



Kaylie Beshirs was last year's Chickasaw Nation Butterfly Art Contest winner. Her butterfly was used for all artwork promoting last year's Dynamic Woman of the Chickasaw Nation Conference.

## Young Chickasaw female artists to submit Dynamic Women art

The Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Butterfly Art Contest invites female Chickasaw artists, ages 14 to 18, to submit original artwork of a butterfly. Symbolic of the beauty, inspiration and determination of Chickasaw women throughout history, the winning butterfly serves as the artwork accompanying all materials promoting the 2023 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference.

One piece of artwork in a medium of the artist's choice may be submitted on pre-cut art paper, canvas or art board that is proportional to the butterfly. The image of the butterfly must be between 5 and 20 inches. The butterfly will be the focus of the artwork, with limited or no background. Artists may use paint, drawing materials or collage materials (no glitter).

All submitted works, within the guidelines provided, will be considered for representation as the conference theme. The winning artist will receive a \$500 cash award.

Artwork and completed entry forms must be submitted between Oct. 11 and Oct. 21, 2022.

## Lt. Gov. Anoatubby leads panel



Lt. Gov. Chris Anoatubby, with the microphone, leads a keynote panel session during the annual International Economic Development Conference Sept. 20 in Oklahoma City. Lt. Gov. Anoatubby discussed the economic and social impacts the Chickasaw Nation has on its communities, and across the state. The annual conference is an International Economic Development Council event. IEDC is a 5,000-member non-profit organization that promotes economic well-being and quality of life in its communities.

## Chickasaw Bank Museum debuts 'A Look into the Past'



The Chickasaw Bank Museum, 413 W. Main St., Tishomingo, Oklahoma, debuted a new exhibit during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival. "Tishomingo: A Look into the Past" runs Sept. 27 to Dec. 31, 2022.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Bank Museum in Tishomingo debuted a new exhibit during this year's Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

Artwork that does not meet requirements will be excluded from judging. Artists must be between the ages 14 to 18 before Oct. 1.

For entry form and guidelines, visit Chickasaw.net/ButterflyContest, call (580) 272-5520 or email CreativeArts@Chickasaw.net.

## About the Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference

Recognizing the strength and leadership of Chickasaw women from all walks of life, the annual Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference salutes the valuable contributions, talents and skills of Chickasaw women. It is open to the public at no cost. Each year features a panel discussion, the announcement of the Dynamic Woman of the Year and multiple speakers.

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

## Tribal Blood Drive Challenge kicks off

The second Tribal Blood Drive Challenge is underway in Oklahoma to assist with the statewide blood shortage. The Chickasaw Nation is partnering with the Choctaw Nation, Muscogee Nation and the Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) in a challenge to encourage its citizens, employees and communities to donate blood through Jan. 31, 2023.

A full list of Chickasaw Nation tribal blood drive events is available at Chickasaw.net/Blood-Drive.

"They (2021 Tribal Blood Drive Challenge) made a huge difference in our blood supply," OBI blood program consultant Michelle McGuire said. "We have struggled with collections, especially during COVID. We are still struggling, and we feel this challenge will help increase our collections and blood drives."

OBI is the main supplier of blood products for Chickasaw Nation Department of Health facilities, and for 90% of hospitals and clinics in Oklahoma. The blood drive campaign is in response to the shortages in Oklahoma, North Texas and Arkansas.

"For the first time, donations are down to an extent that has truly impacted the supply," OBI executive director Susan Crews said. "We have lost access to most businesses, lost face-to-face

engagement and schools were shut down. These face-to-face opportunities allowed us to build a relationship which encouraged participation. In 2020, the number of surgeries performed decreased because of COVID-19, and donations slowed down because of the same reason. When surgery levels returned to normal or near normal, blood donations did not rise to the same rate. Even now, people are not donating the way that they used to."

Donations last year made a vast difference in many lives. The need for blood is common among patients in various situations, such as terminal illnesses like cancer and bladder, kidney, heart diseases and more.

"People with cancer often use blood and platelets, as well as babies in neonatal intensive care units (NICU) on extra corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), accident victims, shooting victims and surgery patients," Ms. McGuire said. "For those who may not know, our Air Evac helicopters have O-units in the event the patient needs blood when being transported to another facility."

According to OBI, one donation can save up to three lives. The donation process is simple and virtually painless. It takes less than an hour to donate blood.

"I do not always have such an

awesome opportunity to impact three lives with my one donation," Chickasaw Nation Commissioner of Health Policy Dr. Judy Goforth Parker said. "I may be participating in saving the life of someone's child, grandfather or premature baby. It does not hurt me to give, and I take care of myself on the day that I give so that I feel well. If you are considering donating, I would say 'thank you and do it!' After you get past that first time experience, you realize that it does not hurt, and it makes you feel good that you are helping."

There are some patients with rare blood types such as A- or AB-. These blood types are difficult to find and keep in supply. Donors with rare blood types are especially encouraged to donate.

"I donate to not only save a life but to extend a life," Ms. McGuire said. "To give someone an extra day is a gift that can't be bought, or an extra birthday, or a long life. When I donate blood, I know that someone is waiting on that unit and, on some occasions, many units for that blood. It's our civil duty to help our community and no one can do that for us. You never know whose life you are going to impact."

The 2021 Tribal Blood Drive

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## Chickasaw Royalty 2022-23



From left, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Little Miss Chickasaw Sari Walker, Chickasaw Junior Princess Maggie Stick, Chickasaw Princess Winter Wolfe and Lt. Governor Chris Anoatubby. Miss Walker, Miss Stick and Miss Wolfe were crowned 2022-2023 Chickasaw Royalty at the Chickasaw Princess Pageant on Sept. 26 in Ada.

## Began in 1966 with federal programs

## Housing Authority ushered in housing services

Established in 1966, the Chickasaw Housing Authority was one of the first such entities in the state formed with the mission to extend housing programs to Chickasaw people.

It was organized just three years after Overton James' appointment as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and before the existence of tribal headquarters or businesses. The Chickasaw Housing Authority's function was to administer programs from a new federal agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the Housing Authority served as the foundation for the wide range of housing services now offered by the tribe.

"Establishing the Housing Authority was the first step in our efforts to help meet the housing needs of our citizens," Gov. Anoatubby said in 2016. "Since then, housing has remained a high priority for the Chickasaw Nation, because high quality affordable housing is essential to enhancing the quality of life of our citizens. Five decades later, the Housing Authority still plays an important role in our service to the Chickasaw people."

The Oklahoma Housing Authority Act of 1965 allowed for the creation of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. The Act recognized the need for safe, decent and affordable housing for low-income families within the state and allowed the establishment of public and First American housing authorities to administer housing programs for the tribes and cities of Oklahoma.

## Fillmore, 1967

The tiny Johnston County, Oklahoma community of Fillmore was the site of the first housing program offered by the Housing Authority in 1967.

Families took part in the mutual help home ownership program and willingly invested their time and effort, known as "sweat equity," in the construction in order to be involved in becoming homeowners. They cleaned, moved rubble, laid foundations or performed other tasks as an in-kind down payment.

The program was successful. As reported in a 1992 Chickasaw Times article, 1,864 mutual help homes were completed in the Chickasaw Housing Authority's 25-year history.

Homeowners made monthly payments for 25 years. At the

end of the term, the Chickasaw Housing Authority returned the deeds to the land and houses to the families.

Gov. Anoatubby led a special ceremony in April 1995 at the Chickasaw Motor Inn in Sulphur, Okla., to present 75 families warranty deeds to celebrate their achievement.

Throughout the 1970s and '80s, the Chickasaw Housing Authority worked hard to secure limited and extremely competitive HUD grants to fund projects.

Yet, First American tribes faced an uneven playing field during the early years, Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Community Services Wayne Scribner said.

"You competed against all the bigger cities," Mr. Scribner said in 2016. "We were in the same boat as big cities in terms of gaining federal funds for housing. We were kind of a small fish in a big sea."

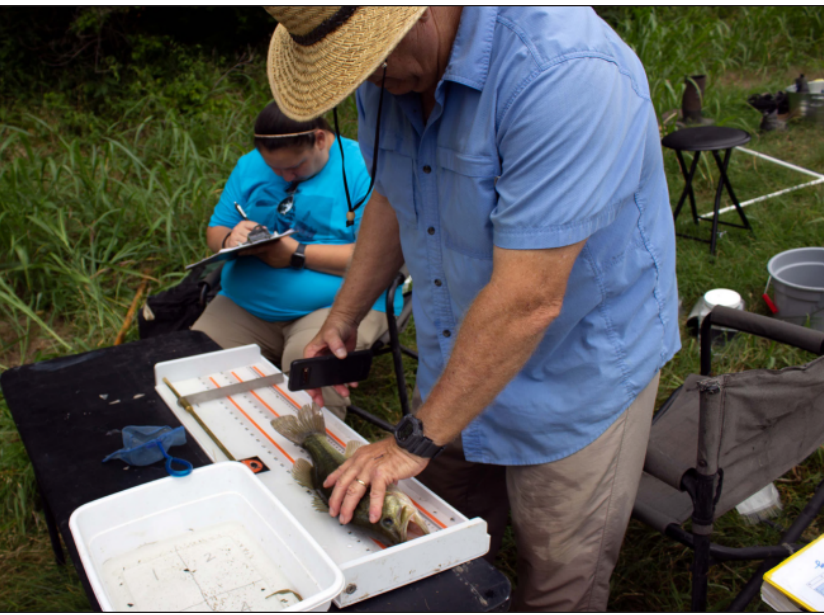
Undeterred, the Housing Authority and the Chickasaw Nation worked diligently to develop several housing programs, including home ownership services and rental assistance for low-income residents. While there was a Chickasaw preference for

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# Tribe maintains careful monitoring of water quality



Species found in our streams are good indicators of the water’s health. Dr. Bruce Moring and Morgan Graves identify, weigh and measure fish caught while electrofishing at the Blue River.

An Iroquois proverb states the decisions we make today should result in a sustainable world for seven generations into the future. With the advent of modern chemicals, which can take thousands of years to break down, this may be truer today than it was centuries ago.

The Chickasaw Nation has monitored the chemical composition of the waters that flow through its land for many years. This year the tribe also began inventorying aquatic life. Life within waters helps evaluate its overall quality. “Fish species indicate water quality,” Chickasaw Nation di-

rector of Environmental Services Phillip Cravatt said. “In addition to macroinvertebrate (bugs in larva form such as dragonflies) communities, fish populations are good indicators of the impacts of environmental disturbances.”

Along with chemical monitoring, aquatic life is used to determine the overall quality of the waters of the Chickasaw Nation. Data collected now will serve as a baseline for future surveys. This allows scientists and biologists to compare and make informed decisions, illustrating potential changes of water quality.

Water samples have routinely

been collected and tested for dangerous substances and pollutants. Testing sites are located throughout the Chickasaw Nation. They include rivers, streams and lakes. The additional data being collected measures the types and quantity of life within these waters.

“We are doing chemical, biological and physical monitoring,” Mr. Cravatt said. “Chemical monitoring is like a snapshot picture in time, water quality at the moment of measurement. Macroinvertebrates are sedentary, a presence of a given taxon reflects past conditions. Fish integrate the effects of environmental pollution over even longer periods. Physical monitoring includes canopy cover, in stream vegetation and riparian health.”

Testing involves monitoring water conditions, including dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, turbidity, nitrogen and phosphorus. These factors help indicate if there are inputs from municipal waste, industry or farming operations, and help direct best management practices or evaluate permitting limits.

Balanced, clean water is not only important for consumption. It has larger public health implications. Safe water affords habitats for animals and wildlife to live and thrive, and provides economic opportunities for those living in south-central Oklahoma.

Chickasaw Nation technicians measure water biodiversity in many ways, including “electrofishing” and manual examination of the water’s bed within a body of water. The types of fish and macroinvertebrates found within these waters indicate signs of a body of water’s vitality and health.

One of the locations from which the Chickasaw Nation collects water data is on the Blue River. Run-

ning through the heart of the Chickasaw Nation, the Blue River is an important and historic body of water for Chickasaws. On a hot day during the summer, employees from Environmental Services, along with consultant Dr. Bruce Moring from East Central University, gathered on its banks to collect fish and survey the riverbed for macroinvertebrates.

Technicians established a base of operations near a highway crossing the river. Holding tanks were prepared for fish where they could be stored once caught. Fishing gear included waterproof waders, five-gallon buckets, large dip nets, small specimen jars and an electrofishing backpack.

Electrofishing is a potent tool in the hands of biologists. It allows scientists to collect a lot of data in a short period of time. Just as it sounds, controlled electric currents are passed through the water, “stunning” the fish.

“There are advantages to using fish in biomonitoring that include the relative ease of fish collection and identification,” Mr. Cravatt said. “Fish have well-established distribution and life history. Their long life span allows for studies to be done on a seasonal basis.”

Stunned fish float to the surface of the water, allowing the technician to easily collect them using dip nets. Fish are transported to holding tanks to be counted, identified and measured in the field. The fish are then released, unharmed. Unique specimens are taken back to the lab for further study.

Locations for sampling are important, and sample size matters as well. Technicians began collecting data by walking a quarter mile downstream, working their way back up. The banks of the river are intensely fished. The large testing area ensures a repre-

sentative sample is collected from the area.

In October 2021, a total of 25 different fish species were located within the Blue River, compared to 16 and 18 within Rock Creek and Pennington Creek sites, respectively. During summer collection in 2022, a total of 15 different fish species were located within the Blue River, compared to 14 and 12 within Rock Creek and Pennington Creek sites, respectively.

While fishing was taking place, technicians at the staging site were busy evaluating insects, macroinvertebrates and fauna (the animals of a particular region, habitat or geological period) located within the riverbed. Using 36-inch squares made from PVC pipe to measure uniformed testing areas, rocks were overturned and sediment disturbed. Samples were collected for later review and identification.

The Chickasaw Nation will continue to take steps to protect water resources for future generations.

“Integrating the latest scientific methods along with our tribal ecological knowledge are vital components when protecting our natural resources,” Mr. Cravatt said. “Realizing we are not separate, but a part of our environment should continue to be a tradition practiced by our Chickasaw people.”

Understanding the Chickasaw Nation is not an island unto itself, environmental data is collected by universities, state and federal entities throughout Oklahoma. The agencies include the Environmental Protection Agency, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Conservation Commission and other conservation and educational partners.

## Student Education Days in OKC, Ada and Ardmore are set for Nov. 1, 2 and 3

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Education is hosting three Chickasaw Nation Student Education Days this fall. The events will be offered 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 1, 2 and 3 in Oklahoma City, Ardmore and Ada. Chickasaw high school students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend the event to learn about educational resources and discover programs to help them achieve their educational goals.

As the school year begins for Chickasaw high schoolers, plans for college are set in motion. One of the major challenges each student must meet is the ACT test, as well as researching colleges, applying, preparing for interviews and writing application essays. Students must also think about funding and scholarship opportunities, which may flood their already busy schedules.

The Chickasaw Nation has several resources available to help with each of these elements, and all are highlighted during Student Education Days events.

Student Education Days will feature an ACT workshop led by Chad Cargill, a workshop leader who took the test 18 times in high school, raising his score from a 19 to a 32. Mr. Cargill covers all

key content areas of the test and secrets to success in his workshop from 9 a.m. to noon.

Chick-fil-A sandwiches will be provided for lunch before a presentation on the Chickasaw Nation programs and services available to assist students with tutoring, college funding and more.

“The Higher Education Department looks forward to meeting high school students, so we are able to build a relationship with them that lasts until college, so they have a contact person that can help them along the way,” Chickasaw Nation education specialist Kresta Loftin said.

The Oklahoma City Community Center workshop will be offered Nov. 1 at 4001 NW 39th St., Oklahoma City; the Ardmore Community Center workshop will be Nov. 2 at 907 Locust St., Ardmore, Okla.; and the Ada Community Center workshop will be Nov. 3 at 700 N. Mississippi Ave., Ada, Okla.

Pre-registration is encouraged at Chickasaw.net/Student-Day2022. On-site registration begins at 8 a.m. Each event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Postsecondary Education at (580) 421-7711.

## VoteYourValues.com provides voting basics

Next month, voters will cast ballots in the Nov. 8 general election, selecting their choice for federal and state decision makers.

Participating is key in electing candidates who reflect your values. Large voter turnout helps ensure the future more accurately reflects the will of the people, because values and needs differ from voter to voter.

“Voting is one of the most effective ways to make a positive difference in our communities,” Lt. Governor Chris Anoatubby said. “It is important to participate in elections at all levels of government, because voting affects the future of our people.”

The Chickasaw Nation, along with other tribal nations and community partners, have joined forces to offer a voter education initiative. The aim is to increase voter registration and engagement among all Oklahomans.

VoteYourValuesOK.com, a one-stop educational voting resource, helps inform and inspire every Oklahoman to accomplish more by working together. The website also connects Oklahomans with voter registration resources and information on upcoming elections.

Information about how to register to vote, updating registration, finding polling places, absentee ballots and how to get involved is available at VoteYourValuesOK.com. The website also features a sign-up for Election Day reminders, an informational newsletter and an Election Day checklist.

Voter registration deadline for the Nov. 8 general election is Oct. 14. If you are already registered, check your registration and make sure your information is up to

date.

Chickasaw citizen Arielle Farve, 25, has future generations in mind as she plans to cast her vote next month.

“This isn’t just about one policy or a four-year period,” she said. “It affects the way people can thrive when they live in our state. I know my decisions matter more than just four years. I see the bigger picture.”

### Plan Ahead

Now is the time to plan your trip to the polls, study the candidates’ views and make sure others have transportation to the voting booth on Election Day.

Small notes or marked sample ballots are acceptable at the polling place, as long as they are out of public view.

Review a sample ballot before going to the polls at OKVoterPortal.OKElections.us.

Research any questions on the ballots ahead of time and be prepared when arriving at your polling location.

### Take Your Neighbor to the Polls

Have conversations with family, friends and neighbors. Make sure everyone has a plan and is ready to vote. Assist them with finding their polling place or offer to ride together to the polls.

It is essential for each voice to be heard and to Vote Your Values.

For more information on registering to vote, a voter checklist or to see important election dates, visit VoteYourValuesOK.com.

## October marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Know the signs

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This annual campaign increases awareness of this issue affecting many women and men.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 40.1% of Oklahoma women and 37.8% of Oklahoma men experience intimate partner physical violence, rape and/or stalking in their lifetimes.

Chickasaw Nation Violence Prevention Services provides services to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking who reside within Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

Services offered to victims include:

- Emergency shelter

- Group/individual counseling
  - Career development
  - Transportation
  - Advocacy/emotional support
  - Tribal/community resources
  - Relocation assistance
  - Safety planning
  - Protection orders
  - Case management
  - Follow-up and home visits
  - Sexual assault exams
  - Domestic violence and intimate partner violence exams
  - Strangulation exams
- For more information, visit Chickasaw.net/DomesticViolence or contact Violence Prevention Services at (580) 272-5580.
- For after-hours, weekends and holiday assistance, call the toll-free hotline at (855) 405-7645.

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# Chickasaw housing evolution focused on serving Chickasaw families

Chokma,

Access to high quality, affordable housing is essential to our overall wellness and fulfillment. One of our most basic needs, shelter provides us with safety, comfort and a launching point from which to pursue our goals and dreams.

In the Homeland, our ancestors recognized housing as essential to the safety, warmth and protection of the family. Traditional Chickasaw towns were comprised of numerous summer and winter houses innovatively built for the specific elements and challenges each season presented. Family and community have always been integral to the resiliency, pride and progress of our people. Family homes were among the first items constructed in Indian Territory after removal, and communities were formed throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

Nearly 35 years ago, we developed a plan that established housing as an important aspect of our efforts to meet our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.

The Chickasaw Housing Authority was created in 1966 as the first step in our modern government's efforts to meet the housing needs of Chickasaws. The housing authority and the Chickasaw people dedicated our efforts to realize the dream of home ownership for Chickasaw people. Chickasaw families often assisted in the construction of their homes in the early days of the housing authority, pouring their heart and sweat into a home they could call their own.

Throughout the 1970s and 80s, the housing authority



continued its work by navigating federal Housing and Urban Development grants to fund housing projects that would benefit Chickasaw families. Federal regulations accompanied the grant funding, and strict guidelines dictated fund allocation and exact specifications of the homes being built.

Though funding was limited, several important housing programs were created during that time. Many of those programs still continue in some form today, including a homeownership program and low-income rental assistance.

In 1996, the passage of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) offered tribes the opportunity to focus on the specific housing needs of their people. Shortly after NAHASDA was passed, we became involved in the negotiated rulemaking process, along with other federal and tribal partners. We came together to help ensure this new law would be implemented effectively and sustainably for the Chickasaw people.

The passage of NAHASDA was a tremendous step for-

ward in fulfilling our self-determination and mission.

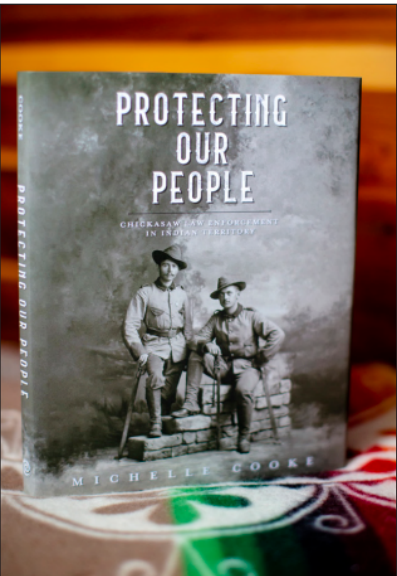
We created a partnership between our Chickasaw Housing Authority and the Chickasaw Housing Administration. Each entity has its own functions, but ultimately, they are integrated and always working together. As these two entities learned how to best function together, maintaining our housing authority alongside our housing administration services made a tremendous impact on the success of our housing programs over the last 26 years.

After NAHASDA, we saw a great opportunity to tailor our housing programs and services to the specific needs of the Chickasaw people. We immediately went to work conducting needs-assessment meetings to determine what programs and services would most benefit Chickasaw families. From these meetings, we were able to form new programs that more directly and adequately addressed specific needs.

Programs formed since NAHASDA include the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program, Home Ownership Program, Down Payment Assistance Grant, Handicapped Accessibility Grant, Home Improvement Grant and the Storm Shelter Program. Since these programs began, more than 3,500 families have been assisted with a home improvement grant, more than 5,200 storm shelters have been built and more than 4,500 citizens received down payment or closing cost assistance.

Today, we are proud to offer a variety of housing programs, services and opportunities to Chickasaws around the country.

## ‘Protecting Our People’ by Chickasaw author Michelle Cooke Volume details history of Chickasaw public safety



The Chickasaw Press book “Protecting Our People: Chickasaw Law Enforcement in Indian Territory” by Michelle Cooke shares the history of Chickasaw law enforcement before Oklahoma statehood.

Public safety and criminal justice have been of great importance to the Chickasaw people through the centuries.

In the Homeland, Chickasaws observed practices to ensure peace both among themselves and other tribes, including the Green Corn Ceremony – a practice intended for purification and forgiveness. One part of this ceremony involved Chickasaws discussing and settling crimes other than murder among themselves.

During pre-statehood Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Lighthorse was the tribe's most widely recognized law enforcement authority.

Michelle Cooke is a Chickasaw author and senior staff writer for the Chickasaw Press. She has penned a number of Chickasaw language books and has been writing about, teaching and researching Chickasaw history since 2007.

Ms. Cooke's book, “Protecting Our People: Chickasaw Law Enforcement in Indian Territory,” shares the history of Chickasaw efforts to maintain peace during this tumultuous time.

“The men of Chickasaw law enforcement in Indian Territory were some of the bravest to set foot west of the Mississippi River,” Ms. Cooke's book begins.

Following Removal to Indian Territory, various tribes in the territory established their own justice systems to ensure public safety.

“Because federal law didn't extend into the territory, it became a haven for all types of criminals. After the Civil War, Indian Territory saw an influx of outlaws like cattle rustlers, whiskey peddlers, and horse thieves,” Ms. Cooke wrote. “Some would flee the law from Texas to camp in the Chickasaw Nation. Banks, stagecoaches, and trains were frequently robbed, and women and girls were not safe working unguarded in the fields.”

To combat these issues, tribes set up their own laws within their jurisdictions and methods of enforcing those laws, although tribal jurisdiction didn't extend to non-Indian people. Chickasaw citizens and members of other tribes served their people in vari-



Chickasaw Lighthorse Police were reestablished in 2004 and keep the public safe throughout Chickasaw Nation treaty territory.

ous law enforcement roles, including as Lighthorse police and U.S. marshals.

“They brought outlaws to justice and kept our people safe during a tumultuous time in our history, between the removal of our people to Indian Territory (which began in 1837) and Oklahoma statehood in 1907,” Ms. Cooke wrote.

Following the Treaty with the U.S., Choctaw and Chickasaw of 1837 (also known as Treaty of Doaksville), the Chickasaw people settled in the Chickasaw District within the Choctaw Nation of Indian Territory. Here, the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes both established “Lighthorse” police patrols.

“Although the origin of the term Lighthorse is lost to history, some sources claim the name evolved from Revolutionary War hero General Henry Lee, called ‘Lighthorse Harry’ for his rapid cavalry movements,” Ms. Cooke wrote. “Others believe the name came about as a description of the men themselves: they packed their horses lightly and moved as fast as lightning.”

Chickasaw Lighthorse were based out of Tishomingo, where the Chickasaws also had a jail.

To fill the gaps in criminal justice created by jurisdictional limitations in Indian Territory, Chickasaws and other First Americans soon signed on as constables, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, U.S. marshals, U.S. deputy marshals and U.S. Indian police.

Oklahoma statehood in 1907 marked the end of that period of Chickasaw Lighthorse.

“Since there was no further mention of Lighthorse after that time, it can be assumed that they were dissolved or severely restricted,” Ms. Cooke wrote, although Chickasaws would continue to serve the public in other law enforcement offices.

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department, consisting of a Supreme Court and a District Court, continue the Chickasaw tradition of keeping the peace. The Chickasaw Nation Peacemaking Court utilizes Chickasaw traditions, customs and culture to maintain peace and understanding in resolving differences between litigants.

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police was reestablished Oct. 1, 2004.

Today, Chickasaw Lighthorse Police continue to work diligently to keep the public safe. Nearly 100 sworn officers are involved across communities within the Chickasaw Nation reservation with precincts from Thackerville to Newcastle.

Lighthorse Victim Service Coordinators, who help connect victims of crimes to counseling, housing, nutrition and other services, served 549 victims in 2021 and served 618 this year.

Following a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2020 and a subsequent Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals ruling in 2021, Chickasaw Nation criminal justice jurisdiction was expanded from about 280 square miles to the full 7,648 square miles of Chickasaw Nation treaty territory.

Prior to this expansion, the Chickasaw Nation Office of Tribal Justice Administration (OTJA) averaged 80 criminal cases prosecuted per year in Chickasaw Nation District Court. Last year, 1,400 criminal cases were filed. Criminal cases filed with the OTJA are on track to reach 2,000 by the end of this year.

As Chickasaws cooperated and worked with other law enforcement agencies in the days of Indian Territory, the Chickasaw Nation has long maintained vital relationships with tribal, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and courts. The tribe has worked to expand that cooperation as its criminal justice jurisdiction has expanded.

The Chickasaw Nation has more than 70 cooperative jurisdiction agreements with outside law enforcement agencies and 11 county detention agreements.

This cooperation and its importance are evidenced by the charge referrals brought forward by Chickasaw Lighthorse Police and referrals to the OTJA.

According to data from March 11, 2021 through Aug. 28, 2022, Chickasaw Lighthorse Police made 3,012 arrests. Approximately 30% of the charges developed by Lighthorse were referred to OTJA for prosecution in Chickasaw Nation District Court. The remaining charges, approximately 70%, have been referred to area district attorneys or U.S. attorneys for prosecution.

Of the OTJA's cases in Chicka-

## Chickasaw trombonist presents Chickasaw bolo to famed composer



Famed composer John Williams, right, dons a Chickasaw Nation bolo tie given to him for his 90th birthday by Chickasaw citizen Adam Hanna, left. Mr. Hanna is principal trombonist for the Oklahoma City Philharmonic. Their encounter was at this year's Tanglewood Music Festival in Massachusetts which features performances in classical, jazz, and popular music. Mr. Williams' career spans 70 years. He has been awarded 25 Grammy Awards, five Academy Awards and is most noted for musical scores to movies “Star Wars,” “Jaws,” “Jurassic Park,” “Schindler's List,” a trio of “Harry Potter” films and dozens of others.

## ShapeYourFuture.com offers resources for dealing with back-to-school stress

The stress of beginning a new school year can make unhealthy habits tempting. The rush of going back to school means jam-packed schedules and changes in routines for many families, and these changes can bring anxiety.

Find tips and resources to make healthier choices one step at a time at ShapeYourFutureOK.com. Find resources for parents, children, teachers and businesses aimed to help motivate Oklaho-

mans to make healthy choices. Features include healthy recipes, tips for incorporating more exercise into daily routines, replacing sugary drinks with water and living a tobacco-free lifestyle.

The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at (1-800-QUIT-NOW), My Life, My Quit and Tobacco Stops With Me have tobacco-free services and resources for adults and teens to help overcome back to school stress.

# COLD, FLU OR COVID?

Cold, influenza (flu) and COVID-19 are all contagious respiratory illnesses. Each are caused by different viruses and have symptoms that range from mild to severe. As symptoms of cold, flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference between them. Testing may be needed to confirm a diagnosis.

<b>COLD</b>	 *FEVER	 MUSCLE/BODY ACES	 *HEADACHE	 CHEST DISCOMFORT, HACKING COUGH	 SORE THROAT
	 STUFFY NOSE	 WEAKNESS	 SNEEZING	Symptoms appear gradually. *rarely occurs	
<b>FLU</b>	 *FEVER	 MUSCLE/BODY ACES	 HEADACHE	 COUGH	 SORE THROAT
	 FATIGUE (TIREDNESS)	 DIARRHEA	 VOMITING	Symptoms usually appear abruptly. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.	
<b>COVID</b>	 FEVER/CHILLS	 MUSCLE/BODY ACES	 HEADACHE	 COUGH	 SORE THROAT
	 FATIGUE (TIREDNESS)	 DIARRHEA	 VOMITING	 SHORTNESS OF BREATH, DIFFICULTY BREATHING	 NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SYMPTOMS OF THESE VIRUSES, VISIT CDC.GOV.



# Chickasaw artists do well at Southwest competition in Santa Fe



Tyra Shackleford with “Twin Turkeys,” which won first place honors in her division at the prestigious Southwest Association of Indian Art (SWAIA) in August. The art also won Best of Show in June at the Artesian Arts Festival.



A large carving of an ivory-billed woodpecker by Lokosh (Joshua D. Hinson) took home a second-place ribbon during judging at SWAIA.



Chickasaw artist Jimmy Dean Horn, Jr. finished the SWAIA show with second place ribbons for art he created with specialized etching, carving and block art at SWAIA. He won three awards, one inspired by iconic Chickasaw entertainer and storyteller Te Ata.

SANTA FE, N.M. – Three Chickasaw artists were honored with important wins during the 100th Southwest Association of Indian Arts event (SWAIA), one of the most prestigious shows in the U.S.

Master weaver Tyra Shackleford was first in her division, Lokosh (Joshua D. Hinson) received a second place ribbon in the Diverse category for a carving of an Ivory-billed woodpecker, and Jim-

my Dean Horn, Jr. finished with two second place ribbons for his eclectic artistic style.

Ms. Shackleford’s 2D entry “Twin Turkeys” placed first in her division. The handwoven art features a design inspired by ancient Mississippian shell carvings.

“The design speaks to our place in the world,” Ms. Shackleford said. “Mississippian (culture) had this belief of three worlds. The world we live in, the underworld

and the upper world.”

The massive piece created with soy-silk yarn took about 30 hours to complete. Ms. Shackleford used Excel to design the pattern and plot each placement of the 300-string work of art, a massive task which took about 100 hours to complete.

“Twin Turkeys” won Best of Show at this June’s Artesian Arts Festival in Sulphur, Okla.

of Chickasaw heritage taken from ancient gorgets, shell necklaces, pottery, tattooing, the sacred fire and the four arbors.

The carving took Lokosh approximately 15 hours to complete. “Due to its large size and also because it is depicted in flight, I really took my time,” he said. “I was over the moon at being selected to participate since it was the market’s 100th anniversary. The carving sold in the first 15 minutes of the show.”

Winning a ribbon was just icing on the cake. In his third appearance at SWAIA, Lokosh did well selling his art to patrons. Several carvings, many drawings, and his signature decoys were offered. He also came away from the show with five commissions to produce pieces for art lovers.

“It was a very good art market for me individually,” Lokosh said. “I love going to Santa Fe and taking in all the art market has to offer, seeing friends and admiring their work. For me, it’s more about just being there and experiencing it. Winning a ribbon is very special.”

## Comfortable, quality housing has historically been a Chickasaw priority

Housing has been an ever-changing element in the lives of Chickasaw people throughout history. Traditional summer and winter homes were once the norm, then came homes such as the historic Chickasaw White House. Today, we see more modern and refined homes.

One thing has remained constant. Housing has always been, and will always be, one of the most important needs of the Chickasaw people.

Just as homes have developed and progressed throughout the years, so have the programs and services available to Chickasaw citizens.

In the past, the Chickasaw Housing Authority worked to secure limited, competitive grants to fund housing projects for Chickasaw citizens. Fortunately, acquiring grant money became easier and more efficient with the passage of the Indian Housing Act of 1988. The Act amended the 1937 Public Housing Act and added funding and regulations specific to First American housing authorities.

The Chickasaw Housing Authority continued to work under the 1988 Indian Housing Act regulations until passage of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996.

Ultimately, NAHASDA changed the way the Chickasaw Housing Authority operated. The Act simplified the system of providing housing assistance to First American communities.

“NAHASDA gave tribes the right to decide their own destiny and focus on the specific housing needs of their people,” Governor Bill Anoatubby said. “These rules and regulations were put in place to build on what we believe NAHASDA offered tribes locally, which was to decide their own housing destiny and create programs and services to serve the housing needs of their people and communities.

“NAHASDA changed nearly everything about our housing program and how it operates. Overall, NAHASDA helped us to better meet our housing needs.”

Shortly after NAHASDA was

passed, the Chickasaw Nation became involved in the negotiated rulemaking process, along with many other federal and tribal partners.

“We came together to ensure the effectiveness of this new law and that it would positively impact Indian Country far into the future,” Gov. Anoatubby said in 2021.

Grants the housing authority received before NAHASDA contained strict guidelines on how funds could be allocated and exact specifications regarding the building of homes.

After the introduction of NAHASDA, housing specifications increased considerably in size and added modern amenities such as carpeting, central heating and air conditioning. It allowed far more freedom to allocate funds in ways that best served Chickasaws.

The Chickasaw Nation was unique in the way it administered and operated the NAHASDA block grant funding. After NAHASDA, tribes could receive funds directly. The Chickasaw Housing Authority had successfully served the Chickasaw Nation since 1966, and Gov. Anoatubby kept the Chickasaw Housing Authority intact by installing a new Tribal Housing Division to administer the NAHASDA block grant funding.

Today, the Chickasaw Housing Authority continues to be a sub recipient of NAHASDA funds. The Chickasaw Nation Housing Division facilitated the transition to NAHASDA and remains a successful model for administering NAHASDA funds.

“The Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act is another example of our government working to protect the rights of Chickasaws,” Gov. Anoatubby said in 2018. “Under NAHASDA, the federal government provides funding for housing, while we administer those funds in a manner that offers more effective services. NAHASDA was obviously a large endeavor that has impacted generations of tribal citizens, and it will continue to do so for many more generations.”

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Typically, she creates wearable items, such as beaded stomp dance sashes, regalia, dresses and other fine, handmade garments.

Lokosh’s carving was of a bird in flight and meant to be displayed that way.

“It’s a little difficult to get the right proportions when carving a figure in action,” he said. “The carving was 21 inches long and the wingspan was 32 inches.”

Included on the art are symbols

## Making small adjustments can improve your life

Making small adjustments to your daily routine can add up to significant changes in the way you feel emotionally, physically and spiritually. The Chickasaw Nation offers many resources and a community of support to help you make positive changes in your mental health and well-being. Check out the ideas below and learn about programs and services that may be available in your area.

### 1. Explore a creative activity or hobby

Carving out a little time to make something just for fun is a wonderful way to lower your stress. Many people immediately think of painting or writing when they imagine a creative hobby, but that is just the tip of the iceberg. There are lots of ways to be creative. Modifying a favorite recipe, planting a garden, making your own fishing lures, even building with toy bricks gives your mind a safe space to relax and work through negative emotions. Being creative is about expressing yourself. It is OK to get messy and make mistakes. If you are trying something you have never done before, or haven’t done in a long time, remember it is OK if it doesn’t turn out perfect the first time. Just enjoy making something new!

TIP: The Chickasaw Nation offers a wide variety of online and in-person classes and tutorials supporting arts and creativity. Check out our schedule of upcoming events at [www.Chickasaw.net](http://www.Chickasaw.net). For activities you can do at home, visit the virtual programming library at Chickasaw-CulturalCenter.com.

### 2. Look at things from a new angle

It sounds cliché, but looking on the brighter side of a situation can make it feel more manageable. Focus on the pieces you can control and speak kindly to yourself. It will take practice, but saying positive things like “I can do this” is much more helpful than telling yourself “I’m too tired” or “I’ll just mess up.” Those moments of self-kindness and positivity will give you a little boost of

energy that can make big things possible. Believing in yourself is the first step.

TIP: Many resources for building healthy relationships with yourself and others are available through the Chickasaw Nation. To find a service that works for you, visit [www.Chickasaw.net/Mental-Health](http://www.Chickasaw.net/Mental-Health).

### 3. Try prayer or meditation

Many people find comfort in

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## Apply for School-to-Work by Nov. 4

Application deadline for the Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work program is Nov. 4. The program is now accepting applications for new participants.

School-to-Work provides eligible Chickasaw citizens the opportunity to pursue a full-time college degree or vocational certification while receiving compensation and on-the-job training.

The program is open to Chickasaw citizens with a high school diploma, GED or high school

equivalency. Applicants must be in good academic standing and have pending or current enrollment in an accredited college or vocational program.

Remember, application deadline is Nov. 4. Accepted participants will begin the program in January 2023.

To apply, contact Chickasaw Employment Access at (580) 276-1849, email [STWP@Chickasaw.net](mailto:STWP@Chickasaw.net) or visit [Chickasaw.net/SchoolToWork](http://Chickasaw.net/SchoolToWork).



THE CHICKASAW NATION

SPRING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Chickasaw students will gain the experience needed to become strong, knowledgeable leaders by collaborating with local, state, tribal and national organizations and businesses. The spring internship program is a paid opportunity lasting six to 10 weeks in-person.

TO QUALIFY, CHICKASAW STUDENTS MUST BE:

- ◊ Ages 18-25
- ◊ Pursuing a full-time degree at an accredited college or university
- ◊ Enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student
- ◊ Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ◊ Internship participants must be fully COVID vaccinated

Students cannot have dual enrollment in high school and college at the time application is submitted.

SPRING APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOV. 1, 2022

For a list of required documents and access to the online application, visit [CHICKASAW.NET/INTERNSHIP](http://CHICKASAW.NET/INTERNSHIP)

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October marks Cybersecurity Awareness Month

A few simple adjustments can greatly increase your online protection



The 2022 Cybersecurity Awareness Month theme is “See Yourself in Cyber.” Information technology professionals are focusing on four behaviors for computer users to promote cyber safety.

The National Cybersecurity Alliance has proclaimed October Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Government and private industry have come together to raise awareness concerning digital security. This annual collaboration among information technology (IT) professionals empowers computer users to protect personal and business data.

The 2022 Cybersecurity Awareness Month theme is “See Yourself in Cyber.” The National Cybersecurity Alliance has created resources for organizations to employ when discussing staying safe online with employees and customers.

The National Security Alliance is focusing on four behaviors to promote cyber safety. These include enabling multifactor authentication (MFA), using strong

passwords and password managers, keeping software updated, and recognizing and reporting instances of “phishing.”

“These focus areas epitomize the theme of ‘See Yourself in Cyber.’ By focusing on these actions, everyone can take care to protect their online information and privacy,” Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce IT security manager Tony Barattini said.

MFA is a security method that involves a two-step process in proving a user’s identity. Like logging in to a traditional account, the first step of MFA uses a password or passphrase that must be entered to access an account. Additionally, entering a PIN code sent to a phone, email or authenticator app is also required for login. Many security options include facial recognition or finger-

print identification.

“Multifactor authentication is extremely common because it provides a high degree of assurance that the individual logging in is the actual account owner,” Mr. Barattini said. “MFA requires that you not only demonstrate knowledge of the account through a username and password but use a separate method such as something unique to who you are, or even something you might have.”

Passwords and codes are a staple for digital security. The National Cybersecurity Alliance advises that passwords be long, unique and complex. Each individual account needs its own password. This ensures that if one account is compromised, others remain secure.

To add complexity to passwords, each password should have a combination of lowercase and uppercase letters. Special characters like exclamation or question marks should be included within passwords.

With so many passwords to remember, password managers have become increasingly popular. Password managers are pieces of software that can take the form of apps, plugins or are included in browsers or operating systems. Password managers can also create random passwords, storing them for future use. IT professionals do not recommend pen and paper storage of passwords.

Software updates are important for security. Always update software when updates become available. Updates include security patches and fix general software problems criminals can exploit. Always download software updates from the company that created the original software. Most software programs allow an option for automatic software updates.

Phishing has become one of the most common cybersecurity threats. Phishing is when criminals use fake emails to entice users to give personal information or install malware on devices. Phishing emails have similarities. These include offers that are too good to be true, language that is urgent or alarming, requests to send personal information, urgency to click on unfamiliar hyperlinks or attachments and emails that don’t match the company’s email it is coming from.

“Recognizing phishing is key to protecting yourself and organizations that you may be part of in our digital world,” Mr. Barattini said. “Reporting phishing can prevent co-workers from falling for the same email and be used to increase the overall security across an organization.”

Phishing emails need to be reported to IT managers if received on work email. If they are received on personal email accounts, do not click on any links or reply to the email. Delete the email and block the sender from

sending additional mail to the account.

For additional information, visit [StaySafeOnline.org/Programs/Cybersecurity-Awareness-Month](https://StaySafeOnline.org/Programs/Cybersecurity-Awareness-Month).

About the National Cybersecurity Alliance

Since 2001, computer professionals in private business and government organizations have supported the National Cybersecurity Alliance. The alliance joins IT professionals together, sharing the latest technologies and news promoting cybersecurity.

“The National Cybersecurity Alliance is a nonprofit whose mission is to create a more secure interconnected world through advocacy, education and partnerships to foster a greater digital good,” Mr. Barattini said. “One of the ways this is accomplished is by championing National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.”

The National Cybersecurity Alliance is a trusted source of information. In 2021, 2.1 million page views were recorded on its website. The monthly newsletter produced by the National Cybersecurity Alliance has more than 30,000 recipients, and the organization has 360,000 followers on various social media outlets. Media contributors include individual IT professionals, small and large businesses, and governmental agencies.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Chickasaw citizen Debbie Miller stands in front of her home in this 2018 photo.

services, the Housing Authority also served other low-income residents of Oklahoma.

The Indian Housing Act of 1988, a housing program developed specifically for First Americans, provided another step toward assisting Chickasaw people to obtain safe homes.

The 1988 act streamlined acquiring grant funds for the Chickasaw Housing Authority. The Act amended the 1937 Public Housing Act, added funding and regulations specific to First American housing authorities and created a First American housing unit that addressed First Americans’ unique needs.

Gov. Anoatubby testified before the U.S. Congress on several aspects of the legislation, helping make it more effective in addressing the needs of Chickasaws and all First Americans in Oklahoma.

NAHASDA opens doors

The ability to expand housing programs came with the 1996 passage of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, or NAHASDA, which allowed tribes to receive and control the use of HUD funds directly.

“Passage of NAHASDA was a major milestone, because it allowed more flexibility to tailor our housing programs to the specific needs of our citizens,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We believe it is important to listen to the people to better understand how we can best meet their needs.”

Gov. Anoatubby served on the original negotiated rulemaking committee charged with developing regulations necessary to implement the legislation.

The legislation further simplified the system of providing housing assistance to First American communities by consolidating the myriad programs previously available to tribes into a single grant program known as the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG).

Under NAHASDA, the Chickasaw Nation assumed responsibil-

ity for the administration of its housing services. Some tribes dissolved their housing authorities after the passage of NAHASDA, but the Chickasaw Nation chose to continue its Housing Authority working alongside the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. To this day, the Chickasaw Housing Authority continues to be a sub recipient of NAHASDA funds.

After the introduction of NAHASDA, housing specifications for Chickasaw families increased considerably in size and added modern amenities such as carpeting and central heating and air conditioning.

Meetings to determine what building programs and services would most benefit Chickasaw families resulted in the development of new programs.

“From these meetings, among other things, we discovered that nearly 60% of the home loan applications being submitted by Chickasaws were being turned down by lenders,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We wanted to address this issue, so, the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program was developed.”

In the two decades since Chuka Chukmasi was established, it has facilitated millions of dollars in loans to scores of families, setting them on the path to home ownership.

Since the passage of NAHASDA in 1996, the Chickasaw Nation has developed a wide variety of housing services in addition to home ownership and rental assistance for low-income families. They include home ownership counseling and home loan services, home maintenance and repair, as well as home improvement assistance, driveway construction and storm shelter installation.

In 2022, the Chickasaw Housing Authority board of commissioners, appointed by Gov. Anoatubby, meets monthly to install policies and approve formal resolutions as the Chickasaw Nation continues to develop quality, affordable housing for Chickasaw families.

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BLOOD DRIVE | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Challenge saved 2,169 lives with 723 donors and 566 products supplied to Chickasaw Nation medical facilities. The Chickasaw Nation was the winner of the 2021 Tribal Blood Drive Challenge, winning by the overall number of products supplied and percentages of increase over a certain time frame.

The 2022 Tribal Blood Drive Challenge winner will be determined by how many people attend each individual blood drive,

based on what the tribe’s goal is, and if they are meeting or exceeding that goal each time.

Donors receive a themed t-shirt and their choice of one ticket to Science Museum Oklahoma, Frontier City theme park or two tickets to Safari Joe’s H2O water park. Additionally, donors receive a coupon for 50% off any 20-ounce shake to be redeemed at Tushka Fit, the Ada Wellness Center or The Hub Bistro in the Carl Albert Service Center.

“We are so grateful for your lifesaving blood donation,” Ms. McGuire said. “You make a difference! We ask that you eat well before donating and drink plenty of fluids.”

For more information about OBI, visit [OBI.org](https://OBI.org) or call OBI at (580) 453-6800.

For more information, visit [Chickasaw.net/BloodDrive](https://Chickasaw.net/BloodDrive).

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BANK EXHIBIT

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city of Tishomingo and used as a city hall and jail.

The Johnston County Historical Society launched the building’s restoration in the 1970s and transformed it into a time machine. A stroll inside today is like walking back in time.

The Chickasaw Bank Museum, at 413 W. Main Street, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992.

The Chickasaw Nation has op-

erated the bank museum since 2014, through a partnership with the Johnston County Historical Society. The former bank building stands as a testament to the cooperation among the City of Tishomingo, the Johnston County Historical Society and the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation’s historic business in banking is echoed today through Chickasaw Community Bank, which opened

in 2002 and has thrived under steady leadership and a commitment to customers since.

You can still catch “Tishomingo: A Look into the Past.” The museum is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and the exhibit is open to the public until Dec. 31.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Bank Museum at (580) 371-3141.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHICKASAW LANGUAGE RESOURCES, PLEASE VISIT [CHICKASAW.NET/LANGUAGE](https://CHICKASAW.NET/LANGUAGE)

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Basic Demographics

What is your age?

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Women and men athletes carry on Chickasaw stickball tradition

Congratulations to Chikasha Toli Ihoo and Chikasha Toli! Our women and men represented the Chickasaw Nation in a spirited way at this year's Tushkahoma's annual stickball tournament. The women placed second in this year's tournament. This group only organized about 10 years ago. The men and women who give their time to practice and play this ancient game are incredible athletes. In my generation the women played



LISA J. BILLY

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

only with our hands. I still have the memory of Pauline Walker picking up her long skirt and running with the ball. I also remember with a smile the time I flipped my husband across my back during a long game! (But don't tell Phillip I told you). In today's generation the women play with sticks and the games are very competitive. One of my favorite parts of the game is the introduction of our players as they enter the field. The men and women march forward while loudly hitting their sticks, the drum is like a strong heart beat and the players are ready to play some stickball!

It is an honor representing you as your Pontotoc District legislator. Please let me know if I can serve you in the future. Lisaj.billy@chickasaw.net (580) 436-1460 or follow me on instagram @lisajbilly or Facebook @

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Chikasha Toli Ihoo



Chickasha Toli team

Chickasaw Princess Pageant keeps royal traditions alive

Chokma! Greetings from the Pontotoc District! As of the time of this writing, we are gearing up for the Chickasaw Festival and Annual Meeting. It is always a week filled with fun events, good times, good food and happy reunions. I am looking forward to celebrating our Chickasaw culture and heritage with you all.

While I enjoy all our Festival events, as a former Chickasaw Princess, the Princess Pageant is near and dear to my heart. This year's Pageant will be held on September 26 and will also be available to watch online. It is exciting to see our young leaders begin to take their first steps towards service to the Chickasaw Nation. I applaud the young ladies who will be competing in this year's Pageant and wish them the best of luck. I know that each princess who is selected will be an excellent ambassador for the Chickasaw Nation and will represent us with honor. Enjoy the experience of a lifetime!

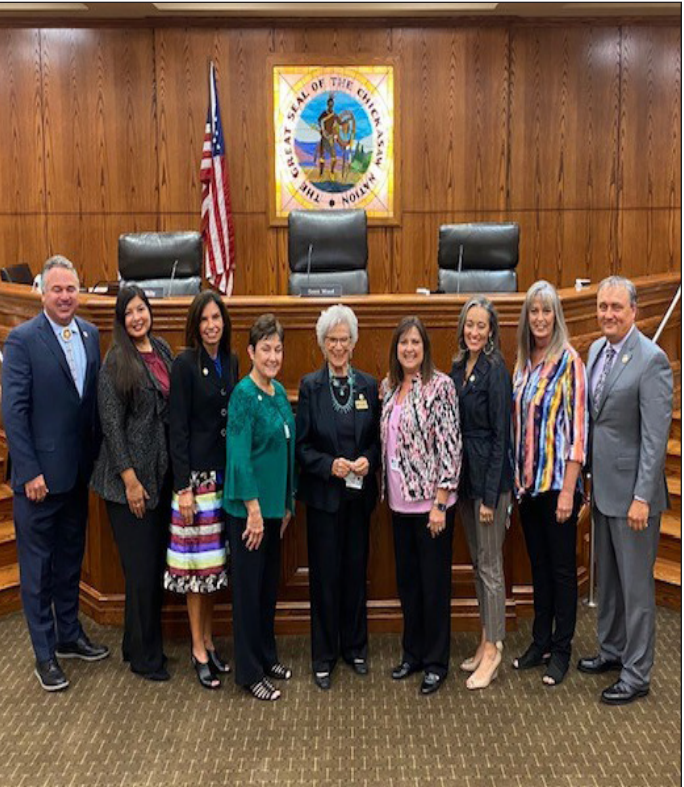
In September, I had the opportunity to attend the joint South Texas and Central Texas Chickasaw Community Connection meeting in New Braunfels, Texas and the Tri-State Chickasaw Citizen Connection meeting in Jersey City, New Jersey.

I have enjoyed meeting and visiting with our citizens from across the country. Both meetings had great attendance and incredible fellowship. No matter where our citizens reside, I find that they always appreciate the chance to connect with each other and to learn more about our culture. Our Community Outreach employees do an excellent job of facilitating both of these goals and I appreciate their efforts. Keep up the good work!

This month also marked a change in the make-up of our Legislature with the retirement of long-time Pickens legislator, Linda Briggs. Linda, thank you for your many years of service to the Chickasaw Nation! It has been such an honor to serve with Linda these past few years and I will miss seeing her smiling face. While she will surely be missed, we will also welcome a new legislator, Mr. Charles Marris, who will be taking the Oath of Office in October.

As always, I consider it a privilege to serve as your legislator and look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at one of our upcoming events. May God continue to bless the Chickasaw Nation.

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Chickasaw Connection provides great fellowship, sharing

Chokma As we approach fall, I am reminded of how I looked so forward to the summer, but not the intense heat waves and drought conditions that we have experienced. Even with harsh weather conditions we can still find happiness and coordinate with our families, both local and extended to enjoy precious moments. God has truly blessed us as a nation and we have many, many things to be thankful



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Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

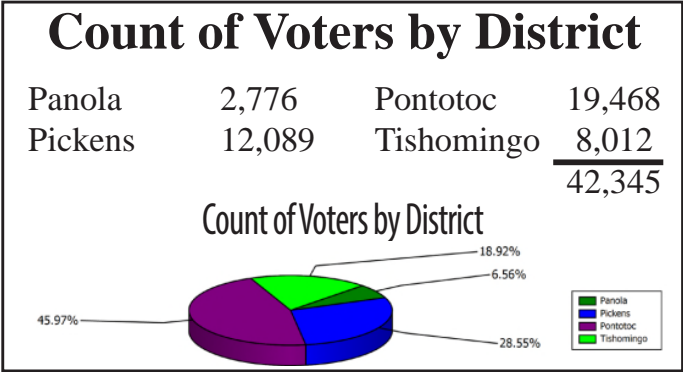
I have enjoyed the time that I have been able to attend face-to-face meetings with our federal partners related to a host of healthcare and preventative medicine programs, which has benefited the Chickasaw Nation. These programs, as I mentioned last month, continue to be very valuable to our citizens.

I have especially enjoyed the fellowship that I was able to experience recently with the Florida Chickasaw Citizens connection meeting. This offered a high level of fellowship with over 40 of our fellow citizens. This gave me and other Legislators an opportunity to visit about our nation and the programs and services available to each one of us. A more recent meeting occurred with the South Texas/Central Texas Chickasaw citizens connection, which allowed me to connect with over 50 of

our tribal members.

A personal connection with our citizens is extremely important to me and the fellowship is strengthened through personalization, and the engagement we have with each other. It is also an environment where everyone present engages in meaningful dialogue and questions/concerns are addressed. These meetings are special, and I appreciate each connection meeting because of the sense of endearment that I get to experience as a result of being blessed by each one of you. I pray for a special fall and winter for each of you, and again thank you for allowing me to represent you in this very special role as a tribal legislator.

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K-12 students eligible for virtual tutoring

The Chickasaw Nation is partnering with Varsity Tutors to offer virtual academic assistance.

Students from K-12 will have access to classroom resources and instruction designed to assist with learning in a content specific, one-on-one virtual environment. Accredited instructors offer lessons for all learners through an interactive experience that will enrich and enhance traditional classroom instruction.

Participants approved to participate in the Student Tutoring Assistance Program will receive a maximum of 20 credit hours per school year for virtual tutoring services in core academic areas such as language arts, math, science and history.

For additional updates on upcoming tutoring services, visit Chickasaw.net/TutoringAssistance

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saw Nation District Court during the same period, approximately 65% were based on charges referred by outside law enforcement.

This shared commitment among tribal, local, state and federal agencies to public safety makes us all stronger and better equipped to look out for the interests of everyone in our communities.

"We all live and work in diverse communities and what affects one of us tends to affect all of us," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "We have long believed what is good for the Chickasaw Nation is good for the state of Oklahoma and what is good for Oklahoma is good for the Chickasaw Nation."

"We have deepened our intergovernmental partnerships to protect public safety and ensure proper administration of justice. We will continue to do this work with the commitment to service we bring to all our efforts."

"Working together and focusing on solutions, we can continue protecting and serving our families, friends and neighbors today while building a brighter future for our children and grandchildren."

Throughout time, the methods, approach, our understanding and many other things have changed about law enforcement and criminal justice. Throughout it all, the Chickasaw Nation has remained steadfast in its commitment to public safety.

For more history of the Lighthorse and Chickasaws who served in law enforcement roles in Indian Territory, Cooke's book, "Protecting Our People: Chickasaw Law Enforcement in Indian Territory," is available at Chickasaw-Press.com. The book details many of the brave Chickasaws who dedicated themselves to public safety.

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2021-2022 Tribal Legislature

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Return to face-to-face meetings generates some great ideas!

Chokma! Hello from the Pickens District! Our Chickasaw Citizen Connection (CCC) groups are meeting in person, again, and what a wonderful way to re-connect with each other after two years! I am so grateful that we have technology available to keep us connected via Zoom meetings throughout the pandemic, but there's nothing like seeing each other in person!

We have resumed our travel and we are visiting many of our CCC meetings within the state as well as across the country. It has been great to see familiar faces but we have also encountered many new faces along the way. It is so important to keep up with what is going on within our tribe and these meetings are an ideal way to keep you connected. I'd like to thank the Division of Community Outreach for keeping our CCC meetings running. Their dedication to our citizens ensures they have direct, in-person contact with various tribal services and fun and informative cultural activities. Yakookay!

While attending some of our at-large citizen meetings, some very good ideas have been passed along to me that would benefit our at-large citizens. Whether you live within the tribal boundaries or in other parts of the country, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of your legislators with any suggestions you may have. We are here to serve you and we will pass on the information.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ~Colossians 3:17



SHANA TATE

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Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival in-person once again!

It was so nice to gather together at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival once again this year. After a multi-year move to strictly online events, this year we got to see each other and enjoy great Chickasaw spirit and fellowship!

The pandemic of 2020 and 2021 really threw all regular in-person events for a loop. That was such a stressful and difficult time for everyone. I am so happy we could all come together once again and celebrate our Chickasaw heritage, traditions and accomplishments!

I think the thing that impresses me most about Annual Meeting & Festival is people's reaction to it. Chickasaws and others come from many of the states and some foreign countries simply to be together and enjoy each other.

There is something ancient and very moving about how it all works. Our Chickasaw Nation has been around for so long, it seems the "pull" to return and enjoy great Chickasaw fellowship is a powerful force.

There were so many of the traditional events once again this year. Everyone seemed to very much enjoy the stickball tournament, the Cornstalk Shoot, the golf tournament and the many cultural demonstrations.

One of my favorites in the Southeastern Art Show & Market. What a wonderful way to feature Chickasaw and other Southeastern artists! The artwork is always fantastic and it is a treat to talk to the artists.

This year the Chickasaw Church Tour was a real hit. Our faith traditions are so important and many took part in this great event.

I hope everyone enjoyed the State of the Nation address by Gov. Anoatubby this year. He always does a wonderful job! And this year we could gather in the brand new facility built specially for this occasion. I loved it and hope you did as well!

There is so much to see and do in the Chickasaw Nation. Those of us who live here often take it for granted. It was great to see you and all our fellow Chickasaw citizens and friends in Tishomingo to celebrate.

Let's do it all again next year!!  
Derrick Priddy  
Tishomingo District legislator  
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Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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(CHILDREN SPEAKING CHICKASAW LANGUAGE CLUB)

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April 17 and May 15

Ada Chickasaw Nation Community Center

Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15,  
Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16 and Apr. 20

Contact Kendra Farve by calling (580) 272-5318 ext. 65016 or email Kendra.Farve@Chickasaw.net.

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Community councils, gatherings return with citizen participation

The Autumn/Fall Season is upon us! Summer activities are slowly being replaced in preparation for fall. Around my location, the changing of the fall foliage is a very noticeable event and beautiful to see. No matter

where you are located, take time out of your busy schedule to enjoy some of nature's glory. Many Citizens are beginning to have face to face meetings again, therefore, tribal legislators are endeavoring to attend the community councils/gatherings. It is always rewarding to meet and interact with citizens. At several of the meetings I've attended, Ms. Codie Poe Underwood has been on hand to facilitate the gathering. Seems like yesterday, she was a "youngster" around the Tribe! Mrs. Underwood is officially a Community Outreach Sr. Project Manager. You might see her in Florida, California or more recently, she was in New Braunfels, Texas. When at home, Codie and her husband, Nicholas, are busy with Jaimen (16), Finley (5), Andrea (3), Austin (1), Malachi (16) and Moses (6). Now that is a ball team! She and the family enjoy stomp dancing and stickball. Previously, Codie spent five years as a Cultural Resources Instructor beading, weaving with quills, and crafting shakers to be used when dancing. You never know what you might see or hear the next time you attend a community connection meeting with Mrs. Codie Poe Underwood. She might show stickball sticks or demonstrate how to craft deer toe shakers! Codie brings a touch of culture and a way of life to each of her meetings. Thank you Codie Poe Underwood for the good work! I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Nevertheless He left not Himself without witness, in that He did good, and gave us rain from Heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. Acts 14:17

Beth Alexander  
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Mrs. Codie Poe Underwood

Hiring event set for Nov. 15

ADA, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation hiring event is set for 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, 1710 N. Broadway Avenue in Ada. The event is sponsored by the Career Services Department.

Chickasaw Nation job related programs and Human Resources recruiters will be on-site with current Chickasaw Nation career opportunities in the areas of health care, retail, customer service, construction, food service, transportation and more.

For more information contact Darrell Walker at (580) 276-1849.

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DAWSON ANDREA LEE JONES

Dawson Andrea Lee Jones was born Aug. 11, 2022, at 8:46 a.m., at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 10z., and measured 19.5 inches at birth. She is the daughter of Terrance Lee Jones and Keisa Janelle Tiger. She is the sister of Mariah and Spencer Trevino and the late Castiel Cole Tiger-Jones and Tristian Trae Tiger.

She is the granddaughter of Odelia Ann Tiger (Alexander), a full-blood Chickasaw elder, and the late Keith Wayne Tiger, and Joan Stick and Robert Lee Jones, full-blood Choctaw.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Jimpson Charles Alexander Sr. (JC) and Lois Alice Keel Alexander, both full-blood Chickasaw, and the Late Bernice Fish and Harry James Tiger. She is also the great-granddaughter of Merle Stick Sr., full-blood Chickasaw, and Ida Sticks.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of Cornelius Alexander and Sarah Hawkins Alexander, both full-blood Chickasaw. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Noah Keel and Ida Burris Keel, both full-blood Chickasaws.



JOHN HOLMES MILLER

Forrest and Caroline Miller welcomed John Holmes Miller, April 24, 2022, at Houston, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz., and measured 22 inches at birth.

He is the grandson of Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Mark Holmes Colbert, whom he is named after, and Kim Colbert, of Ardmore, Okla., and Paul and Kari Miller, of Leawood, Kan. He is the great-grandson of the late Honorable George Dixie Colbert and Ruby Colbert, of Sulphur, Okla.

BIRTHDAYS



CHAI0 CHRISTIAN JACKSON

Chim afammi chokma! Happy eighth birthday Chaio Christian.

*You are made Perfect, our handsome Son!*

Chaio, 8, is the Chickasaw son of Chasity and Ben Jackson.

Chaio is active with Righteous ELITE BGC 2033 and attends Ada Public Schools.

*Continue to work hard as you study your skill set and strive to gain an over-abundance of knowledge!*

*"EIGHT IS GREAT"*

*Ephesians 2:10*

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*



DEAUNA AND DAKOTA LOUIS

Chickasaw sisters earn accolades in track & field

Chickasaw sister running duo, DeAuna and Dakota Louis, of Los Angeles, Calif., recently returned from competing at USATF and AAU Track and Field Junior Olympics in Sacramento, Calif., and Greensboro, N.C. Between the pair, they received four gold medals, one silver, one bronze, and two top-10 overall places in the country.

They run for the Black Lightning Track Club. DeAuna is a member of the 13-14-year-old team, which currently holds the top spot in the 4x100m and 4x400m relays in the country.

They have participated in the Chickasaw Olympics during festival and look forward to it annually.

*Congratulations to you both.*

Citizen claims title of Miss Grady County Princess



KIERA LINK

Chickasaw citizen Kiera Link was crowned the 2022 Miss Grady County Fair Princess at Chickasha, Okla., August 25. She competed against 17 other young women in the areas of talent, personal interview, onstage interview and evening gown. For her talent, she played the piano and sang Lady Gaga's "Always Remember Us This Way."

She is the daughter of Kandi Link and Aaron Link. She is a senior at Tuttle High School where she is active in Choir, Academic Team and FCCLA. She is currently serving as vice president of community service for FCCLA. She has been named to OAKE National Honor Choir, OCDA All State, OKMEA all-state, COCDA all-region and Children's all-state. She has received many superior rat-

Brock Dunning to perform at Oklahoma Opry



BROCK DUNNING

Chickasaw citizen Brock Dunning was born in 2003 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla. He graduated in 2020 from A.J. Terrell High School in Blanchard, Okla.

He loves to be outdoors fishing and hunting, but his greatest passion is music. He began singing at Hillside church, where he grew up, then branched out into his school's talent shows.

He is a completely self-taught guitar player and singer and has perfected his skills to become a talented musician, singer and entertainer. He has been invited several times to the Oklahoma Opry and invites his family, friends and the Chickasaw Nation to attend his next show October 15, at 7 p.m., at downtown Oklahoma City in the stockyards.

ings at state and district contest over the past three years.

She is a four-year member of Canterbury Youth Voices Chorale, advanced honor choir, and two-time section leader for the choir. As a member of Chorale, she has performed at the Oklahoma City Civic Center, Veterans Centers across central Oklahoma and just recently performed carmen with the Painted Sky Opera. Last December, she travelled with the choir to Hawaii, where they represented the USS Oklahoma in the 80th anniversary commemoration of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and performed at the City of Honolulu Christmas tree lighting.

She enjoys volunteering with non-profits. She has served Cavett Kids Foundation, Pershing City Care, the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and Canterbury Summer Camps. Not only is she a vocalist, she plays the piano, guitar and ukulele. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music, spending time with friends, reading, and spending time with her nephew.

Following her graduation from high school, she plans to further her education by obtaining a degree in business management and juris doctor. She plans to combine her appreciation of music and education to become an attorney in the music industry.

Martin named to wrestling all-conference team



WILLIAM MARTIN

Chickasaw citizen William Martin was one of nine student wrestling athletes from from Ouchita Baptist University selected to the Great Lakes Valley Conference Academic All-Conference Team

for the 2021-22 season.

Mr. Martin highlights Ouachita's selections as a recipient of GLVC Brother James Gaffney Distinguished Scholar award for having a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout the season.

Mr. Martin is coming up on his junior year with the Tigers, pursuing a degree in business administration and management.

The Broken Arrow, Okla., native was recently selected to the National Wrestling Coaches Association Academic All-America Team, and was named to the 2021-22 All-Ouachita Academic Team.

He is the son of proud parent Brian Martin, of Broken Arrow. His dad, along with other family and friends, wish William continued success in all his future endeavors.

Roberts Family Reunion

Roberts Family Reunion will be Oct. 22, 2022 at the Choctaw Nation Community Center, Coalgate, Okla., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bring covered dish and nice gift for bingo game (\$25-30). One gift per family. It can be something that is homemade or hand-made. Please let all of your family know. We hope to see you all there. You can bring any old pictures for display. COVID-19 is still with us, so wipes and sanitizers will be provided.

Health tip with Dr. Judy Goforth Parker  
You can help stop child bullying



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker

Bullying is a pattern of repeatedly and deliberately trying to harm and humiliate others, specifically those who are smaller, weaker, younger or, in any way, more vulnerable than the bully. The deliberate targeting of those of lesser power is what distinguishes bullying from aggression.

October has been deemed anti-bullying month. The second Wednesday in October is National Stop Bullying Day and wearing orange clothing is how you can show your support for bullying prevention. Orange is a great color to wear in October and can also serve to remind yourself and others not to tolerate bullying of our grandchildren and children. Another important thing to do is to remind our children to never participate in bullying. Peer pressure can coerce other children to join in on the bullying of more vulnerable children.

With school starting back, now is the time to address bullying issues. Research indicates that bullying peaks around ages 11 to 13 and decreases as children grow older. Bullying can involve verbal attacks such as name-calling and making fun of others as well as physical attacks, threats of harm, other forms of intimidation and deliberate exclusion from activities. Overt physical aggression such as kicking, hitting and shoving is most common among younger children. Relational aggression - damaging or manipulating the relationships of others, such as spreading rumors and social exclusion - is more common as children get older.

Most bullying occurs in and around school and on playgrounds. The internet has led to particularly distressing forms of bullying that exist outside of


school hours. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, approximately 20 percent of students report being bullied at school. Boys and girls are equally likely to be bullied. Cyberbullying has become a more serious problem as more children and adolescents have internet access. Over 37% of children have experienced cyberbullying and up to 59% of adolescents have experienced this form of bullying. It has devastating effects and can lead to mental health issues.

There are signs of bullying that parents, grandparents and schoolteachers can watch for. First, we should know our children. Spend time studying their normal behaviors and, when something unusual happens, we can be prepared. For example, children may exhibit the following:



- Changes in appetite, mood and normal activities
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Changes in friends
- Dropping grades
- Loss of interest in usual activities
- Complaints about treatment at school

If your child is being bullied, online or on school grounds, there are things that can be done to stop it. Perhaps the best first step is to be aware of the signs of bullying. Children do not always realize that what they are experiencing is not normal. When you find out your child may be experiencing bullying, spend some time talking to your child and take their concerns seriously.

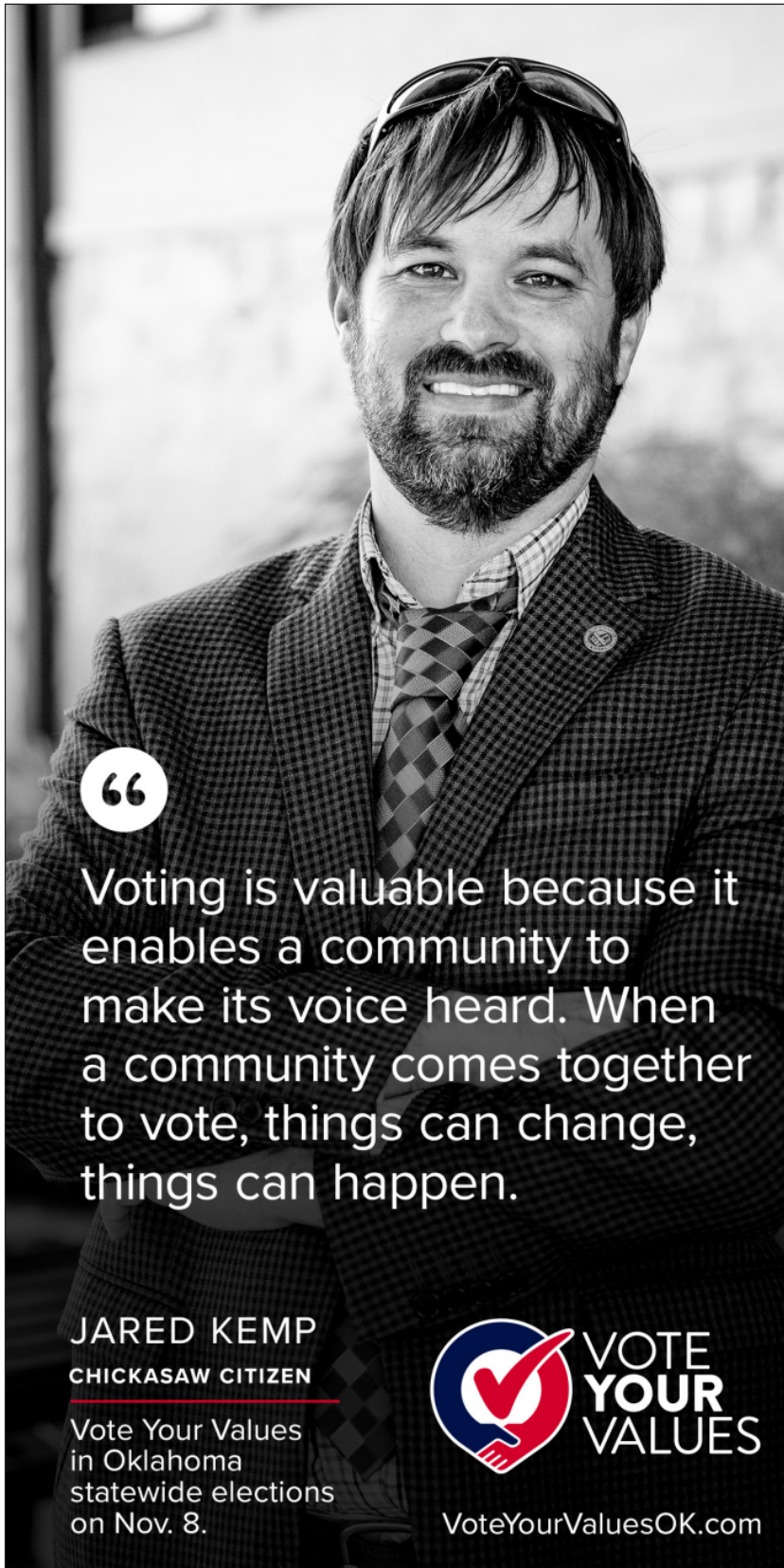
Bullying can be damaging and remembered for a lifetime. Based on your child's age, teach them what bullying is. Involving the school or setting where the bullying is taking place is an important step. Teachers are usually aware of the students that might be bullying. Children have the power to stand up to bullying and having support from adults can make it all the more empowering.



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# Chickasaw artist’s spirit painting ‘Night Run’ purchased by Interior



‘Night Run’ by Chickasaw artist Lance Straughn has been purchased by the U.S. Department of Interior.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A second “spirit” painting by renowned Chickasaw artist Lance Straughn has been purchased by the U.S. Department of Interior Museum. The museum purchased “Night Run,” a painting blending real-

ism and expressionism. It depicts buffalo galloping down a prairie landscape after nightfall. It accompanies another “spirit” painting titled “Bear Clan Guardian” purchased in August 2021 for the museum’s permanent col-

lection of more than 1,500 works of art. “I am very honored to have two paintings on display at the museum,” Mr. Straughn said. “It was an honor to provide ‘Bear Clan Guardian’ to it last year and such a pleasant surprise to have the opportunity to contribute a second painting to the museum this year.” “Spirit” paintings are still an anomaly even to Mr. Straughn, who also has trouble explaining the concept and technique that produces them. “The desire to paint ‘Night Run’ just came to me one evening when I was on a drive,” he said. “I like to escape the hustle and bustle of Oklahoma City and drive to areas more secluded and private. The wind was whipping around pretty strong, and there was a storm brewing. “‘Night Run’ popped into my mind on that drive, and I went home and started slapping paint

on a canvas,” he said with a laugh. For decades, Mr. Straughn painted in a style of realism until inspired to produce “spirit” art. He still displays both kinds of painting at festivals and on his website LStraughn.com. One realism painting, “Speaks to the Grandfathers,” depicting a Chickasaw Warrior participating in a centuries-old sacred activity, was sold to a private collector at the Artesian Arts Festival in June. That painting was a first-place award winner in the juried division of the Festival. “We were very busy at the Artesian Arts Festival and sold many pieces,” Mr. Straughn said. “It showed me how much the COVID-19 pandemic had people pent up over the last two years. They were anxious to leave home, view art, talk with me, and there is no better interaction than person-to-person.” Mr. Straughn is multitalented. Primarily an oil painter and

sculptor, since the Festival in June, he has concentrated on wood carvings but expressed a desire to return to the easel. “It probably has been four or five months since I have painted, and I need to get back to it,” he said. The wood carvings are not completely finished. One is of a bear standing upright and the other is a turtle. The bear is carved in basswood and the turtle in walnut. “The Artesian Arts Festival really excited me, and it was such a pleasure to get out and see people again,” Mr. Straughn said. “It energized me.” “Artwork (is) displayed within the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building,” said Museum registrar Jason Jurgena said. “Mr. Straughn is the only contemporary Chickasaw artist whose work is represented in the Interior Museum’s collection.” CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann

# Chickasaw Nation offers a myriad of housing programs for citizens

Housing has always been an important need of the Chickasaw people. The Chickasaw Nation remains dedicated to providing citizens with a variety of programs and services for housing and housing assistance. Programs including Emergency Energy Assistance provide Chickasaw citizens help with urgent, unmet needs for gas, water, propane, electric bills and deposits. The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is available to assist citizens in low-income households with home heating and cooling bills or energy assistance deposits. Additionally, the Chickasaw Nation Elderly Energy Assistance Program focuses on Chickasaw elders who are not covered by other services and have no other way of obtaining needed assistance. The program provides one-time assistance for winter heating and summer cooling bills. These programs are available at any time for eligible citizens. There are also rental assistance programs. The “98” Rental Program allows units to be leased in the private sector by low-income First Americans. The “37” Rental Program is also available to Chickasaw citizens and other First Americans. It

provides rental assistance to low-income families. Each program operates in accordance with the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). During the 2017 State of the Nation Address, Governor Bill Anoatubby said the passage of NAHASDA was a turning point in the provision of housing services. Under NAHASDA, the Chickasaw Nation assumed responsibility for the administration of its housing programs. “We immediately went to work conducting needs-assessment meetings to determine what building programs and services would most benefit Chickasaw families,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “From these meetings, we developed new housing specification and a multitude of new programs, because we wanted to offer something more than a house. We wanted to offer a house that is a home, because housing programs are really about helping all our Chickasaw people feel at home.” Chickasaw citizens can utilize the Down Payment and/or Closing Cost Assistance Grant. This grant allows Chickasaw homebuyers to receive a one-time grant of up to \$3,000 to help with the

down payment and/or closing costs to purchase a home. The Chickasaw Nation also offers Housing Counseling Services, which include a variety of resources such as credit awareness, budgeting, house maintenance, fire and home safety and more. Youth Services The Chickasaw Nation also offers housing services to support Chickasaw and other First American students. The Chickasaw Children’s Village promotes academic achievement while developing students’ character. Students gain the skills necessary for successful family function throughout their lives. The Village is a cottage-style settlement that sits on 160 acres overlooking Lake Texoma. Located in a rural area, the hiking, gardening and livestock programs teach responsibility, life skills and channel youthful energy into positive results. Students attend Kingston schools, where they are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. The goal of the Village staff is to help First American students stay on the right path and give them a safe, nurturing place to grow and learn. The Chickasaw Nation Child

Welfare Services’ foster care and adoption program provides care for First American children placed into tribal or state custody. The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is a federal law that seeks to keep First American children with First American families. The Chickasaw Nation continuously seeks applicants who can meet the requirements for certification through the tribe in order to provide children with culturally appropriate homes. Elder Services The Chickasaw Nation considers its elders “living treasures” and works hard to provide elders the best service and care possible. Home Maintenance Services provides minor home repairs, weatherization, pest control, septic maintenance, as well as the installation of various home medical equipment to Chickasaw elders. The Supplemental Lawn Mowing program serves Chickasaw elders ages 60 and older who reside within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Similarly, the Supplemental Wood program provides wood for elders who use a fireplace or wood stove to keep their homes warm in the winter. Chickasaw Nation Chore Ser-

vices program assists elders with cleaning services as well as companionship for elders. Home Improvement Services The Chickasaw Nation provides assistance grants of up to \$5,000 to low-income citizens who may need to make their homes handicapped accessible. A home improvement grant of \$5,000 is also available to At-Large citizens who are in need of eligible home repairs. Other home improvement services include the storm shelter program that funds professional storm shelter installation, up to \$2,500 for privately-owned Chickasaw homes. The Private Driveway program provides driveway repair or construction assistance to Chickasaw elders, veterans and citizens with special needs. This program ensures that citizens have a safe route to and from their homes for emergencies, medical services and family visits. The Chickasaw Nation has expanded and improved housing services to help meet the needs of Chickasaws in all walks of life. For more information on housing services, visit [www.Chickasaw.net/Housing](http://www.Chickasaw.net/Housing).

# Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse officers enjoy ‘Veterans Olympics’ in Ardmore



Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Officers Jared Buckaloo and Chris Aulds pull U.S. Army veteran Randall Hart on a slip and slide at the Ardmore Veterans Center’s recent Veterans Olympics event in Ardmore, Oklahoma

It was fun.” Officer Ahl said the veterans were not above hijinks in their interactions with staff and Lighthouse officers, who returned the favor in kind. “You got to see them get water balloons and throw them at some of the staff,” he said. “We got the water hose and sprayed them and threw the water balloons back at them. It was definitely a fun experience.” Christine Camp, Ardmore Veterans Center physical therapy assistant, echoed the event’s emphasis on having a good time. “The veterans really enjoyed it,” Ms. Camp said. “We had water guns and water balloons that they enjoyed sneak-attacking you with. We do have snipers, so you got it right in the ear. They are military guys, so give them a gun...,” she said. She said Lighthouse officers were hardly innocent bystanders. “The Chickasaw Lighthouse officers were just as cagey as the rest of them,” Ms. Camp said. While a good time was had by all, there was also time to talk and get to know each other better on an individual basis. Lighthouse Officer Jared Buckaloo said he gained a renewed appreciation for what the older generation of veterans had done for the current generation of Americans. “We got to hear a little bit of the stories of their younger days when they were our age and what they were doing,” Officer Buckaloo said. “It gives you an outlook that if it wasn’t for them, I wouldn’t get to do what I enjoy doing.”

Many of the veterans had served in World War II, Vietnam or Desert Storm. Lighthouse Officer Chris Aulds said spending time with veterans and staff was a highlight for him. “It was a good time getting to talk to people, and I had blast being there,” Officer Aulds said. “There were some nice people, employees too. They were awesome. It was a good time.” “I think the veterans really enjoyed Lighthouse police stepping out of their environment and coming into the veterans’ environment,” Ashelle Pack, Ardmore Veterans Center physical therapist assistant, said. “To take time out of their day and their work to participate in something fun, it means something to them,” she said. Lighthouse Police Department Lt. Michael Huff said he is glad

Lighthouse police could demonstrate their caring community spirit. He said events like this offer a chance to show the community engagement that Lighthouse police represent instead of wrong impressions and stereotypes of law enforcement. “I’m just glad we could be a part of it and give people a positive outlook on Lighthouse law enforcement,” Lt. Huff said. As an example of incorrect impressions, Lt. Huff said it wasn’t unusual for people to flippantly acknowledge a law enforcement officer by pointing to a friend with them and saying, “He did it!” Or a parent may say to a child, “Better behave or he’s going to take you to jail!” Lt. Huff said he made a point of correcting such misrepresentations.

“I always say, ‘No, I won’t take you to jail.’ I make a point of talking with them because we want to be approachable in good and bad times,” he said. Ms. Camp says the Veterans Olympics is a yearly event, canceled only twice in the last 15 years, once due to construction and once due to COVID-19. “I hope Lighthouse will consider helping us again next year,” she said. Officer Aulds summed up Lighthouse’s experience well. “I look forward to doing stuff like that,” he said. “Whether it be at the Ardmore Veterans Center or anywhere else. I love interacting with the community. You can only control what interactions you have with people. I try to make every one of them positive.”

CONTRIBUTED BY Loné Beasley

# Anoli Creative Writing Contest winners

Each year, Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities hosts the Anoli Creative Writing Contest. Anoli is a word in Chikashshanompa’ meaning “to tell.” This contest was created in 2007 to inspire Chickasaw writers of all ages to tell their stories and share their creativity with the world. The contest is divided into three divisions: grades 6-8, grades 9-12, and adults 18 and older. Each division allows participants to compete in three categories including poetry, short story and essay. This year’s Anoli Creative Writing Contest received 36 entries from 31 Chickasaw citizens

across 10 states. Poetry · Division one 1st place: “Open Boundaries” by Jacob Montgomery, 12, of Newport Beach, Calif. · Division two 1st place: “Defying Gravity” by Alexandra Montgomery, 17, of Newport Beach, Calif. · Division three 1st place: “Hey, what’s with these summers where the noonday sky turns yellow” by Nalin Saur, of Norman, Okla. Short Story · Division one 1st place: “Ding Dong Ditch” by Jacob Montgomery, 12, of Newport Beach, Calif. · Division two 1st place: “The Form of Dance” by Jordan Harper,

16, of Butler, Penn. · Division three 1st place: “Lake Water” by Ethan Cox, of Ada, Okla. Essay · Division two 1st place: “Finding my History” by Alexandra Montgomery, 17, of Newport Beach, Calif. · Division three 1st place: “Living Through” Quinn Smith, of Durham, N.C. For more information about the Anoli Creative Writing Contest and to see the second- and third-place winners, please visit [Chickasaw.net/AnoliContest](http://Chickasaw.net/AnoliContest) or email [CreativeArts@Chickasaw.net](mailto:CreativeArts@Chickasaw.net).



# Young Chickasaw voter understands importance, power of voting



**ALYSSA LAWALIN and NATHAN J. RUSSELL**

A young Chickasaw professional is looking toward the future as she prepares to vote in November. Alyssa Lawalin, 21, describes this year's election cycle as a learning process. Registered to vote in tribal elections since she was 18, Ms. Lawalin opted out of participating in federal, state and

local elections. She did not feel she was a qualified voter due to lack of awareness of candidates, platforms and policies, she said. Not this year.

A new job in the communications industry introduced Ms. Lawalin to voter resources, including Vote Your Values. It piqued her interest. She registered to vote in time for the June primary elections and began educating herself about the election process.

"I really started to learn where to look for information through the Vote Your Values website," Ms. Lawalin said. "It really did open my eyes to (realize) I'm old enough to vote. This is my life, my future, why am I not participating in voting?"

"It just seemed like it was the time for me to really start to figure out what I should be doing with my future in terms of who we are electing.

"One day, I will be older and the

people who are in office now will have paved the path for years. The decisions they make now are going to affect me in the future," the Ada, Okla., resident said.

Her first trip to the polls for the June primary elections caused Ms. Lawalin a bit of anxiety, which quickly subsided when she cast her vote.

Her polling place was "just around the corner." When her ballot was cast she described voting as, "Painless. It was so easy."

Doing your own research on candidates and their platforms is one way to avoid feeling overwhelmed on Election Day.

"I can see why people my age might be intimidated to vote, because you just have names, and if you don't know who you are going to vote for (it can be confusing)," she said. "Do your research and find what the candidates' goals are for our state."

Before voting, she decided to

"take the time, research the candidates and do my homework so I was able to have my say in who I wanted to be elected as our representatives."

Ms. Lawalin recommends researching candidates and their social media presence, as well as researching any bills or issues beyond the headlines and sound bites.

Most of all, she urges everyone to exercise his or her right to vote, especially the younger generation, because of the impact elections have on the future.

"It might be taking 30 minutes to go vote, but 30 minutes is not anything compared to what the possibility is," she said. "As a young individual, we do have a voice, we do have an avenue. Why aren't we using it?"

One reason, Ms. Lawalin said, was young people did not feel educated enough to cast a vote that reflects their beliefs and values.

"They can register but might not vote, because no one is taking the time to explain to them the significance or why they need to vote," she said.

She implores older generations to talk to younger people in a nonpolitical way about the importance of voting.

"Focus on the 'why' and not the 'who,'" she suggested.

More effort to educate young people about voting could lead to a turnaround from low voter turnout and general apathy, she said.

Throughout this election cycle, Ms. Lawalin has discovered she does not lean toward any particular party but weighs each candidate's values against her own.

"I am just an individual who wants the best for my future, my family's future and my children's future."

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# Chickasaw archer medals in international competition



World champion Chickasaw archer Shiloh Butts, right, is shown accepting a bronze medal in his first international archery competition in Italy. He is shown with gold medalist Giuliano Faletti, center, of Italy, and silver medalist Guillaume Quetel, of France.

SULPHUR, Okla. – Chickasaw world champion archer Shiloh Butts earned a bronze medal in his first international archery competition in Italy during the first days of September.

Mr. Butts competed for the "United States and the Chickasaw Nation" in the Rinehart World Archery 3D Championships in Ter-

ni, Italy, Sept. 4-10. He competed in the Longbow portion of the tournament.

Wearry, jet-lagged and physically exhausted by the rough Italian terrain on which the tournament was hosted, Mr. Butts and his wife, Sahara, returned to Oklahoma late in the evening Sept. 11 to their Sulphur home.

"I can assure you the championships were conducted on the most challenging course I've ever set foot on," he said. "It was in a mountain range, through trees, uphill, downhill, on rocky and unstable footing. In fact, the first day of competition saw several competitors suffer personal injuries that forced them to end their championship quest."

Not only did Mr. Butts finish in the top three out of hundreds of archers from around the world, the U.S.A team advanced 17 of 24 archers into the final two days of individual, head-to-head competition.

"I am very pleased with how I competed," he said. "You know, you're always looking for the gold medal. Considering it was my first European tournament, going against archers with a home field advantage and on a tourna-

ment course nothing like I've ever experienced, I did well."

He is already beginning to think about qualifying rounds for the tournament in 2023.

The Rinehart World Championship is conducted every two years. The COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellation of the 2021 tournament. Championship officials decided to sponsor a meet in 2023 in order to get back on schedule.

"So, I have a year to prepare and qualify again," Mr. Butts said.

As he suspected, Mr. Butts found himself taking aim at much smaller targets than he faces in American competitions. Before leaving for Italy, Mr. Butts said 3D targets in Europe would be as small as an armadillo and as large as an elk.

"The European archers like smaller targets, so I was expecting that," he said. "Most of the shoots in the United States feature larger targets, from turkey to wild boar to elk."

Facing targets the size of a hedgehog or pheasant, while expected, proved to be challenging.

"I was able to adjust, but the first small target I faced my arrow merely clipped it high on its

back," he said. "The more often I faced smaller targets, the more confident I became."

A typical competition shoot takes about five hours from start to finish. Traversing rugged terrain, uphill slogs, drawing the bow and merely walking the winding course taxed all archers.

"It is beautiful there," Mr. Butts said. "It's less than an hour from Rome. The tournament took up so much of our time, we didn't have a chance to do much sightseeing, but we did travel and enjoy Rome and a smaller village on a day before the tournament started."

He and his wife were amazed to find themselves on a road 3,000 years old.

"It was amazing to us it still was there and was in use today," he said, adding footfalls for more than 3,000 years had made divots in the cobblestone and even ancient wagon wheel ruts were observable.

The experience of competing for the USA, Chickasaw Nation and venturing so far from home made a huge impression on the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center pharmacist. His appreciation of friends was evident in a Facebook post he shared.

"I wish I could name every single person that has helped me in any way, no matter how big or small, throughout my entire archery journey," he wrote. "I know I would forget someone, and I do not want to leave a single person out so THANK YOU ALL, from the bottom of my heart. Every call, every text, every card, etc., I've received these last couple months have meant the world to me."

"It's been an incredible journey with lots of twists and turns along the way. Winning the bronze medal was without question the high point of this trip, but the friendships and the memories gained alongside all of my teammates, coaches and family will be what I remember the most about it all. Thanks again for all the prayers, thoughts and good vibes! Good Lord willing, we'll do it all over again."

Throughout this career, Mr. Butts has been crowned world champion in 2014 Longbow; 2015 Selfbow; 2017 Longbow and 2021 Selfbow. These were in American competitions. Now, the proud Chickasaw archer can claim a bronze medal earned on the world stage.

CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann

# Chickasaw culture, environment reflected in evolving architecture



Architecture of a culture defines both time periods and place. From current stucco and adobe homes of the Southwest that provide cooler living conditions, to the larger, warmer colonial homes that dot the Northeast, people's houses are defined by how and where they live.

As a necessity, cultures have adapted forms of shelter to suit their needs throughout history. People of like mindset and comparable geographic locations build homes similarly. This includes the Chickasaw people. For the Chickasaw in the historic Homeland prior to the late 1700s, two styles of homes were built to fulfill their living requirements, winter and summer homes.

In the past, each Chickasaw family had two types of homes. A luxury by today's standards, these two different styles of homes were built to fulfill specific needs. Summer and winter houses were essential for comfort and protection of a family, and these homes provided different strengths depending on the season.

Permanent structures defined the importance of agriculture to early Chickasaws. Living near communal fields often consist-

ing of corn, beans and squash, afforded Chickasaws the ability to build enduring homes and other structures. Care was used to determine where communities would be built. Chickasaw villages and towns were constructed on bluffs or high hills, allowing protection from spring floods and enemies.

In addition to homes, Chickasaw families and communities built corn cribs and council houses. Corn cribs were used to store their food supply, sheltering dried fruit, vegetables, and seeds from weather and animals.

The aa-anompoli' chokka', or council house, was the largest communal structure built for public assemblies and occasional dances. The council house served as a civic and social center for Chickasaws and other Southeastern Indian communities. Its name is derived from the council, or revered Chickasaw leaders, who would meet in the council house to discuss a variety of topics or to make decisions on issues that came before them.

When formally arrayed for council, clan membership and rank were structurally represented by the seating placement, order and elevation of individuals

within the council house. Women and children were allowed inside during formal councils but had to occupy the outer ring of benches in most cases.

For common defense, Chickasaws built walls within their villages. Called palisades, these walls were made of large wood posts. Posts were anchored deep into the ground.

The winter house, or hashtola' chokka', was created with warmth and insulation in mind. Thick timber was used in construction. For additional insulation, outside walls of the home were coated with a layer of clay. The walls were whitewashed with a mixture of white clay, water and crushed shells.

Winter houses are circular in design, built to resemble a snail's shell. This design kept cold wind and rain from blowing into the

living area. This also added a layer of additional protection for inhabitants. The narrow, winding entrance was easily defended against intrusion.

Roofs were topped with conical supports in the center, with four large posts laid out in a square for support. Roofs were covered with shingles made of tree bark or grass thatch. This is laid down in circular pattern, starting at the bottom and ending at the top. Some winter houses had sunken floors dug into the earth two or three feet deep. Sometimes a carved wooden eagle or other figure was attached at the top.

The toompalli' chokka', or summer house, was a lighter structure framed with posts set in the ground, designed to provide shade from the sun and protection from the elements. The timbers that formed the walls of the

summer house were made from thin strips of pine or cypress.

Summer houses were rectangular with a gabled roof covered in thatch, bark panels or puncheon planks. The tent-like roof allowed eaves to be vented, allowing the breeze to pass easily through the building.

Examples of early Chickasaw homes and villages can be viewed today. Maintained by the Chickasaw Nation, these sites are located at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., and the Kullihoma Grounds located just east of Ada, Okla.

The traditional village at the Chickasaw Cultural Center has examples of a Chickasaw winter house, summer house, corn crib, council house, stickball field and stomp dance grounds enclosed within a palisade.

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making a spiritual connection. Prayer can calm your nervous system. Like meditation, it has been shown to decrease anxiety and stress, reduce anger and improve a person's outlook on life. Praying with or for others can help you connect with other people and give you a feeling of emotional support during stressful times.

TIP: Sing your prayers with traditional hymns. Download the Choctaw Hymns app to connect with spiritual traditions from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

4. Spend time being active outside

Research has shown that spending time outside in nature can increase your energy and improve your outlook. Also, soaking up vitamin D in the sunshine has been linked to boosting your

mood. Consider joining a team game like stickball to clear your mind. Not only does it help calm your thoughts, but that peaceful feeling can last for several hours after the game is over. Studies have shown that participating in team sports can also create a sense of teamwork and social connectedness, improving your mental health. If joining a team feels a little too intense right now, just a 15-minute walk outside can have a noticeable effect on your mood. Don't forget sunscreen!

TIP: Walk with the AYA app to immerse yourself in history and learn more about Chickasaw culture on your way. Download the AYA app on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

5. Find (or reconnect with) a friend

What is it about becoming an adult that makes it so much hard-

er to find new friends? Fortunately, many of these suggestions can help that happen! Taking a class, joining a prayer group or playing sports with a team are natural ways to meet new people. Just don't forget to nurture the relationships you already have. Take a moment to reconnect with your loved ones with a call or send a note to tell them how special they are to you. Reaching out will have the added benefit of improving their day, too!

TIP: Invite family and friends (old and new) to join you for an outing to one of the Chickasaw Nation galleries. Discover Chickasaw and First American artists and share your culture at galleries and museums throughout Chickasaw Country. Visit [www.ChickasawCountry.com](http://www.ChickasawCountry.com) for more information.



AUGUST 2022 MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
Legislative Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
August 19, 2022

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
Chairperson Scott Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He appointed Ms. Lisa Impson as Human Resources Chair Pro Tempore for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL  
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
Members Absent: Dr. Karen Goodnight, Toby Perkins  
Staff present: Marilyn Coltz, Administrative Assistant, Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-at-Arms, Les Wesberry, Legislative Counsel  
Guests present: Dr. Randal Williams, Loné Beasley, Michael L. Wingo

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION  
Invocation was given by Ms. Billy.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES – July 15, 2022  
July 21, 2022  
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the minutes of July 15, 2022.  
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
10 yes votes  
Member abstaining: Nancy Elliott  
1 abstention  
The motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2022 carried.  
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the minutes of July 21, 2022.  
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
9 yes votes  
Members abstaining: Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond  
2 abstentions  
The motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2022 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
There was no unfinished business to discuss

AGENDA ITEM #6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz  
Permanent Resolution Number 39-011, Amendments to Title 17 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Offenses and Penalties)  
This Resolution authorizes, approves, and adopts an amendment to Title 17 by removing duplicate language (i.e. Subparagraph “E”) from the previously amended Section 17-800.2.  
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve PR39-011  
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
11 yes votes  
The motion to approve PR39-011 carried unanimously.  
Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Nancy Elliott  
General Resolution Number 39-037, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget – Fiscal Year 2023  
This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$276,004,939.  
A motion was made by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR39-037.  
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
11 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR39-037 carried unanimously.  
Ms. Elliott concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Pro Tempore Lisa Impson  
General Resolution Number 39-040, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Dan Boren  
This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby’s appointment of Mr. Dan Boren to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.  
Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Dan Boren will fill a three-year term of office, beginning on August 19, 2022 and ending on October 1, 2023.  
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR39-040.  
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
11 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR39-040 carried unanimously.  
Ms. Impson concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs  
General Resolution Number 39-038 Utilities Easement at Newcastle Additional Newcastle, McClain County, Oklahoma  
This resolution amends the previously enacted General Resolution 39-031 to include an additional paragraph following “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED”; no other additions or revisions are to be amended.  
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Priddy to approve GR39-038.  
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
11 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR39-038 carried unanimously.

Resolution Number 39-039 Utility Service Line Agreement in Latimer County, Oklahoma  
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s granting of a service line to Kiamichi Electric Cooperative. The service line will traverse land located in Latimer County, Oklahoma. The service line will permit Kiamichi Electric Cooperative to construct, maintain, operate, transmit, distribute, repair, and replace a service line to provide utility service in Latimer County, Oklahoma. The property on which this service line crosses is property owned by the United States of America in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.  
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR39-039.  
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
11 yes votes  
The motion to approve GR39-039 carried unanimously.  
Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (comments from citizens)  
Dr. Randal Williams explained he had sold his clinic to the Chickasaw Nation, and noted the issues involved were submitted in a report to one of the legislators. He asked for full waiver of sovereign immunity. Mr. Wesberry explained that his request could not be allowed.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT  
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:40 a.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Lisa J. Billy, Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature  
Submitted by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

SEPTEMBER 2022 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 39-041  
Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians  
Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.  
Presented by: Human Resources Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature  
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, David Woerz, Scott Wood

General Resolution Number 39-042  
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority  
Carter Gipson  
Explanation: This Resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby’s appointment of Mr. Carter Gipson to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Gipson will fill a term of office which will end on October 1, 2025.  
Presented by: Human Resources Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature  
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, David Woerz, Scott Wood

General Resolution Number 34-043  
Application for federal Grant  
under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Indian Health Service – Special Diabetes Program for Indians  
Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s grant application for the Diabetes Prevention Program from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service. Funds from this grant will be utilized to cover costs associated with the prevention and treatment of diabetes within the Chickasaw Nation.  
Presented By: Human Resources Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature  
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, David Woerz, Scott Wood

General Resolution Number 39-044  
Application for Federal Grant, Assurances and Firm Commitment  
under the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Southern Plains, Office of Native American Programs – Public and Indian Housing  
Indian Community Development Block Grant Program  
Chickasaw Homeownership Program-Roof Project  
Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s application, assurances and firm commitment for the Indian Community Development Block Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to construct roofs on Chickasaw citizen-owned homes located throughout the Chickasaw Nation’s 13-county treaty territorial service area, located throughout south-central, Oklahoma.  
Presented By: Human Resources Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature  
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, David Woerz, Scott Wood

General Resolution Number 39-045  
Authorization and Approval of an Oil and Gas Lease to  
Citizen Energy III, LLC, in Grady County, Oklahoma  
Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves Oil and Gas Lease in favor Citizen Energy III, LLC, 320 S. Boston Ave., Suite 900 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103. Citizen Energy III, LLC, shall pay \$1,000 per acre for a total bonus of \$25,770, a rental of \$3.00 per acre per annum, and a royalty of 20% of the value or amount of all oil and gas produced, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive 100%.

Property Location:  
Grady County, Oklahoma  
Presented by: Land Development Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature  
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, David Woerz, Scott Wood

Permanent Resolution Number 39-012  
Types of Criminal Offenses  
Explanation: This resolution classifies criminal offenses as either a felony or a misdemeanor.  
Presented by: Legislative Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature  
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, David Woerz, Scott Wood

Permanent Resolution Number 39-013  
Amendments to Title 5 and Title 17 of the Chickasaw Nation Code  
(Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction)  
Explanation: This Resolution amends provisions in Title 5 and Title 17. The amendments to Title 5 implement expanded criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian persons for covered crimes under Title VIII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, Public Law No. 117-103, commonly known as the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization. The amendments to Title 17 create new criminal offenses and amend existing criminal offenses consistent with Title VIII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022.  
Presented by: Legislative Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature  
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, David Woerz, Scott Wood

Permanent Resolution Number 39-014  
Unlawful Burning  
Explanation: This resolution creates a new criminal offense of Unlawful Burning.  
Presented by: Legislative Committee, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature  
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, David Woerz, Scott Wood

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Committee Meeting  
September 12, 2022  
Present: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz  
Absent: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
September 12, 2022  
Present: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Derrick Priddy, David Woerz  
Absent: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Steve Woods, Scott Wood

Legislative Committee Meeting  
August 8, 2022  
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Derrick Priddy, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
Absent: Shana Hammond, David Woerz  
Human Resources Committee  
August 8, 2022  
Present: Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, Scott Wood  
Land Development Committee  
August 8, 2022  
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Derrick Priddy, Scott Wood

Tribal Historical & Cultural Preservation Ad Hoc Committee  
August 23, 2022  
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Derrick Priddy  
Absent: Dr. Karen Goodnight, Scott Wood



Patricia Renee Reynolds



Patricia Renee Reynolds passed away Aug. 13, 2022. She was born May 14, 1958 at Oklahoma City.

She was a passionate leader, teacher, cheerleader, daughter, sister and friend. After graduating from Moore High School and a couple of years at the University of Oklahoma, she started her career at AT&T where she worked for 37 years.

She was a Circuit Design Specialist when she retired in 2019. She made many lifelong friends at the company as they served the company and the community together. They worked at parades, races, community events, installed vegetable gardens at grade schools and provided household goods for kids aging out of foster care. They are a tight group that stayed in touch throughout the years. She loved them dearly.

She was a big history buff, quoted lines from movies in casual conversation, could name that tune in a bar or two, read voraciously, and enjoyed creating fun. There was always some big idea cooking in her head. Patricia loved America, the home of the brave and free. She volunteered for more than 10 years at the Cleveland County election board. She ardently followed government at all levels and worked hard to get people engaged.

She loved the Lord with all of her heart. She served for more than 40 years at Crossroads Church as youth sponsor, Sunday school teacher, Bible quiz coach, drama crew and anything else she could find to do. She loved to study the Bible in depth and her greatest delight was in helping others learn to study as well. Her church family is many and she spent countless hours praying for them and delighting in what the Lord did in their lives. She knew the power of prayer.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald B. Reynolds; and step-father, James W. Buckley.

She is survived by her mother, Mary L. Sanders-Buckley; sister, Jo Beverly Usry, both of Oklahoma City; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A funeral service was August 20, 2022 at Crossroads Church, Oklahoma City.

Thomas Fryrear



Thomas Fryrear was born Jan. 27, 1955 to Jimmy Richard Fryrear and Sylvia (Rinker) Fryrear. He passed away June 26, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his mom; dad; brother, Little Jimmy; and sister, Linda Masny.

He is survived by sisters, Christine Fryrear (caretaker), Donna Collins, Pat Curtiss, Joyce Dyer, Mary Murphy, Karen Damron, and Sandra Yocham; brothers, Terry Fryrear and Bobby Fryrear; as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was Thursday, July 7, 2022 at Absolute Economical Funeral Home, Oklahoma City.

Barney Lloyd Robertson



Barney Lloyd Robertson, 83, of Kingston, Okla., passed away Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022 at Madill, Okla.

He was born on Aug. 21, 1938 at Emet, Okla., to the late Earnest Cleveland Robertson and Ava Mae Greenwood Robertson. He was raised at Emet and later moved to Kingston, where he attended school.

He moved to Dallas, Texas in 1966, where he worked for Trinity Industries and retired after 40 years. In 2013 Lloyd moved back to Kingston, where he lived the rest of his life.

He was affiliated with the Baptist faith and enjoyed woodworking, fishing, watching the Dallas Cowboys and OU football. He loved his cats, Spot and Tiny and dogs, Oscar and Misty White Eyes.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Kevin Lynn Robertson; brothers, Charles, Cleveland, Benny John and Perry Robertson.

He is survived by children, Kenny Lloyd Robertson, and Curtis Robertson, both of Kingston, and Ava Muzny, Moore, Okla.; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; brothers, Floyd Robertson, of Kingston, Roy Robertson, of Florida, Kent Robertson, of Iowa, Ernie Robertson, of Kingston; and sister, Vera Hughes, of Arkansas.

A funeral service was Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022 at the Watts Memorial Chapel, Madill, Okla. Chris Webb officiated the service. Interment followed in the Fillmore Cemetery, Fillmore, Okla.

Casketbearers were Nick St. Laurent, Dillon Hamilton, Landon Muzny, Austin Kelley, Tim Garoutte, Ernie Robertson, and Gene Robertson.

Zachary Peter Stamile



Zachary Peter Stamile passed away Aug. 9, 2022. He was born March 8, 1983 at Tulsa, Okla., to Peter and Rosa Stamile. He was the oldest of four children. He attended college at Northeastern State University and graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He completed his emergency medicine residency at Orlando Health, Orlando, Fla., and then moved to Flagstaff, Ariz., to work at multiple hospitals on the reservations.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Stamile; mother and father, Rosa Stamile and Peter Stamile; sisters Tessa Stamile and Susanna Beam and brother-in-law Kyle Beam; and brother, Elliott Stamile and sister-in-law Amy Stamile.

A Celebration of Life was Friday, Aug. 19, 2022 in Flagstaff, Ariz., at Trinity Heights.

His family plans to allocate funds donated in his memory to a scholarship or mental health assistance and suicide prevention.

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: <https://988lifeline.org>  
Dial '988'

Charles Porter Holmes



Charles "Hump" Porter Holmes, Jr., 90, of Springdale, Ark., passed away Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022 at his home. He was born Aug. 22, 1932 at Tucson, Ariz., to Charles Porter Holmes, Sr. and Fleda Dickerson Holmes.

He served honorably in the U.S. Navy from 1951 until 1955. He retired from Cintas in Springdale. He was an avid Arkansas Razorback fan. He was a member of Phillips Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Oliver Holmes.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Holmes, of the home; son, Charles Jackie Holmes and wife, Darlene, of Hamersville, Ohio; brother, John Holmes, of Sacramento, Calif.; grandchildren, Kara Bryan and husband, Dirk, of Springdale, and Jeremy Holmes and wife, Misty, of Hanna, Okla.; and great-grandchildren, Lane, Dirk and Cooper.

Graveside services were Monday, Aug. 29, 2022 at the Fayetteville National Cemetery with Military Honors. Jason Scott and John Holmes officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Veteran of Foreign Wars Post # 2952 or American Legion Post # 0139.

Honorary pallbearers were A.C. Green, Charlie Bowen, Jim Burns, Jim Fletcher, Gene Griggs and Gabe Carter.

Tribe's Hofanti Chokma program offers great tools for child rearing

Creating environments in which children can thrive requires understanding what impacts children as they grow and adding tools to help foster positive relationships.

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Hofanti Chokma offers two different classes - PAX Tools workshops and NEAR (neurobiology, epigenetics, ACEs and resilience) Science - Beyond ACEs (adverse childhood experiences) training.

PAX Tools workshops teach strategies to help children and teens build self-regulation and promote healthy relationships.

The NEAR Science - Beyond ACEs workshop explores how life experiences influence health as we grow, and how to build resilience. The training shows methods to help reverse adversity and decrease the chances of future discomfort.

The Hofanti Chokma program offers both online workshops at no cost on various dates. For more information about upcoming classes or to enroll, go to [Chickasaw.net/GrowWell](http://Chickasaw.net/GrowWell) or email [HofantiChokma@Chickasaw.net](mailto:HofantiChokma@Chickasaw.net).

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Wed, Oct. 26  
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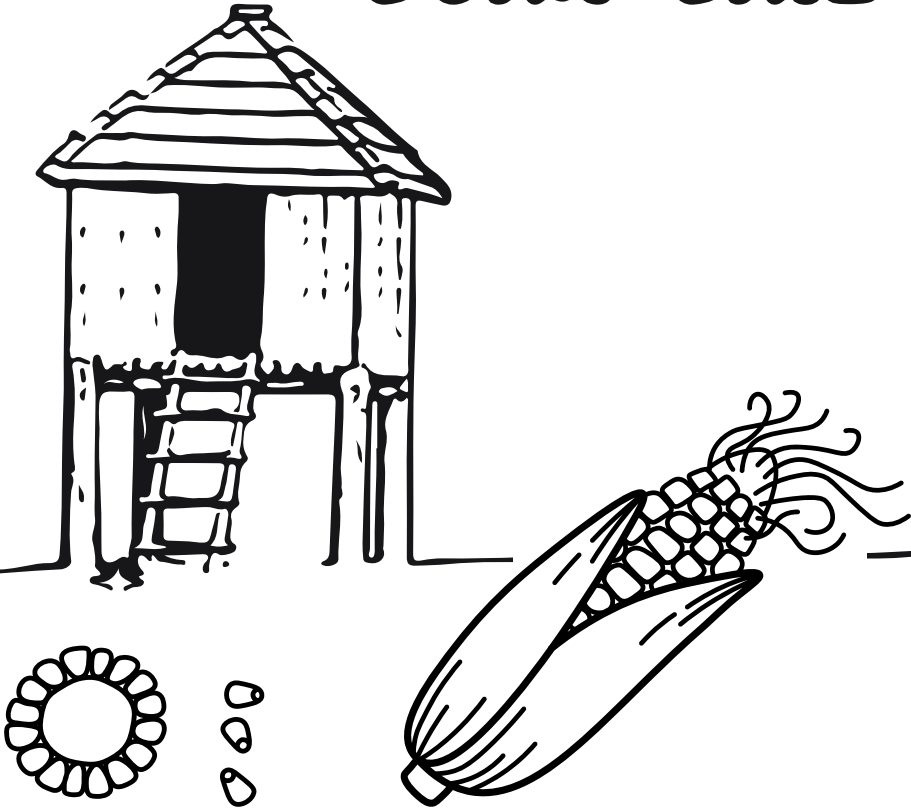
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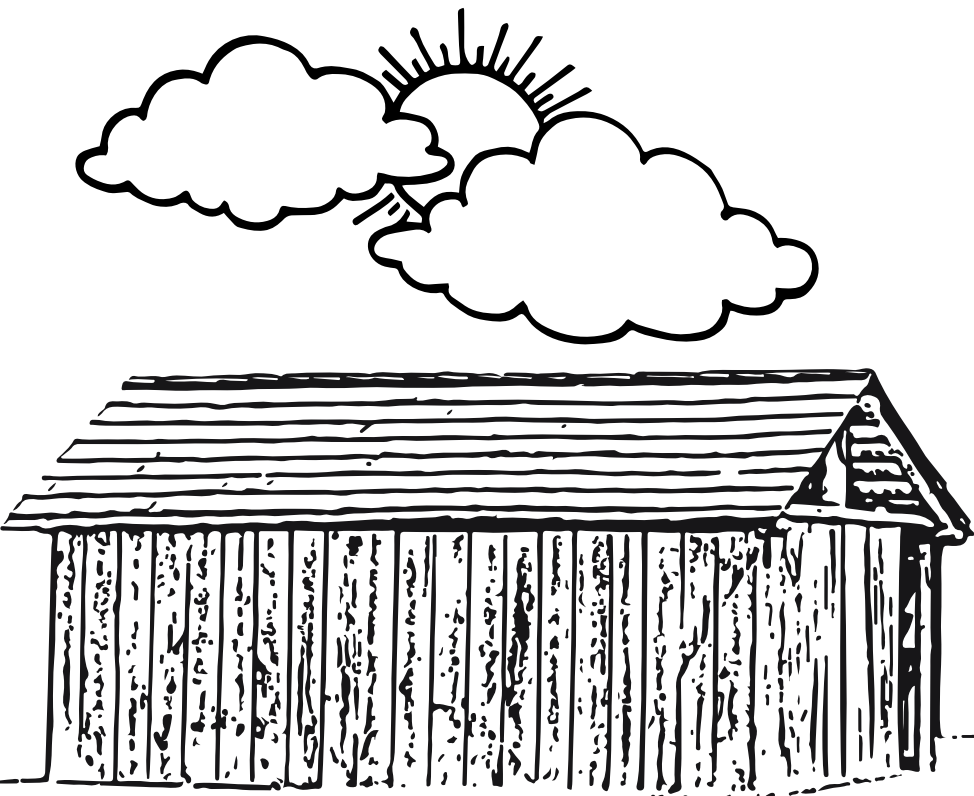
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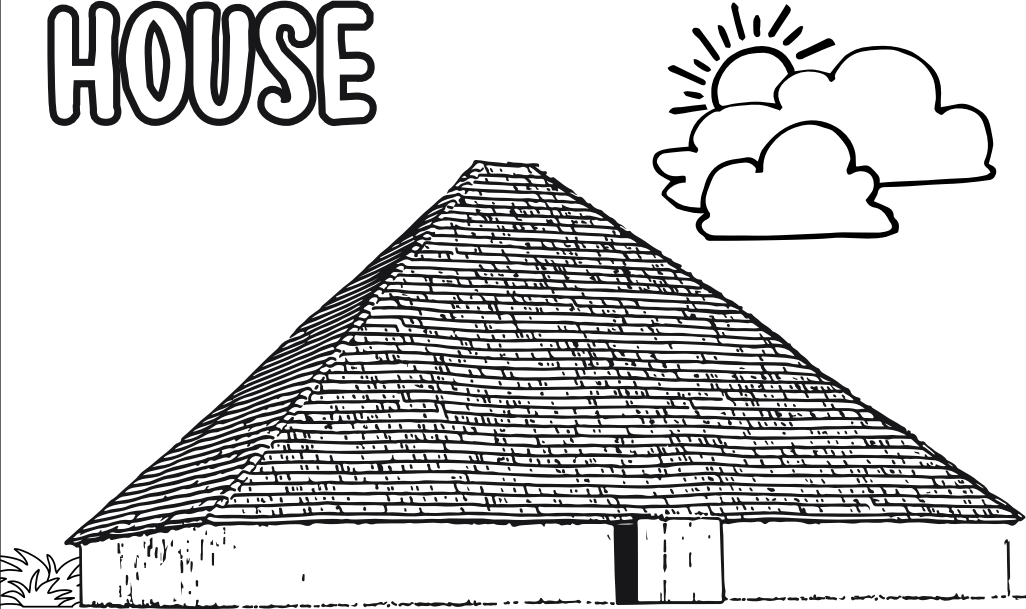


### SUMMER HOUSE



### WINTER HOUSE

### TRADITIONAL COUNCIL HOUSE



ALL STRUCTURES: KULLIHOMA TRIBAL RESERVE





### TRAIL MIX

Prep Time 5 mins	Serving Size ½ cup	Servings 8
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#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup corn squares cereal
- 1 cup wheat squares cereal
- 1 cup oat circles cereal
- ¼ cup raisins
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- ¼ cup chocolate chips
- ¼ cup peanuts

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Mix all ingredients together and serve.
- Store in plastic bag or airtight container.

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