enrolled in a participating school district in grades pre-K through grade 12 and receive free or reduced meals at school. Participation in this

program will have no impact on any government assistance that parents or children may currently receive.

Once approved, summer EBT cards are mailed to the address provided along with a list of participating stores and a food card (shopping list) that will help identify approved items.

For more information or to apply, call Chickasaw Nation Summer EBT at (580) 272-1178 or (844) 256-3467 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A list of participating schools and an online application is available at Chickasaw.net/SummerEBT.

INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL

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a crucial driver in the economic activity in our area and in Oklahoma," Gov. Anoatubby said.

"The five tribes are the best friends that the state of Oklahoma has ever had," Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr., said.

The council designated Principal Chief Hoskin and Principal Chief Hill the council's new president and vice president, respectively, in a routine changing of officers. Terri Haney was re-elected council treasurer.

In addition to the resolution honoring Mrs. Billy, the council passed five additional resolutions:

- A resolution supporting restoration of the Earned Income Tax

Credit.

- A resolution urging the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Office of Justice PROGRAMS United States Department of Justice, to hold a tribal consultation and develop an OJJDP tribal policy in conformance with the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018.

- A resolution urging Congress to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

- A resolution urging renewal of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education Act.

- A resolution supporting Oklahoma State Department of Health adoption of immunization rule changes.

BANK RIBBON CUTTING

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tomers and community know that our bank is an extension of those values and character."

While Bank2, now Chickasaw Community Bank, has been in operation less than two decades, the Chickasaw Nation involvement in the banking business began more than a century ago.

The Bank of the Chickasaw Nation was established in Indian Territory in the early 1900s in the historic Chickasaw Nation capitol city of Tishomingo.

Built on Main Street as a depository for all Chickasaw Nation funds, then-Chickasaw Nation Governor Robert Maxwell Harris served as the first bank president. Banking operations began with \$25,000 in capital, which doubled in a few days. The two-story Romanesque granite structure was proclaimed "the handsomest, most complete, and the most secure bank in the two (Choctaw and Chickasaw) territories."

Gov. Anoatubby said the

Chickasaw Community Bank was an important part of the tribe's diverse portfolio of more than 100 business holdings. Those holdings include, in addition to banking, manufacturing, energy, health care, media, technology, hospitality, retail and tourism. Today, the Chickasaw Nation supports more than 22,000 jobs and \$1.2 billion in wages and benefits as part of a \$3.7 billion annual economic contribution to the Oklahoma economy.

Business revenues provide the majority of funding for more than 200 tribal programs and services, such as health care, housing and education.

About Chickasaw Community Bank

Chickasaw Community Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chickasaw Bank Holding Company and is 100 percent owned by the Chickasaw Nation. The full-service institution has received



AAIMPA' CAFÉ

We welcome the opportunity to share the food of our people with you!

The Aaimpa' (a place to eat) Café features a variety of appetizers, entrées, children's meals and desserts.

Try *pashofa*, a traditional Chickasaw dish, or treat yourself to grape dumplings, a classic Chickasaw dessert. The Aaimpa' Café also offers modern favorites like Indian tacos, fry bread, buffalo burgers and chili. Our campus Spiral Garden provides vegetables for many of our menu items, so each dish is fresh and authentic.

GRILL HOURS:

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Saturday: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday: Noon-4 p.m.



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ADVENTURE ROAD



New Ardmore youth club in the planning stages; Legislative staffer marks 35 years

Chokma, I hope all is well with you and your family. A new decade has started, and I hope everyone is still on track with your New Year resolutions.

As I write this article, we are entering the weekend before the national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. A couple of his quotes that mean a lot to me are, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" and "The time is always right to do what is right." We should all strive to do what is right and constantly look for ways to serve those around us.



TOBY PERKINS
Chairman,
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I would like to recognize Doretta Sellers, our Legislative Chief of Staff. Doretta is very special to us in the Legislature and this month will be recognized for 35 years of dedicated service to the Chickasaw Nation with most of that time in the Legislative Department. She started working for the Chickasaw Nation in 1984 as processing Accounts Payable in Finance. In May of 1985, she was hired as Legislative Recording Secretary and in addition to those duties also served as Court Clerk, until the Judicial Department was able to get its own

office space. She deeply cares for our Chickasaw citizens and works hard everyday to fulfill our mission. I am so thankful for her dedication and attention to detail!

We had one General Resolution in our January Session and it was to approve the submission of an application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development up to the amount of \$900,000. If our submission is approved and the grant is received, it will be used along with leveraged (\$1,341,791) and non-leveraged (\$3,125,371) tribal funds to construct a new Chickasaw Nation Youth Club on the Ardmore campus. Projects to improve the lives of our youth are always a great investment in our future.

_I_hollo Nittak hachiyoppa'shki! (Happy Valentine's Day!)

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

Toby Perkins, Legislator
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DORETTA SELLERS
LEGISLATIVE CHIEF OF STAFF

Regardless of where you live, there are many ways to be involved with your tribe!

Chokma, chinchokma, Hello, how are you? As I travel and meet fellow Chickasaws around the country, one common question usually comes up, "How can I be a part of the Chickasaw Nation when I don't live within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries?"

Whether you live within or outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries, there are many ways to connect with your Chickasaw heritage and history. One way is to learn all you can about it by tracing your family tree. The Holisso at the Chickasaw Cultural Center has all kinds of resources and people to help our citizens do just that. The research center houses historical and present-day photographs, documents and records.



NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

For research purposes, the Holisso has access to Dawes Rolls, Muster Roll, federal census records, historical records, cemetery records and family files. Genealogy and research requests are available. To make a request or to donate items, call (580) 622-7156. I have found many of my "cousins" whom I had never met, by researching my genealogy.

Another way to get more involved and give back to your tribe is to join the Chickasaw Historical Society. The Chickasaw Historical

Society was established by tribal law on April 15, 1994. Since that time the Historical Society Board and members have worked towards the mission statement of promoting, preserving, and protecting Chickasaw culture and family traditions. The Historical Society works to promote tribal arts, research and document historical information, profile achievements of our citizens, preserve our language and educate our citizens in how to learn our language, and encourage archival and museum donations.

You can join for as little as \$25 per year. Being a member entitles you to receive "The Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture," a biannual publication featuring articles on history and culture. Being a member also entitles you to attend the Chickasaw Historical Society Conference, which will be held on April 2 and 3 at the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center near Davis, Oklahoma. Attending the conference allows you to network with others with an interest in Chickasaw history, hear knowledgeable speakers, meet fellow Chickasaws, and just celebrate being Chickasaw!

Finally, check out the Chickasaw Press Bookstore at ChickasawPress.com to find a variety of books about Chickasaw culture, language, and history, as well as an assortment of gift items that include T-shirts, movies, and more. The Chickasaw Press publishes books, periodicals, and apps about the Chickasaw people and our rich history, culture and language.

This is the perfect time to get more involved with your tribe and then, pass it on to the next generation!

Please let me know if I can help you in any way!

Chipisala cho anowa, Until I see you again,
Nancy
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Looking for superior banking services? Chickasaw Community Bank is for you!

Chokma, I hope everyone is doing well at the beginning of this new decade! We don't have many days left of winter now, with that being said spring is just around the corner. For some people that means spring cleaning, getting gardens ready, and planting flowers in the yard. Spring time always brings the thoughts of a fresh new start to the upcoming new year.



SCOTT WOOD

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

During this time some people consider building their dream home, purchasing a new vehicle they have always wanted, or becoming an entrepreneur by starting a small business. Which leads to needing to shop for a quality lender for the job. If you haven't had the opportunity to check out our Chickasaw Community Bank, formerly known as Bank 2, it's well worth looking at the many services they offer for any endeavor you may be considering in the new year.

In 1901, the Chickasaw Nation established the first financial institution bank in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Over 100 years later, the Chickasaw Community Bank was started and is now located in Oklahoma City. This institution is 100% tribally owned and has been in operation since 2002. They began with

\$7.5 million in assets and have grown to well over \$200 million. The Chickasaw Community Bank is also the nation's leading Native American home lender.

I personally use the Chickasaw Community Bank, and from my experience they have an awesome loan department with an unbelievable customer service. Their excellence has given them a four star rating and placed them in the top 15% of banks in the country. This is another great example of the Chickasaw Nation providing a great service to the Chickasaw people and our communities. Hopefully in the near future, they will expand with branches throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your legislator. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Chipisala cho anowa, (Until I see you again)
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Be certain to participate in Census 2020; Native people are regularly undercounted

Chokma! Hello, and I hope this finds you well and enjoying this New Year! It is hard to believe that we are in the year of 2020! With this new decade, I have been reflecting back on the time I have spent working with the Chickasaw Nation (since 1995) and realize just how far our Nation has progressed over the years. We can credit dynamic leadership, a stable government system, amazing programs and services, solid businesses, and incredibly hard-working and dedicated employees. With this combination, our Nation's path has been steadily moving upward, and always progressing. As a person who has witnessed this progress up close, I am still in awe of our incredible success. Our future is bright and filled with opportunities and hope for many, many years to come.

As a quick update, January was a busy month! I had a great time at the OKC community meeting. Mr. Kyle Key, Executive Officer of Self-Governance, presented important information for all Chickasaws on the upcoming 2020 Census. Kyle noted that according to the 2010 Census, Native Americans were undercounted by 4.9%. It is critical we all complete the 2020 Census because this data is used to determine the distribution of Federal funding. Kyle and his team will be attending several community events within our Chickasaw districts to spread the word. Please visit the Chickasaw Nation website for more details.

Gwen Postoak, Art Instructor for the Fine Arts Area, provided the cultural presentation, shared a story, and taught us all how to make corn husk dolls. It was so much fun.

Many of us attended the quarterly Inter-Tribal Council Conference in Catoosa, Oklahoma. It is always exciting to see the Five Tribes interact, share updates, solve issues, and conduct their quarterly board meeting. It's also heartwarming to see all the Tribes coming together as we focus on keeping our Nations united and strong.

Finally, I attended the ribbon cutting and renaming of (Bank2) to the new name of Chickasaw Community Bank. It was an amazing day, with a host of special speakers, including Governor Anoatubby, Secretary Bill Lance, Ambassador Neil McCaleb, Bank president T.W. Shannon, and Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt. We were also graced with our own beautiful Miss Oklahoma, Trianna Browne. She sang the National Anthem and had us all mesmerized!

Check out the Chickasaw Nation Facebook page to learn more about this event and the history behind our bank.

Until next time, Chokma'shki! God bless you all, and as always, I am honored to serve as your Legislator.

Please contact me anytime at Karen.goodnight@chickasaw.net, or call (580) 235-2654.



KAREN GOODNIGHT

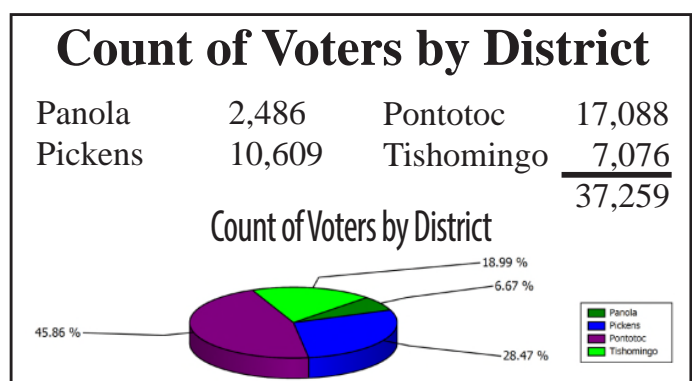
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2018-2019 Tribal Legislature

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Oklahoma City prayer event produces blessings across all of our beloved state

Recently I had the opportunity to participate in a unique and powerful call to prayer event in Oklahoma City. Pastor Walter Mullican (Chickasaw), Pastor Randy Wade (Chickasaw), Pastor Larry Factor (Seminole), Pastor Mike Toney (Cherokee) and myself gathered with nearly 200 Oklahoma business leaders and pastors. A remarkable prayer movement in Albuquerque has spawned some jaw dropping statistics according to Wes Lane, former District Attorney and founder of S.A.L.L.T. leadership training. The prayer movement began in one person's heart and because of his obedience spread across the entire state. The changing statistics was the response to believing prayer by the New Mexican faithful. Those of us who gathered in Oklahoma City also believe in the power of prayer. We came from various walks of life to join together in believing prayer and to invoke the mighty hand of Jesus upon our state. We hope every state will join this movement.



LISA J. BILLY

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Last week the Choctaw Nation hosted the annual All Tribes prayer event in McAlester. Pastor Randy Wade and his wife, the late Nancy Wade have been involved in organizing this event for several years. This power packed event is full of various tribal singing and praying. I encourage everyone to attend next year's event.

I know many of you will want to participate in such powerful prayer events to change the negative statistics of your community. I encourage you to visit Americaprays.org for the full story and to learn how you can get involved. Wherever you call home we will only be successful by being on our knees in prayer. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Chickasaw Nation

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Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department news

Chokma! February 14, 2020 is a loving day to tell someone in your life how special they are and the blessings they bring to your life. One act of kindness does change the world. I hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day. The Judicial Department is looking forward to another productive year. Once again, the Judicial Department has had an outstanding month.



CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON

Chief Justice Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT NEWS

Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon and Justice Linda English Weeks attended the Chickasaw Community Bank Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on the 14th day of January, 2020 held in Oklahoma City. Triana Browne-Hearell, Miss Oklahoma USA, Chickasaw citizen, sang the National Anthem. Mrs. Hearell it was an honor to hear you sing our National Anthem so beautifully. T. W. Shannon, Chickasaw Community Bank CEO, was the emcee and did an outstanding job. The history of the bank of the Chickasaw Nation was established by a group of Chickasaws in May, 1901, and closed in 1909. The history of our bank is very interesting

and Bank2 (previously known as) has been thriving for the past 19 years. Governor Bill Anoatubby's vision for the Chickasaw Community Bank is greatly respected all over the United States helping Native American families to obtain financing for homes. It was an outstanding day and I was honored to attend the unveiling of the new name and signage. If you have time and are in Oklahoma City, please take an opportunity to go visit our bank located at 909 South Meridian Avenue, Oklahoma City.

The Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court continues to strive to serve the citizens. Supreme Court Clerk, Connie Tillery is available to assist you Monday thru Friday 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 5:00 o'clock p.m., at the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department, 821 N. Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma. If you have any questions, you may call: (580) 235-0281.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

We are currently posting the position for District Court Judge and we look forward to swearing in a new District Judge by March, 2020. If you are interested in the position, please contact Chickasaw Nation HR department or Connie Tillery, at the Supreme Court, (580) 235-0281. The District Court Judge position and all the requirements are listed in this issue of *the Chickasaw Times*.

Also we currently are posting the position of District Court Clerk Deputy and look forward to a new addition to our wonderful team in the District Court.

Edward Stilwell, 1st Court Clerk Deputy, has been appointed as our judicial team member for the DOJ TAP (Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information) project. We are looking forward to this the partnership with the Department of Justice for this fiscal year 2020.

The District Court had a total of 50 NEW cases filed in December, 2019. The Court Advocates assisted 71 individuals in the month of December, 2019. As our re-

Chickasaw Naming Ceremony a unique event assisted by Language Department

Hard to realize that we are already into a new year! It feels as if 2020 is moving at light speed! In January, I attended a lunch meeting held in Tuttle, OK. Mr. Brad "Ace" Greenwood from Cultural Resources

Department, was the guest speaker. He shared history and stories on drum making. Under his guidance and coaching all in attendance made a hand drum. It was an enjoyable activity filled with laughter, conversation and memory making! Our meal was excellent, too! Thank

you to Ace and the other workers for making this luncheon date a great memory for 2020!

Later that month, the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council held a Chickasaw Naming Ceremony. There were several in attendance. Prior to the event, citizens chose what name they would like to have and their selections were sent to the Chickasaw Language Department for translation. When the process was completed, Certificates are made. Sandra Wood and other council members worked hard to plan this event, decorate the room, conduct the meeting and provide a commemorative cake and other food for the celebration. Thank you to the Language Department for their assistance.

Another interesting activity attended was hosted by the Chickasaw Cultural Center Ithana: the

Learn and Lunch Series. Protecting Our People: Law Enforcement in Indian Territory presented by Chickasaw author, Michelle Cooke. In her new publication, she pays homage to the Chickasaw men who served in the Chickasaw Lighthorse and their duties to protect the Chickasaw people from outlaws and intruders and to enforce the constitution and laws of the Chickasaw Nation. While the weather was cold and rainy, the luncheon lecture was informative and interesting.

All of these events occurred in the first month of the New Year! These are just a sample of activities available to Chickasaw citizens. Don't forget to take advantage of the Chickasaw Nation website to learn more about tribal history, programs or services available to you and your family!

One more thing! One of my phone numbers will be changing beginning in mid-February! Hard to believe that we have had our family number since 1990! Our new number will be (580) 296-2020.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

Thank you and blessings to you and your family, Beth Alexander



Tuttle Group with Mr. Brad "Ace" Greenwood and their new drums.



Chickasaw elder and veteran, Larry Sills at naming ceremony.

Chickasaw Foundation moves to the David Stout Building, 520 E. Arlington, Suite B

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Foundation recently moved to the David Stout Building, 520 E. Arlington, Suite B, in Ada. The Stout Building is on the Chickasaw Nation main campus.

The Chickasaw Foundation assists and supports Oklahoma communities by funding disaster relief, medical research, food pantries, emergency services, other charitable organizations, scholarships, a fellowship and cultural opportunities. The Foundation offers a multitude of academic scholarships throughout the year. Foundation scholarships are competitive, and designed to award students based on academic performance, the potential to succeed, demonstrated leadership and experience serving their communities.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or visit ChickasawFoundation.org.

CHIEF JUSTICE CONTINUED

cords 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.

If you have a chance please view the web page at www.Chickasaw.net.

It is a privilege and honor to serve the Chickasaw citizens. Once again, you have my deepest appreciation for the continued support of the Supreme Court and District Court. As we grow we will continue to look for ways in which we may better serve our Chickasaw citizens.

Our tribe has a great, well-defined process for establishing your ancestry

Hello Everyone, I hope your new year is off to a great start. I wish you many blessings for years to come.

One question I am frequently asked is "how can I prove I'm Indian?" And they usually follow up by saying "as a child I was told I was Indian because my great-great grandparents were." I find myself trying to explain that it's not that simple, but I know a place



CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

where they may be able to discover some answers.

The Chickasaw Nation has great resources for those who are wondering if they have ancestors who are of Native American descent and linked to the Dawes Rolls. For research purposes, the Holisso Center at the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center is a great place to start. Their genealogy department has access to the Dawes Roll, Muster Roll, Annuity Rolls and other research records including the federal census. They can be located at 867 Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086. You may call and make an appointment at (580) 622-7156.

Next, you can contact the Chickasaw Nation Government Services Building to establish a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood

(CDIB). An applicant must be able to trace their heritage through their bloodline to an original enrollee on the Dawes Rolls. The Dawes Commission was tasked by the Federal Government to create a final roll of all citizens and freedman of the Five Civilized Tribes in 1893. This department can provide those who are direct descendants of original enrolls with information on citizenship. The department is located at 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Blvd., in Ada, Oklahoma 74820, and can be contacted at (580) 436-7250. There are forms online as well as the physical address.

After proof of a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, you may then complete an application to become a Chickasaw citizen. Citizenship to the Chickasaw Nation or any other tribe you may be affiliated with is the next step. This department handles citizenship applications that can be found online as well.

The next step is voter registration for all eligible citizens. The election office is also located in the same building on Lonnie Abbott Blvd. As a registered voter, you are eligible to vote in all tribal elections after completing a voter registration form which is located on the Chickasaw Nation website. Within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation there are 4 voting districts in which to choose from. Pontotoc, Pickens, Tishomingo and Pannola. If you live outside the boundaries, you would still choose to vote in one of the 4 districts.

Participating in our elections is a very important part of citizenship. Our Tribal government is constructed much like our National government with 3 equally important branches, Executive, Legislative and Judicial with elected positions for each.

If you are wondering about your Native American heritage, now is the time to reach out and get answers.

God Bless you and thank you for the privilege to serve the Chickasaw Nation.

Connie Barker, Pickens District Seat 2

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Chickasaw citizen

District Court Judge applications sought

The Chickasaw Nation is accepting applications for district court judge.

Minimum qualifications for judge of the district court includes:

- A member of the Chickasaw Nation
- Actually domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation
- An attorney, or
- If a non-attorney, one must meet all of the following qualifications:
 - lay advocate who has regularly practiced before the court as a member of the bar of the court for a period of five years, and
 - an Native American graduate of an American Bar Association approved law school, or a paralegal program approved by the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court; and
 - have demonstrated moral integrity and fairness in their business, public and private life, and
 - have never been convicted of a felony, whether or not actually imprisoned, and have not been convicted of any offense, except traffic offense, and
 - be not less than 25 years of age, and
 - a member of the Chickasaw Nation and actually domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation

See Chickasaw Code at Chickasaw.net Section 5-202.6 for Duties and Powers of Judges. Salary will be determined by qualifications.

For more information, contact the clerks by phone or email, at supreme court clerk, Connie Tillery, at (580) 235-0281, email: Connie.Tillery@Chickasaw.net, District Court Clerk, Wayne Joplin at (580) 235-0279, email: Wayne.Joplin@Chickasaw.net.

Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Caitlynn Beshirs

Caitlynn Beshirs is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement for Athletics.

Caitlynn is in the fifth grade at Kingston Elementary in Kingston, Okla. She was nominated by her fifth grade teacher, Christina Davis.



Caitlynn Beshirs

Ms. Davis described Caitlynn as a hard worker. "She has played basketball for the last two years and is getting very good at her post position."

Caitlynn's hobbies include painting, puzzles, word searches, walking, hiking and hunting. Her future plans are to work somewhere where she can be like her mother, a teacher.

Ella Weaver

Ella Weaver is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement for Citizenship.



Ella Weaver

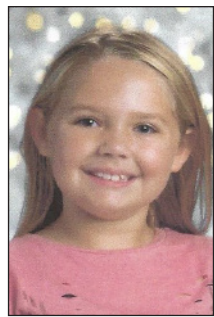
Ella is in the fourth grade at Kingston Elementary in Kingston, Okla. She was nominated by her math and STEM teacher, Jessica Thompson.

Ms. Thompson described Ella as extremely studious, maintaining an A average in every subject. "Ella is a natural born leader and goes above and beyond to set a positive example for her classmates," Ms. Thompson said. "She is a huge help to those around her and truly lights up a classroom. Ella will continue to change the world for good."

Ella's hobbies include riding horses, playing basketball, cooking, gardening, crafting, going to the lake and traveling. Her future plans are to attend a renowned culinary school and open her own bakery.

Kenedy Turner

Kenedy Turner is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement for Music and Academics.



Kenedy Turner

Kenedy is in the fifth grade at Kingston Elementary in Kingston, Okla. She was nominated by her teacher, Tracey Caraway

Ms. Caraway said Kenedy excels

in music. "She loves to sing and entertain with her musical talent," Ms. Caraway said. "I think Kenedy has a great future with this talent and her wonderful personality."

Kenedy's hobbies include dancing, painting, singing and playing with friends. Her future plans are to be a famous artist and be on television.

Ross Gray

Ross Gray is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement for Citizenship.



Ross Gray

Ross is a fourth grader at Tishomingo Elementary in Tishomingo, Okla. He was nominated by his teacher, Ryan Crowe.

Mr. Crowe described Ross as an amazing helper throughout the day. "Ross was our class student of the month and he has straight A's," Mr. Crowe said. "Ross was also recently chosen as president for our fourth grade student council."

Ross' hobbies include singing, reading, basketball, drawing and movies. His future plans are to become a singer and pharmacist.

Dasan Postoak

Dasan Postoak is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement for Citizenship.

Dasan is a fourth grader at Lone Grove Elementary School in Lone Grove, Okla. He was nominated by his teacher, April Hudspeth.



Dasan Postoak

Ms. Hudspeth described Dasan as a hard worker who always strives to do his best. "Dasan was chosen as October student of the month and he deserved this award for showing integrity both in and outside of the classroom," Ms. Hudspeth said. "Dasan is a responsible and respectful student."

Dasan's hobbies include building with Legos, drawing, playing with friends and Webelos. His future plans are to become a psychologist to help people overcome their problems and better their lives.

Andrew (Drew) Underwood

Andrew (Drew) Underwood is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement for Leadership.

Drew is a senior at Moore High School in Moore, Okla. He was

nominated by his high school counselor, Carole Carter.

Ms. Carter described Drew as an exceptional leader. "He is organized, has initiative and 'take it to the bank' responsibility skills," Ms. Carter said. "Drew is the secretary of our high school Native American Association. He frequently speaks publicly in front of students and adults with tremendous poise."



Andrew (Drew) Underwood

Ms. Carter described Drew as an exceptional student because of his self-discipline.

Drew's hobbies include piano, golf, video games, hanging out with friends and church youth group. He is part of the Chickasaw youth leadership program Chickasha Pelichi Ikbi and has participated in several activities including serving Chickasaw Nation Veterans lunch, helping build a house with Habitat for Humanity and volunteering at a food bank. Drew's future plans include attending Oklahoma State University after high school graduation and majoring in electrical and computer engineering. He hopes to do research in the animal prosthetic industry, attempting to solve issues for animals with physical disabilities.

Spencer Gray

Spencer Gray is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Academics.



Spencer Gray

Spencer is a sixth grader at Tishomingo Elementary in Tishomingo, Okla. He was nominated by his ELA teacher, Angela Patton.

Ms. Patton described Spencer as incredibly polite, respectful and hardworking. "He is a very responsible student who consistently puts forth his best effort to succeed academically," Ms. Patton said.

She said Spencer participated in class activities with a positive attitude and worked conscientiously and diligently. "Spencer is always striving to do his best," Ms. Patton said.

Spencer's hobbies include playing the trumpet, drawing, playing basketball, golf, spending time with his younger brother and playing video games. His future plan is to become a pharmacist.

Lathan Arnold

Lathan Arnold is the recipient

of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Academics.

Lathan is a third grader at Kingston Elementary School in Kingston, Okla. He was nominated by his third grade teacher, Jena Craven



Lathan Arnold

Ms. Craven praised Lathan for maintaining good grades this year.

Lathan's hobbies include fishing, hunting and various sports. Lathan played football with the fourth grade and started at quarterback and linebacker. He also ran cross country and placed fifth out of 75 students. He was on the honor roll for the Chickasaw Nation. Lathan's future plans are to become a professional fisherman.

Cali Northcutt

Cali Northcutt is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Academics.



Cali Northcutt

Cali is a seventh grader at Tishomingo Middle School in Tishomingo, Okla. She is being nominated by her mathematics teacher, Natasha Gray.

Ms. Gray praised Cali for maintaining an "A" grade-point average this year despite facing difficult obstacles since the beginning of the school year. "Cali cheers as a middle school cheerleader and is consistently one of my highest math students," Ms. Gray said.

Cali's hobbies include cheerleading, basketball, FCA, cooking, reading and golf. She is involved in student council and is a member of the National Honor Society chapter at her school. Cali's future plans are to attend Oklahoma State University and pursue a degree in veterinary medicine.

Kyree Smith

Kyree Smith is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Art.



Kyree Smith

Kyree is a fifth grader at Kingston Elementary in Kingston, Okla. She was nominated by her fifth grade teacher, Lindsey Dowdy.

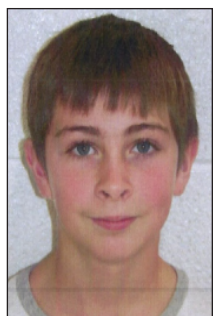
Ms. Dowdy said Kyree was a

very creative and artistic student. "She takes her time when completing project, and always produces quality work that her peers enjoy and love to look at," Ms. Dowdy said.

Kyree's hobbies include cheering, writing and arts and crafts. Her future plans are to become a zoologist and get married.

Logan Grigg

Logan Grigg is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement for Citizenship.



Logan Grigg

Logan is a third grader at Kingston Elementary in Kingston, Okla. He is being nominated by his teacher, Ms. Craven.

Ms. Craven praised Logan for showing positive qualities in citizenship.

Logan's hobbies include hunting, fishing or anything outdoors. He is a kindhearted boy and loves to spend time with his dad and Papa Harold. Logan has also made A's and B's in school. His future plans are to become a game warden.

Kasharri Royal

Kasharri Royal is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Music.



Kasharri Royal

Kasharri is a third grader at Spencer Elementary in Spencer, Okla. She is being nominated by her third grade teacher, Crystal Barker.

Ms. Barker described Kasharri as a vibrant student who loves learning and singing. "Whenever I am teaching, she is one of the only students who writes down notes," Ms. Barker said.

She praised Kasharri for practicing her lines for the musical program "Where the Wild Things Are" and performing them with no inhibitions in front of the crowd. "Kasharri is very talented and exhibits skills in singing," Ms. Barker said.

Kasharri's hobbies include singing, dancing, writing stories and songs. She attends Power House Ministries and enjoys singing in the choir. She also enjoys writing stories about her original character named "Blue Rose," and how the character travels to Africa with her dad. Kasharri hopes to make a book from her stories about Blue Rose. Her future plans are to become a teacher.

Upcoming Events

Pastels with Leanne Parker-West
Feb. 3 and 7, 4-6 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-8040

Chickasaw Nation Health Care
Hiring Event
Feb. 5, 2-6 p.m.
Eagle Room at the Apila Center
Ada, Okla.
(580) 436-7259

Branded and Beaded Gourd
and Bracelet and Earrings with
Donna Welch
Feb. 6 and 20, 1-5 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Stomp Dance Class
Feb. 6, 6-8 p.m.
Tishomingo Community Center
Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 622-7140

Silk Painting with Patta Butcher
Feb. 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and
1:30-3:30 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Stomp Dance Class
Feb. 13, 6-8 p.m.
Ada Chickasaw Community
Center
Ada
(580) 622-7140

Stomp Dance Class
Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m.
Sulphur multipurpose building
on Chickasaw Cultural Center
north property
Sulphur
(580) 622-7140

Calligraphy with Leanne Parker-
West
Feb. 19 and 21
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Chipota Chikashshanompoli
(Youth Speaking Chickasaw)
Feb. 20, 6-8 p.m.
Oklahoma City Community
Center
Oklahoma City
(580) 272-5592

Frame Loom with Margaret
Wheeler
Feb. 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur

(580) 622-8040

Oil Pastels with Leanne Parker-
West
Feb. 24, 27 and 28
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Stomp Dance Class
Feb. 25, 6-8 p.m.
Ardmore Community Center
Ardmore, Okla.
(580) 622-7140

Stomp Dance Class
Feb. 25, 6-8 p.m.
Oklahoma City Community
Center
Oklahoma City
(580) 622-7140

Chickasaw Career Connection
Hiring Event
Feb. 27 1-4 p.m.
Carl Albert Service Center
Ada
(580) 436-7259

Silk Painting with Patta Butcher
Feb. 29, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and
1:30-3:30 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Apple Gourd Lidded Box with
Donna Welch
March 5 and 19, 1-5 p.m.
Culture and Humanities Building
Ada
(580) 272-5592

Moccasin Making with Eric Smith
March 6-7, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Youth Arts Month Celebration
March 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Ada Community Center
Ada
(580) 272-5520

Chipota Chikashshanompoli
(Youth Speaking Chickasaw)
March 10, 6-8 p.m.
Tishomingo Community Center
Tishomingo
(580) 272-5592

Silk Painting with Patta Butcher
March 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Fine Gourd Art with Donna
Welch
March 19, 1-5 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Silk Painting with Patta Butcher
March 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Lazy Stitch with Eric Smith
April 11, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Chipota Chikashshanompoli
(Youth Speaking Chickasaw)
April 16, 6-8 p.m.
Ardmore Community Center
Ardmore
(580) 272-5592

Dynamic Women of the Chicka-
saw Nation Conference
April 30-May 1, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
WinStar Convention Center
Thackerville
(580) 272-5520

Garvin, Greenwood announce engagement



COLE JOSEPH GREENWOOD
MIKENZIE GRACE GARVIN

Tim and Kellie Greenwood, of Lawrence, Kan., announce the engagement of their son, Cole Joseph Greenwood, 22, to Mikenzie Grace Garvin, 23.

The couple plan to be married at Baldwin, Kan., June 12, 2020. Cole and Kenzie are high school sweethearts and have been a couple for six years. They actually met their first year of school in kindergarten. They attended the same elementary school and were in the same class. Cole's family moved across town where he attended another school his first grade year and they did not meet again until they were in high school. After high school, Mr. Greenwood went to Independence Community College on a football scholarship and then transferred to Ottawa University at Ottawa, Kan. While at Ottawa University, he played football and was a two-year starter for the Ottawa University Braves. He was also a graduate-assistant offensive line coach for the 2019 football season. He graduated from Ottawa University December 2019 with a bachelor's degree in sports management.

After high school, Ms. Garvin went to Highland Community College at Highland, Kan., on a softball scholarship and then transferred to Emporia State University at Emporia, Kan. While at Emporia State, she played softball and was a two-year starter for the Emporia State Hornets. She is currently completing her student teaching in the Kansas City area and will graduate from Emporia University May 2020 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Mr. Greenwood is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. His father, Tim Greenwood, was born and raised at Stratford, Okla., and moved to Lawrence to attend Haskell University and play football for the Haskell Indians. While attending Haskell University, his father met his mother, Kellie R. Farran-Greenwood, of Lawrence, and they were married in 1995. They will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in 2020.

Cole Greenwood's grandfather, Ronnie Leo Greenwood, currently lives at Stratford. His beloved "Granny," Joyce Faye Greenwood passed away in 2012. Ronnie and Joyce were married for 43 years. Cole has a large family in the Lawrence area as well as the Stratford and Ada, Okla., area, including his uncles and aunts, Jeff and Summer Greenwood, of Stratford, and Mike and Sheila Davis, of Ada.

Ms. Garvin is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and has a large family in the Lawrence area.

The couple plan to live and work in the Lawrence area after they wed.

McGee earns masters' in food safety from UofA



Chickasaw citizen Jenny McGee graduated in December with a master's degree in food safety from the University of Arkansas.



HOLLI LADD

Chickasaw freshman Holli Ladd named to all-tournament team

Holli Ladd, high school freshman and Chickasaw citizen, is a starting guard for the Seminole High School Lady Chieftains. Recently at Okemah, she was chosen to the All-Tournament team for her efforts in wins against Marlow (61-41) and Hilldale (60-57), and a championship loss to the host team, Okemah (49-44).

If not for an ankle injury in the third quarter, it's likely her team would have won the title, being the Panthers were unable to stop her penetrating drives. Seminole has started the season 4-1, and is already two victories from last year's win total. The starting five consist of one senior, one junior, two sophomores and one freshman.

Chickasaw Cultural Center offers Valentine's week festivities

The Chickasaw Cultural Center invites patrons to take part in a special weeklong event to celebrate Cupid's holiday through participation in Chickasaw culture, language, food, and make-and-take activities. Festivities begin Feb. 10 and run through Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

Make-and-take activities will include creating picture frames, corn husk flowers, clan animal and heart shaped pendants. Beaded valentine heart necklaces may be made Feb. 10, 11 and 13, with painted feather activities available Feb. 12 and 14. Additionally, plant giveaways and chocolate tastings are planned.

Enjoy tasty traditional cuisine at the Aaimpa' Café. Specials will include Italian wedding soup and valentine cookies, along with no-cost recipe cards. Jewelry in the retail shops will be discounted 20%.

The Anoli' Theater will be presenting a number of movies celebrating the Valentine's holiday. The Princess Bride will be shown at noon Feb. 10 and 13, followed by Lady and the Tramp at 3 p.m. Gnomeo & Juliet will be shown at noon Feb. 12 and 14, followed by Shrek at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit ChickasawCulturalCenter.com or call (580) 622-7130.

Chickasaw Nation WIC van will offer mobile services to citizens throughout the Chickasaw Nation



The WIC van is coming your way!

The recent launch of the Chickasaw Nation Women Infants and Children (WIC) van provides Chickasaw Nation area citizens a convenient way to access valuable WIC services.

The WIC van functions as an office on wheels. WIC staffers travel to serve eligible families. The van is ideal for new applicants in areas without a Chickasaw Nation WIC office, those with difficulty getting to a WIC office and existing participants needing to make up missed appointments. The van is equipped with everything needed for appointments and

Havern family attends military ball in Texas



U.S. Military Academy Cadet Blake Havern and family attend the 34th Joint Service Academy Military Ball at Galveston, Texas Dec. 26. From left, Blake Havern, Amy Havern, Chris Havern and Justin Havern of The Woodlands, Texas.



LIZ DINKINS

Chickasaw teacher is keynote speaker at gala

Chickasaw citizen and graphic communications instructor Liz Dinkins was keynote speaker at the ACTE Vision conference Excellence Awards Gala, Dec. 4 at Anaheim, Calif.

Ms. Dinkins is the reigning 2019 Teacher of the Year.

The gala recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to career and technical education, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand CTE programs.

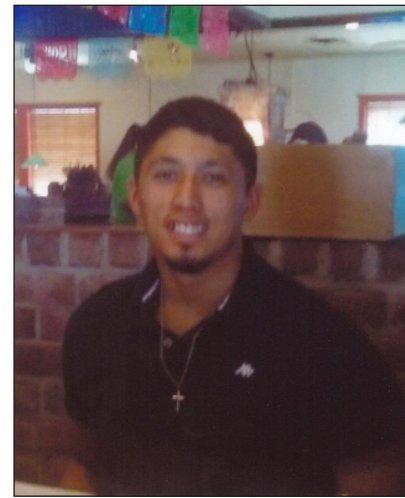
Learn to Swim program offered at Ada Wellness Center, open to all ages

No matter the season, it is always a good time to learn to swim! The Chickasaw Nation Ada Wellness Center invites participants of all ages to enroll in the 2020 Learn to Swim program.

Courses are free and open to the public. Classes are designed for infants of nine months through adults. Students will learn water safety through fun activities that begin with basic water skills. Participants will work their way to advanced programs that include stroke development and improvement.

For a complete class schedule, visit Chickasaw.net/WellnessCenters.

For more information, call (580) 235-7978.



RYAN GLENN TAYLOR

Chickasaw man making the grade at Murray

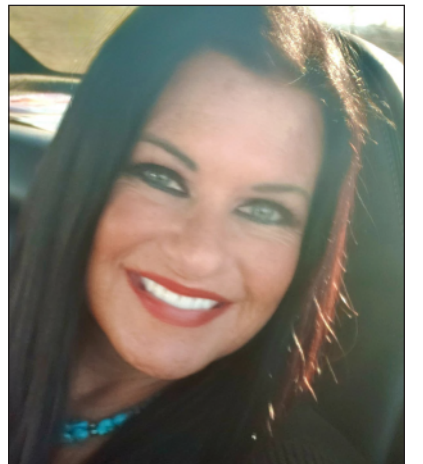
The family of Ryan Glenn Taylor, of Tishomingo, Okla., is proud of everything he has accomplished while at Murray State College. Ryan is the son of Richard Glenn Taylor, of Ardmore, Okla., and Lorene Brown-Taylor, of Tishomingo.

Ryan has made president's honor roll with straight A's. He will be graduating in the spring with two associates degrees, one in health and wellness and the other, arts and science.

His future plans include enrolling at East Central University at Ada, Okla., for the fall semester.

He works for the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center at Tishomingo. He is a proud father of newborn daughter, Ellina Sage Taylor. He loves serving the Lord and going to church at Crystal Rock Cathedral at Ardmore.

Chickasaw actress to star in MMIW documentary



SHENOA PRETTYSHIELD

Shenoa Prettyshield, Chickasaw model and actress, will star in a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) documentary in 2021.

Filming will begin in her homeland, Oklahoma, and will continue at Turtle Island.

The film will share her experiences, and those of many other Native women, regarding their survived attacks, as well as those who never returned home.

Silk painting classes scheduled at ARTesian Gallery & Studios

SULPHUR, Okla. - The ARTesian Gallery & Studios in Sulphur will host a variety of silk painting classes with Patta Butcher.

The classes are: Surface Design, on Feb. 29; and Over Dye, on March 14 and 28.

Classes are split into two sessions, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Silk painting is the application of dyes artfully placed onto silk fabric using a fusion of contemporary original design concepts and traditional Native American motifs.

To reserve a seat, contact the ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8040.

ECU Chickasaw honor graduates



Seven Chickasaw students graduated with honors from East Central University in December. From left, Tasia McGee, Laura Harris, Brianna Mason, Kristin Hester, Heather Hall, Shelby Taylor and William Keuhner.

Elders Christmas party



The Chickasaw Elders Choir performs during the annual Chickasaw Nation Elders Christmas Party, Dec. 20 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex in Ada. In addition to the performance, the event included a message from Gov. Bill Anoatubby, a variety of games and a festive lunch.

Child Care Christmas party



Chickasaw citizen Elizabeth Robertson with Santa during Chickasaw Nation Child Care's Christmas party Dec. 12 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada. Attendees enjoyed games, visits with Santa and hot chocolate during the event.

DECEMBER 2019 MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
December 20, 2019

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Pro Tempore Scott Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He appointed Ms. Connie Barker as Secretary Pro Tempore for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Member absent: Toby Perkins

Staff present: Marilyn Coltz, Legislative Assistant, Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Les Wesberry, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Michael L. Wingo, Lone Beasley, Michael T. Watson

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Billy.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - November 15, 2019

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve the November 15, 2019 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

Member abstaining: Lisa J. Billy

1 abstention

The motion to approve the minutes of November 15, 2019 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dr. Karen Goodnight

General Resolution Number 37-005 Application for Federal Grant under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living - Administration on Aging Office for American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian Programs Older Americans Act, Title VI, Part A: Grants for Native Americans/Alaska Natives Programs and Part C: Grants for the Native American Caregiver Support Program

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for fiscal years 2020 - 2023 project cycles for the Older Americans Act, Title VI, Part A: Grants for Native Americans/Alaska Natives Programs and Part C: Grants for the Native American Caregiver Support Program by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Community Living - Administration on Aging to support the independence and well-being of tribal elders and caregivers living in their communities with nutrition, supportive and caregiver services consistent with locally-determined needs located within the Chickasaw Nation.

Title VI, Part A allows the Chickasaw Nation to provide nutrition and supportive services to elders. Required nutrition which include congregate meals and home-delivered meals. Required supportive services include information and assistance, but these funds could also provide transportation, chore services, and many other services that contribute to the well-being of elders.

Title VI, Part C authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to provide caregiver support services. The program helps tribes provide locally-determined systems of support services for family caregivers.

A motion was made by Dr. Goodnight and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR37-005

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR37-005 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goodnight concluded her report.

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 37-003, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Grady County, Tuttle, Oklahoma

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's transfer and acceptance of real property from Sovereign Properties Holdco, LLC, located at 17 South Mustang Road, Tuttle, Grady County, Oklahoma, to be utilized as a tribal travel stop.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR37-003.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR37-003 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 37-004, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Johnston County, Mill Creek Oklahoma

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's transfer and acceptance of real property from Penner Ranch, LLC, located at 14890 Old Mill Creek Rd, Mill Creek, Oklahoma, in Johnston County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such is advantageous. The property is to be utilized for the preservation of history, culture, art and humanities of the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR37-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR37-004 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Mike Watson requested an increase of funds for the youth clothing grant, eye care, and elderly energy assistance. He also noted the serving amounts at the senior site were too small of portions.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Barker, Secretary Pro Tempore Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Skunk Run at Wintersmith Park



Nearly 300 runners took part in the Chickasaw Nation Skunk Run 5K and 1-Mile Fun Walk, Dec. 14 at Wintersmith Park in Ada. The annual Skunk Run is part of a series of family-friendly running events themed on clan animals. Other events include the Rabbit Run and Turtle Run.

JANUARY 2020 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 37-006

Application for Federal Grant under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Native American Programs Indian Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for fiscal years 2019-2020 project cycles for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages by the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development - Office of Native American Programs for the establishment of a Chickasaw Youth Club, located in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Toby Perkins

Permanent Resolution Number 37-001

Amendments to Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Crimes Against Public Health, Safety and Welfare Provisions)

Explanation: This Permanent Resolution amends Title 5 of the Chickasaw Code, which will outlaw Firearms on Chickasaw Nation owned property except for the "lawful use of Firearms for hunting, fishing, educational or recreational purposes, security or law enforcement activities, or as otherwise authorized by Chickasaw law."

Proposed by: Executive

Presented by: Legislative Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Toby Perkins

No votes: Beth Alexander

Permanent Resolution Number 37-002

Amendments to Titles 5 and 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

Explanation: This resolution provides amendments to Title 5 (Courts and Procedures) and Title 6 (Domestic Relations and Families). Title 6, Chapter 1, Article C (Marriage Ceremonies) of the Chickasaw Nation Code is repealed. Since this article is repealed, additional modifications were made to Title 5 and Title 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, including the following: Section 5-103.18 (Fees); Section 5-1305.4 (formerly, Husband and Wife Privilege); Section 6-101.5 (Actions That May Be Brought); Section 6-101.6 (Definition of Marriage, Common Law Marriage); Section 6-101.8 (Persons Having Capacity to Marry); Section 6-101.9 (Marriage between Persons of the Same Gender Not Recognized); Section 6-101.56 (Restoration of Maiden or Former Name; Alimony; Property Division); Section 6-101.57 (Separate Property); Section 6-401.6 (Eligibility to Adopt by Statutory Process); and Section 6-401.21 (Adoption Hearing).

Proposed by: Executive

Presented by: Legislative Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Toby Perkins

No votes: Beth Alexander

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Resources Committee

January 6, 2020

Present: Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Lisa Impson, Steve Woods, David Woerz, Toby Perkins

Legislative Session

January 6, 2020

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Toby Perkins

Finance Committee

January 13, 2020

Present: Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Toby Perkins

Absent: Linda Briggs, Steve Woods

Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 13, 2020

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Toby Perkins

Absent: Linda Briggs, Steve Woods

Legislative Session

January 17, 2020

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Toby Perkins

Absent: Lisa J. Billy, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Steve Woods

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Location: 518 E. Arlington, Ada, Oklahoma (580) 272-5506	Location: 2350 Chickasaw Blvd., Ardmore, Oklahoma (580) 226-8289	Location: 1530 Hardcastle Blvd., Purcell, Oklahoma (405) 527-6967

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Location: 229 W. Seabrook, Ada, Oklahoma (580) 272-5506	Location: 1302 W. Main, Duncan, Oklahoma (580) 470-2150

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Ann Alexander



Ann Alexander went peacefully to be with her Lord, Jesus Christ, Friday, December 20, 2019 at Arlington, Texas. A celebration of life was Friday, December 27 at Wade Family Funeral Home in Arlington. Interment followed in Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

She was born April 29, 1937, at Ardmore, Okla., to Graham (Rattler) Alexander and Ruth Costley Alexander. Ann had one sister, Della Ruth Silva and they were very proud of their Chickasaw heritage. They were granddaughters of James Arthur and Della Bell Poke, of Alex, Indian Territory, and great-granddaughters of W.V. and Jennie Alexander, of Pickens, Indian Territory.

She attended school in Ardmore and East Central State Teachers College in Ada, Okla.

She married Troy Bowman of Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1955 and while traveling with the U.S. Air Force they adopted three children, Kimberly Ann Smith, and Kellie Alexis Guinn who were born at Biloxi, Miss., and Lance Thompson Bowman, born at Denver, Colo. In July of 1971, they retired to Arlington.

She was a Certified Purchasing Manager (CPM) and a member of the Fort Worth National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM), until her death. She served in several positions with the association, including President during 1986-1987. She retired from the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC).

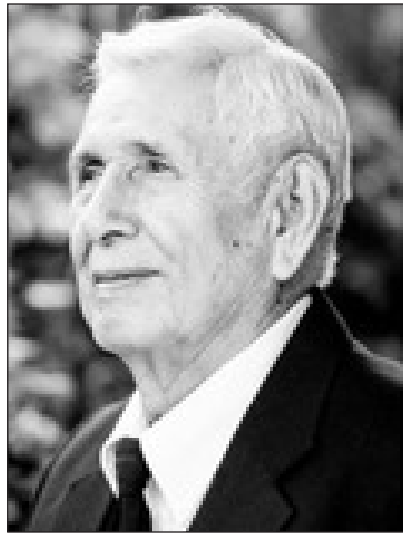
She married Marcus (Mark) Frey, owner of MF Automotive Equipment, in September 1987. They were fishermen on the Texas gulf coast and also kept a vacation home at Blue Water Shores at Granbury, Texas until his death in September 2005.

She married Donald E. Propst in 2007. They were active members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Fort Worth Lodge #251 until his passing in July 2019. She was a life-long member of Church of Christ and had a strong faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters and granddaughter, Sophia Alexis Guinn.

She is survived by children, Kimberly Smith and husband, Bob, Kellie Guinn and husband, Alan, and Lance Bowman and wife, Danielle; 6 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a multitude of friends.

Nathaniel Thomas



Nathaniel Thomas, 93, of Blanchard, Okla., died Dec. 15, 2019 at his home. The son of Armstrong Thomas and Lela Mae (Shinogee) Thomas, he was born Aug. 17, 1926 at Eufaula, Okla.

Mr. Thomas was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served during WWII. He married LoEva Roberts Oct. 10, 1947 and she preceded him in death Jan. 8, 2007. He worked as a teletype technician for the FAA and retired after 33 years of service.

He was a member of the VFW, American Legion and the Chickasaw Nation Warrior Society. He served as the chaplain for the Blanchard VFW Post #3608 for more than 40 years and the American Legion Post #261 for more than 20 years. He also served as a volunteer chaplain for the Norman Veterans Center and the Oklahoma City VA Hospital for 32 years. He served for more than 71 years in the ministry as a pastor and chaplain and touched a countless number of lives. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In his spare time, he enjoyed watching OU Football and the Oklahoma City Thunder. His greatest enjoyment was attending his grandchildren's school and sporting events and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, LoEva Thomas; and his son, Samuel Thomas.

He is survived by three daughters, Linda Morton, Naomi Cannon, and Barbie Thomas, all of Blanchard; fourteen grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and many other loved ones and friends.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to the Veterans' charity of your choice.

Bryan Conservation district taking tree orders

Bryan Conservation District is currently taking orders for a variety of fruit and landscape trees. Orders will be accepted through Feb. 21, 2020. For details, please stop by the office at 200 Gerlach Dr., Durant Okla., or call Vickie at (580) 924-5464.

Ricky Ray Holman



Graveside services for Ricky Ray Holman, 53, of Ada, Okla., were Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 at the High Hill Cemetery in Ada.

Mr. Holman passed away Sunday, December 15, 2019 at his home. He was born July 28, 1966, at Gainesville, Texas to Donald Ray and Mary Ann Ward Holman. He was a mechanic.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Roy Holman; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Survivors include a daughter, Felisha Holman, of Noble, Okla.; his mother, Mary Holman, of Byars, Okla.; friend, Vicki Holman, of Ada; nephew, Roy Don Holman, Jr., of Byars; brother, Randy Holman, of Granite, Okla.; niece, Holly Ann Holman, of Norman, Okla.; nephew, Hollan Corliss, of Oklahoma City; and other relatives and friends.

Richard Cortez Brown



Richard Cortez Brown passed from this life Dec. 25, 2019.

Mr. Brown was born Aug. 25, 1947, at Waterbury, Conn. He graduated from Irving High School at Irving, Texas, in 1965. He served his country in the U.S. Army, as a Vietnam era veteran. He was a radio operator serving as a Sergeant with the 159th ENGR Group. He studied business at Grayson College and graduated with his associate degree. His career spanned more than 40 years in the telecommunication engineering field prior to his retirement in 2010.

He met Cheri Roberts in 1964. They were married July 29, 1966 at Sherman, Texas. Together, they raised two children, Richard E. Brown and Kristi M. Maniet.

His passion was his family, and as an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed teaching his children and his grandsons how to hunt, fish, camp and understand survival skills. He taught them about being honorable in all things, to be

kind, respectful, and trustworthy. He led by example. He always said, "Make a plan, then stick to it."

As a historian, he spent the last several years researching his family origins. He took pride in knowing that he was leaving a rich historical heritage for all of his family. He was proud of his Chickasaw heritage and honored his membership in the Chickasaw Warrior Society.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Oscar and Elizabeth Olsen, and Martin and Oma Brown; his parents, Ray and Edna Brown; his sister, Linda Hansen; and brother, Raymond Brown.

He is survived by his wife, Cheri; son, Richard E. Brown, and his wife, Ronni Brown, of Southlake, Texas; his daughter, Kristi Maniet, and her husband, Robert Maniet, their children, (Richard's pride and joy, his grandsons), Jaycob, Kaleb, Noah and Luke Miller, all of Sherman; his step grandchildren, Brittan Rojas, of Grapevine, Texas, and Jason Shuffield, of Southlake; and step great-grandchildren Riley, Anaka and Luke Rojas, of Grapevine. His nephews, Hans Hansen, of California, and Linnquist Hansen, of Norway, and Tim and Kevin Brown, of McGregor; his brother-in-law, Gary Roberts and wife, Regina, of Sherman; and nephews, Jeremy Roberts and wife, Natalie, of Sherman, Ryan Roberts and wife, Elaine, of Pottsboro, Texas, Derrick Roberts and wife, Emily, of Whitesboro, Texas; along with many other precious family members.

A memorial service was Jan. 4, 2020 at Waldo Funeral Home, Sherman. Gary Roberts officiated the ceremony. A memorial account was set up for Richard in Cheri Brown's name at First United Bank.

Cultural classes offered

The Chickasaw Nation offers community cultural classes each month across south-central and central Oklahoma. Class topics include Chickasaw language, finger weaving, stomp dancing, beading and painting. Upcoming classes take place in Ardmore, Oklahoma City, Pauls Valley and Purcell.

Classes are from 6-8 p.m. and free to the public.

The first quarter class dates and locations are listed below:

- Dreamcatchers**
Thursday, Feb. 6
Taught by Tamara Upchurch
Oklahoma City Community Center
4001 N.W. 39th St.
Oklahoma City
- Choctaw Hymns**
Tuesday, March 10
Taught by Jeremiah Weeden

- Ardmore Community Center
907 Locust St.
Ardmore
- Chickasaw Language**
Tuesday, April 14
Taught by Ric Greenwood
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Chickasaw youth pick up soccer fundamentals from collegiate, pro coaches

Ada, OK - Chickasaw kids learned all about soccer from professional players and coaches during the Chickasaw Nation soccer clinic, Dec. 19-20.

The clinic took place at the Ada High School Indoor Athletic Facility.

The clinic was led by collegiate and professional-level coaches from The Futbol Factory OKC. The coaches taught students

the fundamentals of soccer and teamwork, assisting in character building and player development. Chickasaw athletes worked with Josh Garcia, an OKC Energy FC, Oklahoma City's professional soccer club.

The Futbol Factory OKC provides affordable soccer training in the Oklahoma City area by offering free lessons from 6-7 a.m. during the summer.

Javier Hernandez, Futbol Factory OKC coach, said he was privileged to work with the Chickasaw Nation and train the young athletes.

"It is really special to have the opportunity to meet kids from different areas, different ages and multiple levels of skill," Coach Hernandez said. "It has been phenomenal to work with the Chickasaw Nation."

The Futbol Factory OKC works with OKC Energy FC throughout the year to conduct camps and clinics. This is the first time The Futbol Factory OKC has traveled to coordinate a soccer clinic.

"The experience that comes with it not only makes it an experience for the athletes, but for us too," Coach Hernandez said. "Everyone involved gets to learn how to communicate with different people and people from different backgrounds."

"The main thing we hope the



Ada-area Chickasaw soccer players gather around their coaches from The Futbol Factory OKC. *Marcy Gray*

athletes come away with is knowing they can do these things," Coach Hernandez said. "We challenged them with this camp to get out of their comfort zone. Some of the kids are playing for their first time, but we want them to understand there is something in soccer for everyone, whether it be dribbling, passing or goal-keeping. There are different skills

they can learn throughout the whole process that they can take home with them."

For more information about Chickasaw Nation youth camps, visit Chickasaw.net/YouthCamps, or contact Chickasaw Nation Youth Activities at (580) 272-5716.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dallas Rudd, Tribal Communications

Evidence suggests electronic cigarettes, 'vapes' are harmful; parents and adults can educate children

Since 2014, electronic cigarettes, also known as "vapes," have been the most commonly used tobacco product among youth, according to the U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on E-Cigarette Use Among Youth.

E-cigarettes come in a variety of flavors and colors that appeal to young people. Some devices are highly concealable and look very similar to USB devices. Yet these compact devices can contain alarmingly higher amounts of nicotine than other tobacco products, as well as other harmful chemicals.

Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm brain development in young people whose brains continue to develop through age 25. Some vaping devices can deliver the same amount of nicotine as 1.5-2 packs of cigarettes, in a single "pod." E-cigarettes also contain ultrafine particles, heavy metals and volatile organic compounds.

Research is ongoing, but the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has advised that emerging evidence suggests e-cigarette use may be harmful to the lungs. More research is needed to understand the long-term consequence of using e-cigarettes.

In addition to lung damage,

lung diseases can also occur. Chemical flavorings like diacetyl, used in e-cigarettes, are linked to a lung disease known as "popcorn lung." This condition damages a person's smallest airways, making them cough and/or short of breath.

Parents, guardians and other adults are encouraged to do their part to reduce young people's exposure to e-cigarettes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises adults not to vape or use any type of tobacco products around young people. They are encouraged to restrict others from smoking/vaping around youth as well. In addition to setting a good example, this helps reduce a youth's risk of exposure to nicotine and other chemicals that can be harmful to their health.

Commit to a tobacco-free lifestyle by prohibiting the use of tobacco products at home and in the car, this includes e-cigarettes/vaping products.

For more information, visit E-Cigarettes.SurgeonGeneral.gov.

The Chickasaw Nation offers resources to help with tobacco and electronic cigarette cessation. Visit Chickasaw.net/Prevention for more information.

Council House Museum in Tishomingo offers rich collection of Chickasaw artifacts, archive materials for study

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Located on the Capitol Square in Tishomingo, the Chickasaw Council House Museum holds one of the largest collections of Chickasaw art, artifacts and archive materials.

The museum gift shop offers a variety of souvenirs, books, music and Chickasaw language materials. Other items include pottery, jewelry, beadwork and artwork by Chickasaw artists.

Flora Fink, curator at the Chickasaw Council Museum said the most important item was the original council house itself.

"The Chickasaw people have done good things and made a name for themselves as well as our tribe," she said. "These exhibits tell their story."

Experience the first Chickasaw

Council House built in Indian Territory that originally served as a meeting place and played a key role in early Chickasaw government.

Within the log Council House, a committee drafted a constitution, ratified in 1856, which formally developed and defined an independent Chickasaw government.

The log Council House served the Chickasaw Nation until a large, brick building was built in 1858 becoming the Chickasaw Council.

Visit the Chickasaw Council House Museum and learn more about the Chickasaw people who helped shaped the Chickasaw Nation.

Currently on display for the men's four exhibit cases are Olympian Jesse Cab Renick, a col-

lage of Chickasaw warriors, NASA astronaut John Herrington and former Governor Overton James.

The women exhibit displays aviatrix Pearl Scott, storyteller Te Ata, Lt. Col. Deanna Tuley and former Miss Oklahoma and current Miss Oklahoma USA, Triana Browne.

Cultural classes are offered throughout the year at the museum. Tours and programs are available upon request.

Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The museum is closed on federal holidays.

For more information, or to schedule a tour, call (580) 371-3351.

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