

Tribe breaks ground for new Wellness Center in Ada



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by Chickasaw Nation elected officials and employees Feb. 8 during a groundbreaking ceremony initiating construction on a state-of-the-art Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center on Seabrook Road in Ada. From left, Chickasaw Nation Director of Health Engagement Brian Anoatubby, Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance, tribal legislator Lisa Impson, tribal Supreme Court Justice Linda Weeks, tribal legislator Nancy Elliott, Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, and tribal legislators David Woerz, Toby Perkins and Steve Woods.

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Chickasaw Wellness Center



ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by a host of dignitaries, Chickasaw citizens and community members Feb. 8 for a groundbreaking ceremony to begin construction on a state-of-the-art Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center.

Located at 228 Seabrook Road in Ada, the new Wellness Center will rise adjacent to the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center. The new facility is designed to meet the needs of Chickasaws and other community members for wellness facilities and services centered on improved health.

The new facility will be almost double the size of the existing center, which was built in 2004.

Gov. Anoatubby said both facilities represented an investment in the health of Chickasaw citizens and the community.

"We invested in this wellness center because we are committed to an awareness and emphasis on a healthy lifestyle," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Perhaps more importantly, Chickasaws and others in our community are increasingly making the decision to invest in

a healthy lifestyle.

"These people are taking the time and making the effort to live more active lifestyles. They are also investing in better nutrition because they understand these

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Artist's rendering of the Chickasaw Nation Outpatient Pharmacy building adjacent to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

Outpatient Pharmacy building construction kicks off

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby led groundbreaking ceremonies Feb. 13 signaling the start of construction on the Chickasaw Nation Outpatient Pharmacy Building, 1921 Stonecipher Blvd., in Ada.

The new Pharmacy Building, located on the Chickasaw Nation South Ada campus, will connect to the existing Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, and will provide additional space for expanded services.

Gov. Anoatubby said the new Pharmacy Building was an investment in the health quality health care for Chickasaw and other Indian patients.

"Quality health care is vital to enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The medical center and the pharmacy are part of our effort to make health care more accessible and more convenient."

Since the Chickasaw Nation

Medical Center, including the existing pharmacy, opened in 2010, more than 4.8 million prescriptions have been filled at the facility. The pharmacy service continues to show significant growth.

The new facility is designed to meet and exceed patients' expectations and prepare for future growth.

"We want to ensure we meet our goal of making quality health care convenient and accessible for

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Three Sisters stew is one of the culinary delights available for sampling at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Three Sisters Celebration.

Chickasaw Cultural Center hosts Three Sisters Celebration March 19-25

SULPHUR, Okla. - Celebrate the return of Spring at the Chickasaw Cultural Center's annual Three Sisters Celebration, March 19-25.

The Three Sisters festival features a variety of outdoor activities and games. These elements embrace the rebirth and rejuvenation of Spring, with a special emphasis on the cultural connection to horticulture.

An ancient Chickasaw method of gardening, "Three Sisters" (corn, beans and squash) uses an

intercropping system to grow the plants simultaneously while promoting soil fertility and healthy crops.

During the Three Sisters Celebration, horticulture-related activities such as butterfly garden tours, cultivation lessons, native plant tours and food tasting will be offered.

Participants may take part in a variety of games, including stickball, chunky and marbles.

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Former Lt. Gov. Kennedy Brown passes



KENNEDY BROWN

ADA, Okla. - Kennedy Brown, former Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, died Feb. 28. He was 78.

Mr. Brown devoted his working life to serving Chickasaw people. He was an early education advocate and worked for the President Lyndon Johnson Administration in the 1960s helping Indian and non-Indian at-risk students.

"Kennedy Brown exhibited selflessness, loyalty, honesty and integrity during more than four decades of service to the Chickasaw people," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "While he never sought personal attention for his work, his efforts have made an indelible imprint on the Chickasaw Nation.

As a long-time friend of Kennedy, my condolences go out to all the friends and family who share such a deep sense of loss.

"While this is a sad day for the entire Chickasaw Nation as we mourn the loss of such a great man, it is important we take time to celebrate all he did to enrich the lives of his family, friends and generations of Chickasaw people."

Mr. Brown was first employed by the tribe in 1974 when he was placed in charge of the Comprehensive Employment and Training program by then-Gov. Overton James.

In 1987, he was elected Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He was Gov. Bill Anoatubby's running mate when Gov. Anoatubby was elected to his first term as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Brown did not seek re-election in 1991. He was named Special Assistant to Gov. Anoatubby, a post he held until his death.

Funeral services are 11 a.m., Monday, March 5 at Crosspointe Church of Ada. A wake service is 6 p.m., Sunday, March 4 at Criswell Funeral Home, Ada. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery near Stonewall, Okla.

Complete obituary on page 19.

Chickasaw Nation collaborates with Love's Travel Stop



Governor Bill Anoatubby and Tom Love, center, outside Love's Travel Stop in Newcastle, Okla. Mr. Love is founder and executive chairman of Love's Travel Stops. In a first-of-its-kind collaboration, the Chickasaw Nation recently opened a casino in the Newcastle location. Gov. Anoatubby and Mr. Love are joined by Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance and Mr. Love's wife Judy, co-founder of Love's. Sixty new jobs are expected from the venture.

NEWCASTLE, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation has opened a casino in the newest location of Love's Travel Stops in Newcastle. The store, at 235 NW 24th Street, adds approximately 60 new jobs in Mc-

Clain County.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the new partnership developed out of a long term relationship with the family.

"We have enjoyed a close rela-

tionship with Tom and Judy Love and their family for years, and we look forward to expanding on that relationship through this

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investments offer great returns, from more energy and healthier weight to better sleep. A more active lifestyle and better nutrition may even reduce the chance of type 2 diabetes, heart disease and chronic illness."

The 25,350-square-foot Wellness Center will feature a free weight area, aerobic studio, large cardio room, separate exercise areas for adults and children, a hydration area, men's and women's locker rooms, an elevated walking track, a conference room and

office space.

In addition, a state-of-the-art interactive Prama studio - a cutting edge element in the health and fitness industry - will be featured in the new Wellness Center.

This interactive system, created by Pavigym, combines light and music to create an immersive and fun experience.

Interactive workouts can be programmed for beginners to elite athletes.

Only two other facilities in the U.S. feature this system, and the

Ada Wellness Center will be the first in Oklahoma.

"We believe this is another way to motivate and excite people to exercise and maintain a healthy lifestyle," Gov. Anoatubby said.

The Wellness Center exercise areas will be fully-equipped with treadmills, elliptical and rowing machines, free weights and strength equipment. In addition, the facility will continue to offer numerous exercise classes.

The new Wellness Center will be located across the street from

the Family Life Center, which serves as the current Ada Wellness Center. Opened in 2004, the Family Life Center marked a major milestone in the tribe's efforts to promote healthy lifestyles and preventive health care services.

Also located in Ardmore, Purcell and Tishomingo, Chickasaw Nation Wellness Centers provide education, mentoring, monitoring, incentives and access to activities to promote exercise, nutrition and overall improved health.

By providing access to equip-

ment and services offered at the three wellness centers, the Chickasaw Nation helps build a healthier community and reduce the health disparities faced by many Indian citizens.

Membership to the facilities is free for tribal citizens and employees and is also open to community members at a small fee.

For more information, please visit chickasaw.net/wellnesscenters.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by Chickasaw citizens, community members, elected officials, employees and construction officials Feb. 13 in a groundbreaking ceremony for a Chickasaw Nation Pharmacy Building, 1921 Stonecipher Blvd., in Ada. From left, Judy Fisher, Carolyn Nimmo, Chickasaw Nation Under Secretary of Operations Carrie Law; Chickasaw Nation Under Secretary of Tribal Health Chris Anoatubby; tribal Secretary of Health Dr. Judy Parker; tribal legislator Nancy Elliott, Gov. Anoatubby, tribal legislators Toby Perkins and Steve Woods; tribal Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon; and Rees Architectural representatives Farooq Karim and Shawn Kelly.

Michael Scott

the people we serve, and we are able to meet our current needs as well as preparing to meet our future needs.

"We are breaking ground on a facility that will help meet the needs of the people we serve for years to come."

The two-story, 32,000-square-foot Pharmacy Building will contain all state-of-the-art pharmacy

features, from a compounding room to a durable medical equipment supply center. The new facility will connect to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center through a corridor.

Using cutting-edge pharmacy robotics and software technology, the new facility is expected to fulfill as many as one million prescriptions annually.

The Pharmacy Building will also include a pharmacy call center, as well as a four-lane prescription drive-thru for added convenience.

Last year more than 108,000 patients were served through the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center pharmacy drive-thru window, an average of 295 patients a day.

New patient services in the

outpatient pharmacy facility include a durable medical equipment (DME) supply center. The 4,000-square-foot DME supply area will enable staff members to deliver devices, such as crutches, monitors and wheelchairs, conveniently and efficiently.

About Chickasaw Nation Outpatient Pharmacy

The Chickasaw Nation Pharmacy provides patients with prescription services, medication reconciliation services, a medication take-back program for

unwanted tablet or capsule medications, and medication therapy counseling on any prescription or over-the-counter product. Pharmacists also provide counsel regarding medication interactions with patient-specific illnesses.

To be eligible for pharmacy services, patients must have a CDIB or citizenship card from a federally-recognized tribe. Prescriptions must be written by a Department of Health provider.

For more information, please call (580) 436-3980 or (580) 421-4569 or visit Chickasaw.net.

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Walking to Stomp Out Sexual Assault April 14 at Ada's Wintersmith Park

The 2018 Walking to Stomp Out Sexual Assault event is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 14 at Wintersmith Park in Ada. The walk is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

This year marks the 10th year for the walk. The event raises awareness of sexual assault and educates the community on available services. The event is free and open to the public.

Free lunch and t-shirts will be provided while supplies last.

The Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program will offer tips and illustrate defensive tactics, and the Chickasaw Nation Dance program will present a dance performance.

For more information, contact Debra Campbell at (580) 272-5580 or Debra.Campbell@Chickasaw.net.

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Three Sisters - corn, beans and squash - and the return of Spring are celebrated at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Three Sisters Celebration, March 19-25.

Other scheduled events include make-and-take art, stomp dance demonstrations and storytelling.

"Bearer of the Morning - The Life of Te Ata Thompson Fisher" documentary will be screened daily at 1 p.m., in the Anoli' Theater during the Three Sisters Celebration.

The gripping documentary traces the life of Mary Thompson Fisher. Known as "Te Ata," the film tells of her life, from her Chickasaw roots in Indian Territory to the New York social scene and White House performances. It also offers details about her international travels in her later years.

A companion exhibit, "Bearer of the Morning - The Life of Te Ata Thompson Fisher," is now open in the Apaisa' Art Gallery.

The exhibit pays homage to Te Ata - "Bearer of the Morning" - for her long and distinguished career entertaining audiences across the globe.

The exhibit features personal artifacts from Te Ata's 60-plus-

year career, including a beaded buckskin dress on loan from the Chickasaw Nation Council House Museum Collection, belts, purses and bracelets she collected during her world travels, and hand-beaded moccasins, circa 1910. A hand drum used in Te Ata's performances and a pair of beaded sashes are also on display in the exhibit.

Authentic props used in filming the feature film "TE ATA," including a canoe, writing desk and a washing basin are also included in the exhibit.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center's Three Sisters Celebration is free and open to the public.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Cooper Memorial Drive, is open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130 or www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

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Rosetta Stone language software offers engaging Chickasaw lessons

The Chickasaw language software recently developed in association with Rosetta Stone can open up an exciting new world to Chickasaws.

Rosetta Stone Chickasaw offers 40 engaging lessons incorporating video, audio and still images. These lessons were developed in conjunction with native Chickasaw speakers. Users can work through lessons at their own pace and learn conversational Chickasaw phrases that may be incorporated into daily life.

Rosetta Stone is free to Chickasaw citizens. It is also available to Chickasaw Nation employees and



the general public at a reduced cost.

The technical requirements necessary for the software platform use are:

- A unique email address for each user
- A computer with internet connection
- A USB headset with microphone

A supported browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge)

Along with the software, users can take the lessons on-the-go with the new "Rosetta Stone Chickasaw" mobile application. Learn to speak Chickasaw anytime, anywhere! The mobile app is available for Apple and Android devices. Once registered for the program, credentials may be used to log in the mobile app "Rosetta Stone Advanced Languages."

To learn more about Rosetta Stone, visit Chickasaw.net/RosettaStone.

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Upcoming Events	
Genealogy Day March 8 Chickasaw Cultural Center Sulphur, Okla. (580) 622-7130	Mini Moccasins March 24 Chickasaw Council House Museum Tishomingo, Okla. (580) 371-3351
Bye Bye Birdie Performance Tour March 10 Fletcher Auditorium, Murray State College Tishomingo, Okla. (580) 387-7463	Rabbit Run 5K April 7 Purcell City Lake Purcell, Okla. (580) 559-0880
Beaded Collar Class March 13 Ardmore Community Center Ardmore, Okla. (580) 622-7140	Children's Fair April 7 Pontotoc County Agriplex Ada, Okla. (580) 421-8734
National Learn About Butterflies Day March 14 Chickasaw Cultural Center Sulphur, Okla. (580) 622-7130	Silk Painting with Patta Butcher March 17 ARTesian Gallery & Studios Sulphur, Okla. (580) 622-8040
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Chickasaw Nation reflects the promise of Spring's awakenings

We will soon leave the cold of Winter and enter Spring, the time of new awakenings. A sense of renewal comes into people's lives as cold winds begin their exit and Spring's warm breezes invite us outside. Spring is a time for engagement with our natural surroundings. It is also a time when we open our minds to the great potential before us, and to the blessings God has bestowed on us.

Our tribe reflects the promise of Spring, this most energetic and dynamic of the four seasons. We are together empowered to open all our doors and allow new opportunities to enter our lives.

Chickasaws naturally welcome renewal and refreshment. Our history reflects that fact.

When our people were removed to our new lands, they were faced with an array of challenges. They were starting new lives with very little. They were persistent and workmanlike, and dedicated to each other. But life was hard. Despite the harsh circumstances, they survived and even prospered, and we are justly proud of that ancestral history.

During the mid- to late-1800s, Chickasaws successfully built new lives and new communities. The end of the 19th Century ushered in more challenges in the forms of allotment and attempted termination of the tribe. After surviving those times of want and uncertainty, the 1950s brought about another era of termination attempts. It is a testament to those who came before us that there seemed to be no "quit" in the Chickasaw Nation or its people.



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
The Chickasaw
Nation

The modern era of the Chickasaw Nation has seen us break out into new and exciting territory. Our ancestors would no doubt be shocked at our tribe's progress! Never in history has our tribe experienced the opportunity, the great reawakening, that we are experiencing today.

We have built our own infrastructure to produce the resources that make our tribe a powerful, focused, nurturing entity. Together we have planned and executed a commercial framework that produces tremendous benefits to Chickasaw families everywhere.

We are always on track to help Chickasaws achieve their greatest dreams and aspirations.

We are proud of our Chickasaw Nation health care. From the ground up, we have together built a large health care operation dedicated to serving Chickasaws and other Indian patients. Chickasaws for generations ranked health care their top priority, and our tribe has responded positively.

We now have an exceptional medical center and health care clinics, all offering the professional care and treatment that produces healthier, happier, blessed lives.

We honor our history, our culture and our traditions through many forms of outreach. The Chickasaw Cultural Center is the premier facility of its type in the country, and our language is making a dramatic comeback through our cultural efforts.

In business, we stay on top of the changing needs and desires of our customers, and we invest in the elements that make our facilities favorite destinations.

All these things are important as we continue to build our businesses, our services and our outreach. But it is the Chickasaw people who are the source of our most significant accomplishments.

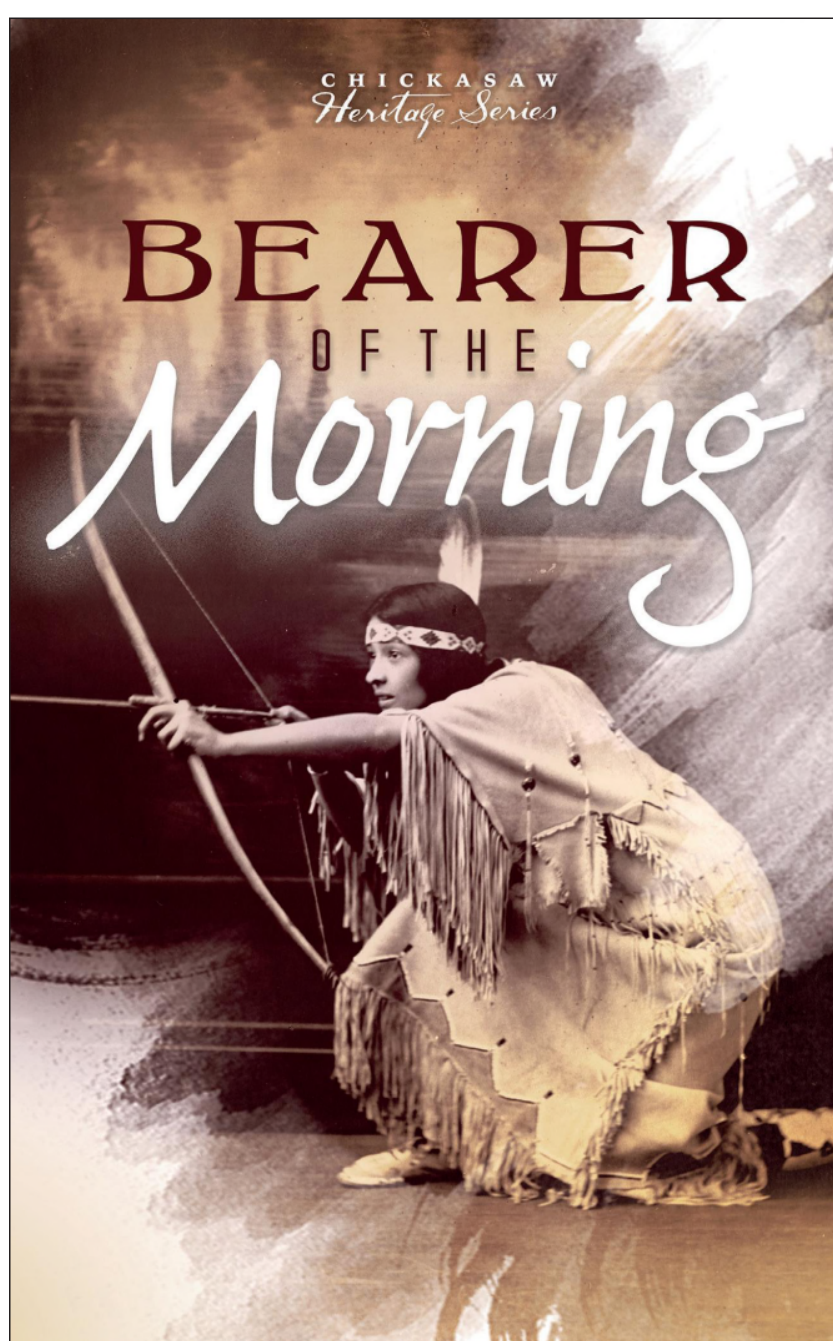
With the essential building blocks of quality education, health care, culture, housing, nutrition, family support and opportunity, Chickasaws have made tremendous strides in just a single generation.

When it comes to real results, our greatest investment – and the investment that produces by far the greatest return – is the Chickasaw people! All the efforts of the Chickasaw Nation are directed toward improving the lives of the people we serve, and Chickasaws are grabbing the opportunities and building great lives, great families.

Spring is on its way and we are thankful for this annual time of growth, refreshment and reawakening. Let's also be thankful for our tribe, our families and our friends.

We have achieved so much together – and there is so much more ahead for all Chickasaws!

'Bearer of the Morning' released during March's National Women's History Month



The true story of a Chickasaw woman who persevered to fulfill a mission of sharing Native American culture with the world is available now on DVD and Blu-ray, during National Women's History Month.

Chickasaw Nation Productions documentary "Bearer of the Morning - The Life of Te Ata Thompson Fisher," traces Mary Thompson "Te Ata" Fisher's path of changing perceptions and negative stereotypes while advocating the preservation of Native American cultures.

Through storytelling and performances, Te Ata devoted her life's work to sharing and promoting Native American culture worldwide, during a prolific career which began in 1919.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the documentary shared Te Ata's story and her impact on American history and culture.

"Te Ata was a great ambassador for Chickasaw people and for all Native Americans," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Her performances helped others better appreciate the positive contributions of Native Americans and helped shape cultural understanding in this great country."

Born Mary Thompson in Indian Territory in 1895, Te Ata married Clyde Fisher, director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York. She was best known by her stage name "Te Ata" (Bearer of the Morning), during her long and distinguished career entertaining audiences across the globe.

Using archival footage, family interviews and Te Ata's own words, the documentary offers a rare glimpse into Te Ata's personal life and mission to share and promote Native American culture worldwide.

Filmmakers scoured museum archives across the country while researching the project.

The film includes never-before-released footage of one of Te Ata's performances and rare video footage of Te Ata's performance at Hyde Park, N.Y., for Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Several members of the Thompson family share intimate stories of the famed Chickasaw storyteller in the documentary. History scholars and longtime acquaintances of Te Ata also provide unique insights into Te Ata's 60-plus year career.

Her dedication to educating

children and quest to serve as a Native American ambassador is also detailed through personal stories, photographs and rare video footage.

Narrated by Peter Coyote the approximately 60-minute documentary was produced and filmed entirely by Chickasaw Nation Productions.

"Bearer of the Morning - The Life of Te Ata Thompson Fisher" is available in March on DVD and Blu-ray.

To purchase online or to find a local retailer, or for more information, please visit chickasawfilms.com.

About National Women's History Month

The United States Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in 1987 to recognize, honor and celebrate the achievements of American women.

The 2018 National Women's History theme "Nevertheless She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women."

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Chickasaw Institute offers career courses for citizens

ARDMORE, Okla. - The Chickasaw Institute has recently announced a new semester of career courses for Chickasaw citizens.

Chickasaw Institute is a great career resource for Chickasaws. The Institute partners with technology centers, universities and colleges throughout the state to provide multiple courses. The menu features a combination of online, classroom and on-the-job career training, all offering opportunities for professional and personal development.

Beginning in March, citizens may apply for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), nursing assistant certification, medical coding or construction technology certification programs.

The HVAC, nursing assistant and construction technology programs are available in Ardmore. Classes are conducted at Southern Oklahoma Technology Center.

'Bye Bye Birdie' March 30 at Ada Cougar Activity Center

ADA, Okla. - The famed Broadway musical "Bye Bye Birdie" will be performed 7 p.m., Friday, March 30 at the Ada Cougar Activity Center on the campus of Ada High School.

Set in 1958, this musical follows the story of Conrad Birdie, a rock singer who travels to a small Ohio town to make his farewell televi-

sion performance, and his biggest fan before he is drafted.

Written by Michael Stewart, with lyrics by Lee Adams and music by Charles Strouse.

The performance is sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities. For ticketing information, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Participants will attend classes and complete on-the-job training at Chickasaw Nation sites during the program.

The medical coding course is set for Carl Albert Service Center in Ada, Okla. Clinicals take place at Chickasaw Nation Health facilities.

Courses begin in August and last 12-14 months, depending on the program.

Classes and job training are free to Chickasaw citizens. Eligible citizens can receive hourly pay for on-the-job training up to 40 hours per week for the duration of the program.

Applications can be submitted online at ChickasawInstitute.net and are due by Tuesday, May 1. Most recent high school or college transcript is required with applications.

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partnership," Gov. Anoatubby said "This project has already created additional employment opportunities in the area, and we believe it will benefit the local economy for years to come."

Tom Love, founder and executive chairman of Love's, said the opening of the new location offered an ideal opportunity for the new development.

"With its location along Interstate 44 and its proximity to Oklahoma City, Newcastle is a perfect location for a Love's Travel Stop," Mr. Love said. "We're happy to serve customers in another area of our home state, and we look forward to becoming part of the Newcastle community."

Opening of the Newcastle Love's marks the company's 74th location in Oklahoma. The first Love's opened in 1964 in Watonga, Oklahoma, and the com-

pany's main corporate offices are in Oklahoma City.

Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance said the partnership would leverage the experience and expertise of both entities.

"We look forward to strong results from this project," Mr. Lance said. "We believe this presents a significant opportunity to couple our expertise in gaming operations with Love's passion and their long and stellar track record for serving the traveling public with fuel, food and other retail products."

The new 24/7 travel stop is the third Love's location that features a Dunkin' Donuts restaurant. The new store also offers a Subway restaurant, fresh fruit, gourmet coffee, name-brand snacks and more.

Parenting Education classes offered Mondays

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation Parenting Education program provides high quality and up-to-date parenting information to those interested in learning more.

Classes are every Monday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., April 30 through July 16. Class location is the Chickasaw Nation Family Support office, 4001 N. Lincoln in Oklahoma City.

Classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required.

This course teaches families nurturing behaviors and how these behaviors can work within their unique family environment.

For more information, or to register, contact the parent and community education department at (580) 310-7900 or visit Chickasaw.net/Parenting.

Valentines, words of encouragement for young patients

Lighthouse officers share Valentine's Day cheer at OU Children's Hospital

OKLAHOMA CITY - Officers from the Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police Department delivered Valentine's Day treats to patients at OU Children's Hospital Feb. 12-14. The effort was in partnership with Cavett Kids, a group that offers summer camps to children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

Officers brought along therapy dogs and handlers. The therapy dogs and special visitors like the Lighthouse officers provide a positive experience for patients and their parents.

"It gives the kids some excitement" Cavett Kids diversionary play director Ashley Simpson said. "They come here worried about being at the hospital, nervous and full of anxiety. We bring in something unexpected you would not see at the doctor and make it into a fun experience. They remember the experience instead of the blood draw or being poked with the scary stuff. Anytime you can change the atmosphere and make it exciting and fun, whether its therapy dogs or special visitors or holiday parties, it changes the game for how the experience goes."

Lighthouse officers value seeing citizens in everyday situations and prioritize positive interactions with children as part of their community policing practices. In addition to hospital visits, officers read to children at local schools, attend community events, give safety presentations at Chickasaw Nation senior cen-



Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police officers, from left investigator Daniel Cloud, patrol officer Brandon Burchfield, Sergeant Brady Mills and volunteer Carla Templeton speak with Cavett Kids founder Danny Cavett and Ashley Simpson, director of diversionary play with therapy dogs Boone and Finn at OU Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City on Valentine's Day.

ters and nutrition centers, and find other ways to interact with community members.

"It is nice to know that we can come up here and still see kids from the communities we work in," investigator Daniel Cloud said. "This is a resource that is in Oklahoma City and citizens do not often see us in this part of the community, so it is nice that we can help them in their communities and impact citizens that are outside of Chickasaw Nation

boundaries as well. It is very humbling to come here."

Visits help build trust with community members, helping ease any fear they may have about law enforcement officers.

"It's important for the children to see us in normal situations," Lighthouse Sgt. Brady Mills said. "We want children to trust us and come to us when they have problems and not be scared of us. We want the community to see the other side of us. We're normal

people and we can be there for others all the time, not just when they need assistance with a problem. We like to be there for the simple things, too."

The community interaction has an uplifting influence on the police officers as well, Sgt. Mills said, offering a departure from the negative circumstances with which officers often must face.

"Community outreach lifts the moods of the officers," he said. "Getting out to see people in a

positive way gives them a boost. It is nice for us to see the positive side of things and have experiences like this at the hospital and is very humbling for us."

Lighthouse Investigator Daniel Cloud was inspired by the Cavett Kids organization and the work it does after seeing a presentation at the tribe's Riverwind Casino.

"After seeing the great things this organization does, it was awesome to be able to come here and participate in it," he said. "These kids are so resilient. I was expecting to see kids who were sad, but most of these kids' eyes light up when they see the therapy dogs and their eyes light up when they see us. They do not view us in a negative way at all. It makes you feel like you are doing something right."

About Cavett Kids

What started as a dream by founder Danny Cavett evolved into five camps serving nearly 360 children with various life-threatening and chronic illnesses. A difference is made in the lives of at least 12,000 children and their families each year by annual camps and ongoing programs.

The kids' diagnoses include leukemia, heart disease, cystic fibrosis, Crohn's disease and more. Learn more at Cavettkids.org.

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Chickasaw ballplayer dominates New Mexico prep hoops



Deven Thompson grabs a rebound in recent New Mexico prep basketball action. He leads the state with an average of 13.6 rebounds, and nearly 25 points per game. He also is a 2017 New Mexico state champion in discus. Photo courtesy of Santa Fe New Mexican.

SANTA FE, N.M. - A Chickasaw youth is towering over high school basketball competition in the Land of Sunshine.

At 6 feet 9 inches tall, Deven Thompson is holding court at New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD). He is averaging 24.4 points per game.

A junior, Deven's scoring average is third overall in New Mexico prep statistics. His average of 13.6 rebounds per game leads the state. His talent and imposing size have led the Roadrunners to a 17-4 record thus far this season.

He is also handily overwhelming opponents from distant states. NMSD is coming off an impressive 53-41 victory over Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf. The two squads went head-to-head in the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf annual tournament in Olathe, Kan., Feb. 10.

NMSD captured the title with Deven named tournament Most Valuable Player and tourney rebound champ.

NMSD has been playing in the Kansas tilt since 1970. This is the first year the school claimed the first place trophy.

One Big Boy

"Deven is the tallest player I have ever had or seen since I started coaching 1A, Deven's coach Letty Perez said in an interview with *the Albuquerque Journal*.

"He is one of a kind for our state. It's fascinating to see how a player of Deven's size draws fans and spectators, even (fans) not linked to our school."

Deven has been known as the "big fella" since showing up on campus as a five-year-old.

Deven's Chickasaw mother,

Amanda Thompson, said Deven entered the world at a whopping 9 pounds, 13 ounces.

Deven was born to silence. Mrs. Thompson contracted scarlet fever five months into her pregnancy and the illness took Deven's hearing. He was big and healthy otherwise.

Dathan Thompson, Deven's father, is 6'4" and Mrs. Thompson is 5'8" so his size, she said, was not totally unexpected.

His Chickasaw blood dates back before removal, Mrs. Thompson said, adding her Chickasaw parents are Russell and Kaye Naylor. "We're still researching our ancestry," Mrs. Thompson said.

Deven's sister, Bonnae, 13, attends middle school.

"It is amazing how well he is performing and I am so proud of him. It is exciting to see him excel," she said.

Turning it Around

Last year, the Roadrunners suffered a losing season.

A foot injury - coupled with surgery to correct it - cost Deven the 2016-17 season and his absence was felt by the team. NMSD plays in the 1-1A division of schools. NMSD is ranked ninth in New Mexico and its current win-loss record is fourth-best in 1-1A competition. In New Mexico, 1-1A is where small to mid-level attendance schools are included.

"The team rallies around Deven," coach Perez told *the Journal*. "When he is on the floor, the team performs better. When he is off the floor, I can see the impact on the other players' performance. Deven inspires confidence in the other players and that helps them play at a higher level. We actually have a good, balanced team, but

the difference is so evident with/without him."

For Deven, he is just pleased to be back on the court and helping his team succeed.

"I love playing with passion, which will lead me to good performances in the game, including scoring, rebounding and blocking shots, etc.," Deven said in the *Journal's* feature story. "As of right now, we are focused on regular season games and district playoffs. I have high expectations for our team and we will be prepared for the state tournament if we qualify for the state tournament."

The Journal reports Deven is coming off a huge game against District 1-1A rival Walatowa, scoring 40 points with 11 rebounds and three blocked shots (he leads District 1-1A with blocks) in a 52-50 win.

While dominant in hoops, Deven also plays football and is on the track and field team, winning a state championship in discus competition.

Hoping to Move Up

Deven celebrated his 18th birthday Feb. 22. He maintains a 3.49 grade-point average.

Mrs. Thompson said Deven wouldn't graduate until 2020 due to how schools for deaf students administer curriculum. He has aspirations to compete on a collegiate level. Coach Perez told *the Journal* she has been contacted by Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., the world's only university for the deaf, and Southwest

Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Big Spring, Texas.

Other schools may also recruit Deven, Mrs. Thompson said. His hearing affliction is challenging, but Division One schools may show an interest in him when he enters his senior year.

For now, Deven's goal is stay

healthy and help the Roadrunners go as far as possible.

"I believe that my presence on the court will be key for NMSD this season," he told *the Journal*. "I expect to face any situation and my goal is to be prepared for the game."

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New Mexico state champion

The Thompson family celebrates a state championship discus title earned in New Mexico School for the Deaf track and field competition in spring 2017. Family members are, from left, father Dathan, Deven, sister Bonnae and mother Amanda.

Ardmore Child Development Center receives Daffodil Award



The Ardmore Beautification Council recently recognized the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center with a Daffodil Award. The organization presents the award to recognize businesses and individuals for helping create a more beautiful community. Council member Dixie Harper said the Child Development Center was nominated for the award by numerous individuals. From left are Child Development Center assistant manager Pam Galles, manager Leslie Christian, and Beautification Council members Dixie Harper, Kay Laske, Betty Parkerson and Regina Turrentine. Council member Julie Maher is not pictured.

Tech whiz develops Android gaming app

Chickasaw teen conquers obstacles to win local 'Shark Tank'

STRATFORD, Okla. - Cody Greenwood's most cherished memories are of a not-that-long-ago childhood.

In his mind's eye appears a vision of the family sofa piled deep with sisters, cousins and friends waging video game combat.

His favorite game was "Crash Bash." Up to four players compete to win 28 mini-games in order to advance to increasingly difficult competitive levels.

"I was pretty much unbeatable at 'Crash Bash,'" the 18-year-old Stratford High School senior recalls with a shy laugh.

A decade later, he wished to relive the good ol' days of "Crash Bash" by playing it on his smart phone. However, "Crash Bash" was unavailable for gamers on Android devices. Only Apple phones supported it.

Undeterred, Cody decided he would develop the game for Android.

Determination

Sometime in 2013, Cody launched his quest. He did not doubt his ability to write computer code to bring it to life, but he was intuitively aware legal obstacles required skilled navigation.

He understood copyright and proprietary code owned by Sony could end his journey before it began.

"Writing an engine is easy," he said. "The only difficult part of the whole idea was trying to figure out a way to do it without infringing on any existing copyrights."

"Engine, script, dip switches, code, clock, beta" - all the easy stuff, as Cody puts it - can be rewritten, manipulated, tweaked, improved and debugged so "Crash Bash" for Android would look, feel and act just like the computer-based game he mastered years earlier.

He discovered he was not alone. Hundreds of global computer wizards were attempting to bring



Cody Greenwood and Jimyjo Lemmings pose with the first place check after winning East Central University's Tiger Tank.

PlayStation games to Androids. The group communicated online and embarked upon individual assignments to test, rewrite, fix or even create from scratch whatever was required to resuscitate the games.

Eighteen months later ... success!

On Google Play

Impressively dubbed ePSXe - a legal "spin off" of PSX marketed by PlayStation - the app is available on Google Play, which caters to Android users. Its cost is \$3.25, a pittance sum, really, to bring back the memories Cody fondly recalls.

"Others are responsible for the marketing of it," he said. "My participation was more behind the scenes."

Cody estimates more than 14,000 people worldwide started the project. When completed, that number had dwindled to 300. Along with Cody, the other 299 made the app a reality.

Cody is pleased he is credited with helping bring the game to Androids.

Offers to reward him financially were declined.

"I turned down an offer to earn a penny for every 25 downloads," he said. "I honestly was just happy being able to play childhood games I loved so much. I was a part of a great community and it was a wonderful opportunity."

The ability to bring games to an internet audience who enjoyed playing on computers years earlier lit up Cody's imagination. He consulted with Tammy Anderson, a Stratford High School computer science instructor who inspired him.

Cody thought he would showcase the accomplishment and enter its concept in the annual East Central (OK) University "Tiger Tank," where business ideas are pitched. It is fashioned after the popular television show "Shark Tank."

Ms. Anderson's enthusiasm

propelled Cody to enter.

First-Place Finish

Friend Jimyjo Lemmings was enlisted to create a Power Point presentation, freeing Cody to illustrate and explain his business pitch to Tiger Tank judges. He stayed true to his Chickasaw heritage. He included and thanked all of the teams who worked on the project with him.

"When they announced the third place winner, I thought we didn't get anything," Cody said.

It only dawned on him he won first place when the awards presenter could not pronounce ePSXe.

"I was sitting there and I got chills down my spine," Cody recalled. "People were staring at me saying 'tell her how to pronounce it.' Finally, someone shouted it out and (the presenter) just said 'come on up and get your award.'"

Cody's first place finish paid \$250, which he generously shared with others who worked on the project.

"God has blessed me with the gift to understand and utilize (computer technology) better than most people can," he said. "To me, it's pretty cool. When it comes down to numbers or math or things like that, I just don't get it. But you can set a computer in front of me and within 20 minutes I can figure it out."

Cody said he put in the time and dedication because "I wanted to relive my old childhood memories."

While Cody celebrates his accomplishment, he also admits all the time he put in left him uninterested in playing the game.

"Yeah," Cody chuckled, "I haven't played the game since I pitched it at Tiger Tank months ago."

Asperger's Syndrome

Cody's accomplishments are even more impressive when one takes into account he suffers from Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism.

Cody was just three when diagnosed after he "acted out" in class, his mother, Summer Greenwood, said.

Mrs. Greenwood now sees the signs she missed early.

"I remember we would go to family gatherings and he would isolate himself from his cousins or just go off and play by himself," she said. "We didn't think much of it. We thought it was just his personality."

Asperger's Syndrome is a condition in which social interaction and communication "cues" are

confused. A grimace may appear as aggression, or general laughter may be interpreted as taunting. Cody suffers from sensory overload as well.

Cody strives for self-improvement so he consciously places himself in situations uncomfortable for him.

He is a member of Stratford FFA and engages in public speaking and shows sheep in the county livestock show.

In 2015-16, he donned the Stratford High School Bulldog mascot uniform to cheer on the football team. Cody shook hands, hugged children and interacted with fans.

"I have overcome a diagnosis that predicted I would (not) achieve some of the things I have in my life, such as the speech competitions, livestock showing and (being) school mascot just to name a few, Cody said.

"I want to be an example that people with disabilities are capable of incredible things and that a label like autism does not define you."

New Challenges

When he graduates in May, Cody plans to attend East Central. He is considering computer science as a major. A degree in mass communications has piqued his interest as well. He would use it, he said, to hone his ability to "pitch business ideas."

"I want to make a difference," he said. "I want to build something new. If I were to develop technology like an iPhone, there is one organization I would love to represent and that's the Chickasaw Nation. I want to do something for the Chickasaw Nation because of all the great things it has done for me."

Cody's older sisters, Kelsey Babbitt and Kortney Greenwood-Samis, are employed by the Chickasaw Nation. Both earned degrees from East Central in Native American Studies. His father, Jeff, works for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and his mother manages the home in Stratford.

Their Chickasaw roots can be traced to Frank Greenwood, an original enrollee who came to Indian Territory with the tribe during removal.

Mrs. Greenwood said the original land allotment is still owned by the family. It is located in Milburn, in Johnston County.

"It's the home place," she said. "Jeff hunts there and we visit it often. It's an important part of who we are."

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Bourland part of national championship team

Chickasaw law student takes top honors at moot court



CONNOR BOURLAND

Anyone who has stood before a judge in a courtroom understands anxiety. Blood pressure rises, pulse rate quickens, breathing shortens. It is a nervous time that for most of us can't end soon enough.

But for Connor Bourland, facing not one, but several judges, it was the opportunity of a lifetime.

Mr. Bourland, a 24-year-old Chickasaw and University of Oklahoma law student, joined with two teammates to earn a national championship in the 2018 Andrews Kurth Kenyon Moot Court National Championship.

Governor Bill Anoatubby congratulated Mr. Bourland and the team, as well as the faculty and staff at OU College of Law.

"This achievement by Connor and the other team members under the direction of the team at OU College of Law is a source of great pride," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Success against such formidable competition demonstrates what can be accomplished when knowledge and expertise are combined with hard work and perseverance. This win also helps illustrate that the legal education available at the University of Oklahoma is truly among the best in the world."

The yearly competition was in January in Houston where Mr. Bourland and his team competed against 15 of the nation's top law

programs.

"It's a true national championship competition with the best of the best going against each other for three straight days," he said.

Each team is presented a scenario about which they must write a legal brief and then prepare to argue both sides of the issue.

"We're writing for a fake problem dealing with real legal issues as if we were writing to the U.S. Supreme Court," Mr. Bourland said.

The meat of the "problem" in this year's event had to do with whether or not the Federal Emergency Management Agency could limit access to private nonprofit organizations by using religious activities as criteria for ineligibility.

Mr. Bourland and his two teammates engaged in research, review and editing. They produced a 50-page brief on the subject.

"During the brief writing process we stressed over every word and every sentence," he said. "This one is too long. This doesn't make sense. I don't like how we're saying this, etc."

Inevitably, disagreements arose.

"We might butt heads a little bit, but that's the nature of having strong personalities in the same room," he said. "The reason we did so well is because we all understood we don't know everything and we were able to say, 'okay, help me come up with an answer to this question.' We really tried to focus on the collaborative aspects of being on that team. That's really what carried the day, I think."

Oral arguments took an equal amount of work. The team presented its case to professors, alumni and Oklahoma judges, including two Oklahoma Supreme Court justices.

The intense preparation paid big dividends.

"We beat Georgetown (University Law Center), the two-time defending champion," he said. "Then we went to the semis and

beat Chicago-Kent (College of Law)."

Next up were finals where team members presented their case in front of a former Texas Supreme Court justice, a current Texas Supreme Court justice and a Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals judge.

Mr. Bourland's team defeated Ohio State (University of Moritz College of Law) and won. The OU team compiled a 7-0 record and ended the competition undefeated national champions.

The tension of waiting over two hours to find out who won was nearly unbearable for the OU team. When the final decision was announced, months of preparation and work were rewarded.

"We were screaming and making absolute fools of ourselves," Mr. Bourland said. "It was incredible. It is something I will absolutely never forget."

The team's brief also garnered second place overall.

Thompson & Knight, a law firm in Dallas, Texas, has recruited Mr. Bourland following his May graduation and completion of the Texas bar exam.

"They've asked me to join their litigation section and I have accepted," he said.

Mr. Bourland is also exploring the possibility of a one-year clerkship for a federal district judge while his new law firm holds the position open.

"It's a valuable year of experience if you can get it," he said.

Mr. Bourland's Chickasaw ancestry comes from his father's side of the family. He has been told his great-great-grandfather, William Franklin Bourland Sr., was one of the founders of OU's college of law.

"I think I'm the fourteenth member of my father's side of the family to attend OU in some capacity," he said.

Mr. Bourland and his wife, Bethany, plan to move to Dallas in May to begin their new adventure.

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Portrait presentation



Nineteen-year-old Chickasaw citizen Abby Gaines, of Allen, Oklahoma, presents Governor Bill Anoatubby with a portrait Feb. 23 at Chickasaw Nation headquarters.

Chickasaw citizen and aspiring artist Abby Gaines, 19, of Allen, Oklahoma recently created a drawing of Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"It is obvious from the quality of this portrait that Abby certainly has a great deal of talent," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It was very touching to learn how much time and effort she put into creating this work. It was even more moving to receive this gracious gift from a young lady who is a model of the Chickasaw traits of perseverance, commitment and compassion."

Ms. Gaines started drawing at a young age. She became interested in art after she tore her ACL while playing softball.

"I like to draw people more than anything else," she said. "One

night, I was flipping through the Chickasaw Nation calendar, practicing drawing facial features, and I saw Governor Anoatubby's photo. That's when I told my mom 'I'm going to try to draw Governor Anoatubby.'"

The portrait, she said, took four hours to complete.

"It was certainly an honor to be able to draw him," Ms. Gaines said. "When I was drawing the portrait, I never thought I would have been able to give it to him."

Ms. Gaines' grandfather William Gaines inspired her to start drawing.

"He bought me my first set of drawing pencils," she said.

Ms. Gaines hopes to attend art school in the future.

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So many ways to become involved with your tribe; step up today!

For Chickasaws living within the Chickasaw Nation, in all the states and most territories of the U.S., and around the world, your tribe is here to serve you!

Our mission at the Chickasaw Nation is to make your life better. Our tribe offers so many ways to access the hand up you may be seeking to improve your situation.



DAVID WOERZ
Chairman,
Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature

There are great programs and services for you, and many of these you can participate in regardless of where you live. As chairman of your Chickasaw Legislature, it is my job to ensure proper legislation is moving through this body. And proper legislation means the type of bills that establish or enhance the items that are most helpful to Chickasaws.

Many Chickasaws who live a distance from the Chickasaw Nation are now taking advantage of cultural programs that strengthen their connections to the tribe. One of the most popular of late is the Chickasaw language program. This is a great way to become connected! The tribe has entered into an agreement with Rosetta Stone and you, as a citizen, can access this service for free. Get started today

and learn at least a little Chickasaw. You will be amazed at what doors it will open to you!

Upcoming for our younger citizens are the Chickasaw Camps and Academies. These are exceptional courses for students and there is a large menu from which to choose. Whatever your interest, or your children's interests, please get involved with a summer camp or academy. You will not only expand your knowledge, but you will make connection with so many Chickasaws!

A great way to get connected are the Chickasaw Community Councils and citizen groups. These entities now exist across the country and bring together Chickasaws regularly. Please get involved today. You'll be glad you did!

There is so much more! Please call or write me anytime with questions, ideas or suggestions. I always love hearing from Chickasaws!

David Woerz

Health care managers available to At-Large citizens and elders

Health care managers are available to provide program information for At-Large citizens and elders residing within tribal boundaries. Chickasaw citizens living outside the tribal boundaries or Chickasaw elders within the boundaries over age 60 can access Tribal Health Case Managers. The managers are available to answer questions regarding Chickasaw Nation Health programs.

At-Large Chickasaw Citizens (all age groups)

If you are a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries and would like more information on Chickasaw Nation Department of Health programs and services, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager at (800) 851-9136, ext. 61097.

Chickasaw Elders Age 60 and Older

If you are a Chickasaw elder over the age of 60, and live within tribal boundaries, contact Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at (800) 851-9136, ext. 80110.

Great meeting members of the Northern Calif. Chickasaw Community Council

Chokma,
I hope all is well with you and your family.

I had the privilege of attending the first quarter meeting of the Northern California Chickasaw Community Council. It was the largest regular meeting with more than 90 in attendance. I want to thank Phil Reynolds and the board for their work in organizing a great event. Award winning Chickasaw artist Dustin Mater was the guest speaker and gave a very interesting presentation on gorgets, a ceremonial piece of either stone, shell, or metal worn around the neck. You can view some of Dustin's amazing artwork and gorgets at www.dustign.com. A very special time of the meeting program was when we paused and showed our gratitude and appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our Chickasaw veterans in attendance. If you are a Chickasaw veteran or an active military member and have not joined the Chickasaw Warrior Society, you can find information and an application at www.chickasaw.net/warriorsociety.

We recently broke ground on two projects in Ada. The first was for a new state-of-the-art Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center. The new center will be nearly double in size of the current center and will include an interactive Prama studio, one of only three currently in the United States. The second project is the construction of a new Outpatient Pharmacy Building which will be attached to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center on the South Ada Campus. It will be a two-story 32,000 square-foot building with advanced robotics and software technology, and it will include space for a compounding room, pharmacy call center, and a durable medical equipment center. Improving access to quality health care is a vital function of our mission of enhancing the overall quality of life for our Chickasaw people.

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

Toby Perkins, Legislator
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Oliver Neil, Don Yegge, David Woerz, Ron Alison, Jim Hartline, Toby Perkins, Jeffrey Turner, Louis Parker.

Chickasaw elders continue to be a primary focus of our tribal efforts

Chokma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District!
One of our most precious resources is our esteemed Chickasaw elders.

Throughout our history, our people have appreciated, respected and revered our elders.

Thanks to the focused and difficult work our elder Chickasaws accomplished throughout the years, our sovereignty and integrity preserved and we maintained our strong Nation.

These individuals built the strong foundation on which the Chickasaw Nation's success was built.

They helped make our success what is today and for this and many other reasons, the Chickasaw Nation offers many programs and opportunities specifically for elders.

Our elders can enjoy 11 senior centers within the Chickasaw Nation and a senior nutrition program in Oklahoma City.

These facilities provided 191,117 healthy and balanced meals in fiscal year 2016.

Many seniors in the Tishomingo area are enjoying the new senior center in Tishomingo which was

recently opened and construction on the new senior center in Oklahoma City continuing.

Providing a place for a good meal and fellowship, as well as access to health care for our elders are among top priorities.

The 2016 Progress Report indicates more than 13,700 over-the-counter medications were provided to our elders at no cost.

The Native American Caregiver Support program served 43 individuals caring for Native American elders and Native American elders raising grandchildren in 2016.

The Chickasaw Nation elderly specialists assisted nearly 1,700 elders with finding resources, completing applications and gathering needed documentation to obtain services.

From caregiver support to firewood to the elder's chore program and assisted living supplement program, our goal is to provide for our elders needs as a way to meet our mission to "enhance the overall quality of life of all Chickasaw people."

For more information on these elder services, please call 580-795-9790.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Chokma'shki,
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First four months of fiscal year show consistent results

Financial report moving to online platform in April

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Department of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

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

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending January 31, 2018

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$21.6 million for the month and \$90.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$18.4 million for the month and \$62.7 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through January totaled \$474.1 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$112.1 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$32 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At January 31, 2018, the tribal government funds had \$450.2 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$23.1 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total

does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$393.6 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of January 31, 2018, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$2.46 billion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Four Months Ending January 31, 2018			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 10,167,975	474,129,398	484,297,373
Transfers From Businesses To Tribal Government	80,036,819	(80,036,819)	-
Total Funds Available	90,204,793	394,092,579	484,297,373
Expenditures			
General Government	2,844,903	-	2,844,903
Legislature	1,003,670	-	1,003,670
Judiciary	478,837	-	478,837
Education	11,218,175	-	11,218,175
Heritage Preservation	10,095,808	-	10,095,808
Health	7,844,028	-	7,844,028
Youth Services	2,461,740	-	2,461,740
Family Services	6,613,360	-	6,613,360
Nutrition Programs	3,230,676	-	3,230,676
Regulatory	5,173,324	-	5,173,324
Assistance Programs	11,745,760	-	11,745,760
Gaming Expense	-	269,832,047	269,832,047
Other Businesses' Expense	-	92,223,403	92,223,403
Total Expenditures	62,710,282	362,055,450	424,765,732
Increase In Net Assets	27,494,512	32,037,129	59,531,640
Beginning Net Assets	932,132,706	1,470,660,869	2,402,793,575
Ending Net Assets	\$ 959,627,218	1,502,697,997	2,462,325,215

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets January 31, 2018			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash And Investments	\$ 450,157,913	393,567,739	843,725,652
Receivables	225,365	137,040,905	137,266,270
Inventory	452,065	7,893,655	8,345,720
Prepaid Expenses	-	24,640,888	24,640,888
Other Assets	7,173,823	1,050,000	8,223,823
Fixed Assets	508,212,899	1,105,895,955	1,614,108,854
Less Payables	(6,594,847)	(167,391,145)	(173,985,992)
Net Assets	\$ 959,627,218	1,502,697,997	2,462,325,215

Trail ride through Chickasaw Ranch raises awareness of autism issues

On November 4, 2017, my husband and I participated in the Autism Trail Ride which was held at the Chickasaw Ranch in Davis, Oklahoma. The Autism Trail Ride was started by Kaylan Allen as a community service project for 4-H. She wanted to raise awareness about Autism. While working on her project she met a couple who hope to build a retreat, Sulphur Springs Special Needs



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Retreat for families with disabilities. Their vision is to provide not only a place to meet but develop work opportunities for disabled citizens. The trail boss for the ride was Mr. Gary Pratt, ranch manager of Chickasaw Ranch. We had a great time riding the property and seeing the sights of wild mustangs, hay crops and pecan groves ripe for harvest. As we returned back to the base camp, we were greeted with a lunch prepared over the campfire. A big pot of homemade stew, a big pot of homemade chili and fresh coffee brewing. Other homemade treats were prepared as well. We had a wonderful time riding, visiting and eating! A few items were auctioned off to add money to the fund raising efforts. Thank you to Gary Pratt and the Chickasaw Ranch for hosting the event. I can't wait to do this again.

On January 4, 2018, I experienced a different kind of ride - total knee replacement! After years of procrastinating, I decided to start the year off with a change. The knee was replaced on Thursday and I was sent home on Friday. Kind of fast turnaround but they assured me all would be well. Let me say I could not have done this without the assistance of my dear husband, Rick and family/friends. After two months of physical therapy I am about ready to go. The new knee is doing well but I still have aches from time to time due to weather changes! So if you haven't seen me or heard from me in a while that is where I have been! Let me encourage all of you that if you need a repair or replacement of a body part, get it done! Putting it off doesn't make it better or fix it! Avoiding the needed procedure, created many side issues for me that I am currently trying to correct. My goal is to get back in the saddle for the next trail ride and back on the trail visiting Chickasaw Citizens!

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. James 1: 17
Beth



Reauthorization of Special Diabetes Program for Indians a big step

Hello everyone, I hope each of you are ready for some spring weather. In February I had the honor of representing the Oklahoma City IHS Area at the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee meeting in Reno, Nevada. Rear Admiral Michael Weahkee, Acting Director of Indian Health Services met with us to discuss future funding and distribution of the reauthorized funds.



CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

On February 9, 2018 a bipartisan Congress renewed the Special Diabetes Program of Indians for another two years at the current funding rate of \$150 million per year.

This is important to Indian country so that tribes throughout the United States can continue to fund their diabetes treatment and prevention programs.

Tribal leaders partner with organizations such as the National Indian Health Board, the American Diabetes Association and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to advocate for mandatory funding to keep our diabetes programs serving our citizens.

At this time I would like to thank Congress for reauthorizing the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and realizing what a successful program it is, and thank you to all of those who played a part in making it happen.

God bless you,
Connie Barker
Pickens District Seat 2

New wellness center, pharmacy building dedicated to Chickasaw health

Chokma, chinchokma, Hello, how are you? The Chickasaw Nation is growing with leaps and bounds! Health care and preventive health have always been one of the top priorities of the Chickasaw Nation. The Chickasaw Nation has built and operates four Wellness Centers across the Nation in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, and Purcell. This program has been so popular with



NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

not only our citizens, but also the communities, that we have actually outgrown the Ada Wellness Center.

So, on February 8, we had the privilege of breaking ground on a brand new, 25,350 square-foot, Wellness Center, which will be nearly double the size of the existing facility. The new facility will be located across the street from the current Ada Wellness Center, which will continue to be used for community and youth activities. Members will still have access to the swimming pool in the current facility, as the new facility will not have a pool. However, the new Ada Wellness Center will be filled with exciting new features, such as interactive technology, state-of-the-art equipment, and a children's fitness area.

Some of the goals of the wellness centers are to provide education, mentoring, monitoring, and incentives, in addition to the most up-to-date exercise equipment. The staff of the wellness centers are always willing to help each member reach their goals, and they work hard to make exercise an enjoyable part of a healthy lifestyle for the members and to get our children involved at an early age.

We were also blessed in February, to break ground on a new two story, 32,000 square-foot Pharmacy building, that will be built on the north side and connected to, the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, OK.

We have seen much success in our pharmacy programs, which include the Online Pharmacy Refill Center and the Native and Non-Native Spouse Prescription Program. Growth in the number of patient visits and increased prescriptions have led to an increased need for pharmacy services.

The new Pharmacy will also include space for some specialty clinics. We are indeed blessed to be able to provide state-of-the-art health care facilities for our people.

If you need information about the Pharmacy program, you can call (580) 436-3980, and for the Native and Non-Native Spouse Prescription Program, call (855) 478-8725. Information can also be obtained at the website, www.chickasaw.net.

It is always exciting to see ground breakings, because new buildings mean more jobs and expanded services for our citizens.

Hope you all have a very healthy and happy year! Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
Nancy
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Youth Arts Month Celebration March 10

March marks Youth Arts Month and Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities plans to celebrate.

The 10th anniversary of Youth Arts Month celebration is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 10 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi Ave., in Ada.

This year's theme, "Peace, Love and YAM" will feature interactive art booths, dance breaks, martial arts demonstrations, snacks, games and more.

Every March, Arts & Humanities hosts the carnival-like event to celebrate National Youth Art Month to advocate for the Arts.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email Gwen.Postoak@Chickasaw.net.

Spring music concert April 28

ADA, Okla. - A spring music concert is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at the McSwain Theatre in downtown Ada.

The concert will showcase the talents of students in the School of Guitar and School of Piano.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Update address online or by phone!

It is a happy new year when we can keep in touch with Chickasaw citizens!

Let us know your physical address with an easy address update online or by phone.

Receive important news, resources, guides and help us respond when you are affected by a natural disaster or weather emergency when you add your current information online at www.chickasaw.net/address or call (888) 661-0137.

2017-2018 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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March Wind is a jolly fellow;
He likes to joke and play.
He turns umbrellas inside out
And blows hats away.....

Happy March From Sisters Hand in Hand

Hold on to your hats for the Monday, March 12, 2018, Widow's Banquet, 6-8 PM. Grace Christian Fellowship, 15900 County Road 3563 Loop, Ada Partnering with Ada Church of the Nazarene. RSVP by March 7th. to Debbie Wall at (580)235-2090

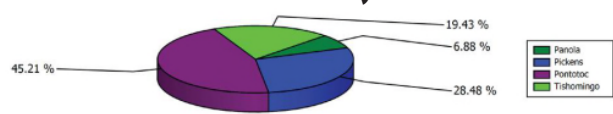
Ada Senior Center Gift Shop

The gift shop is located inside the Chickasaw Nation Ada Senior Center at 1005 Chamber Loop Road, in Ada. Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call (580) 436-1007 for more information.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	2,350	Pontotoc	15,442
Pickens	9,727	Tishomingo	6,636
		Total	34,155

Count of Voters by District



Take advantage of the many ways to learn our beloved native language

Chokma! Chinchokma? Hello! How are you? Did you know that the Chickasaw people have less than 50 Native speakers? There are around 5,000 people currently learning how to speak Chickasaw referred to as 2nd language learners. They are learning the language through a variety of resources, such as Rosetta Stone, the Anompa app on Apple devices, and through the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program. Of the 5,000, roughly five people are currently described as advanced, conversational 2nd language learners.

As Legislators, we are excited to do our part in supporting the initiative of promoting and preserving our Chickasaw language. A few of us have been meeting monthly to do just that. We are fortunate to have our Chickasaw Elder, Stanley Smith, teach us in a group session. Stanley is a beautiful speaker and mentor, and a very patient teacher as we go through this process. Lately, during one of our sessions, I was touched when Stanley made this statement: "The Chickasaw language is one of the most beautiful languages I have ever heard." We all agreed with him, and the opportunity to listen to our Chickasaw Elders and others speak the Chickasaw language so eloquently, makes me feel proud of my heritage.

I also feel fortunate that I can work in an environment that allows and welcomes prayer. It is customary to begin every Legislative session with a prayer, first in Chickasaw and then followed in English. Anompilbash-sha' iloasilhha' - "Let's pray?" Ii, asilhhala'ka - "Yes, I can pray." Our language is a unique gift that needs to be guarded and preserved. I am grateful to those who speak the language, and who are committed to the research and development to keep the language alive and thriving. To do this, many of us will need to get involved to support this effort. I am looking forward to learning to speak my Chickasaw language, and I hope you will join us!

If you are interested in learning the Chickasaw language, there are many opportunities to get started. Just go to www.ChickasawLanguage.com for a variety of video resources and information. If you are interested in Rosetta Stone, visit <https://chickasaw.net/Services/Rosetta-Stone.aspx>, click on the Rosetta Stone Application, and sign up. For the Anompa App and (if you do not have an iPhone), you can visit www.chickasaw.net/anompa. By visiting this website, you will get all the information that others receive on their iPhone App. For all other inquiries, please visit Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture specifically the Department of Language for all other questions or additional guidance. As always, it is an honor to serve as your Legislator

Karen

Now is time to take advantage of tribe's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance help

Chockma, The Chickasaw Nation provides many services to our people. We have over 200 programs and services that are provided to Chickasaws. Our services cover a broad range to assist our citizens. One program that is beneficial to many people this time of year is the Chickasaw Nation Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).



SCOTT WOOD

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With April 17th being the income tax filing deadline, there is still time to utilize this service. We have several sites from Oklahoma City to southern Oklahoma to aid Chickasaws with this program. To ensure a quality service, the VITA program has IRS volunteers to provide assistance with your tax preparation.

To qualify your earnings must be less than \$54,000 per year for individuals and families. You must provide two forms of ID, Social Security card for you and any dependents on the tax return, photo ID, W2s, 1099s or anything applicable to filing a return. If you are a new client to this service, a copy of last years tax return must be provided.

For more information about this great service go to Chickasaw.net and type VITA in the search

engine.

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

Chipisala cho anowa, (Until I see you again)
Scott Wood Tishomingo District Seat 1
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Housing Counseling and Loan Services

The Chickasaw Nation Housing Counseling and Loan Services program provides a variety of programs and services regarding the biggest purchases most people will make.

All the services, with the exception of the down payment and closing cost grant, are open to Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees.

For more information or an application, contact Housing Counseling and Loan Services at (580) 421-8800 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

Early history of tribe in Indian Territory heavily influenced by Gov. Cyrus Harris

As a direct descendant of our first elected Chickasaw Governor, Cyrus Harris, I have been trying to learn more about him, what important events were happening around him during his time and how I can learn from what was important to our tribe during that period of our history.

The Chickasaw Nation had signed a treaty (Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek) in 1830, with the Choctaws, agreeing to a joint government upon arrival into Indian Territory. With the Choctaws maintaining a majority rule under this new government (their numbers were quite a bit larger than our estimated 5,000) the Chickasaws were in fear of being completely absorbed into the Choctaw Nation. On January 17, 1854, we made a tribal agreement with the Choctaws at Doaksville, Indian Territory and a year later, a treaty of separation was entered into at Washington on June 22, 1855, allowing the Chickasaws to be completely independent of the Choctaws.

During a mass convention at Tishomingo on August 30, 1856, we adopted a formal, written constitution. Under this new constitution, we formed a government similar to that of the United States Government, with a governor, house of representatives and senate. Cyrus Harris was elected the first governor of the Chickasaw Nation in August of 1856 under this new form of government.

Governor Harris was held in very high esteem by the tribe. He was elected to the position of governor five different times. He saw hard times for the tribe during the Civil War and had a vision of what he thought would become of our tribe years before it ever happened; that our lands in Indian Territory would be taken away with the construction of railroads and the increased settlement of non-natives into the area.

After a great degree of unrest around his last election in 1878, Governor Harris withdrew from the race and returned to his home in Mill Creek and passed away in 1888. He was buried near the creek, but with the rising of the creek, the land around his grave began to erode and his grave was moved to a nearby cemetery. It is currently located off Highway 177 just south of Sulphur, OK.



March 31 is deadline to apply for Toksali SMART program

Native American youth have the opportunity to gain real-world work experience while earning up to \$2,000 by participating in the Chickasaw Nation Toksali Successful Mindsets with Attitude and Readiness for Tomorrow (SMART) Program.

The program is open to Indian youth ages 14 through 21. **Deadline for application is March 31.**

Toksali SMART participants gain valuable work experience and learn about higher education resources. Job placement assistance is also available.

Participants are trained in Chickasaw Nation core values, Chickasaw language, financial literacy, wellness, nutrition, customer service, and community service opportunities. Character and leadership development are key program elements.

More than 680 Indian youth participated in the program last year. Many were successfully placed in jobs aligned with their interests.

Many participants have gone on to work with the Chickasaw Nation, often attaining leadership roles through diligence and hard work.

Experiences may include job shadowing, mentoring, leadership opportunities and job training. Worksites are both within the Chickasaw Nation and local communities.

Applications for Toksali SMART will be accepted through March 31. Applications and supporting documents can be submitted online.

The Toksali SMART program is a valuable experience for youth ages 14-21. The program invites all Native American youth who live within the Chickasaw Nation to apply.

For more information, or to apply, visit Chickasaw.net/ToksaliSMART.

CONTRIBUTED BY Taylor Owen, Public Affairs

Our ancestors' work assured our tribe would have a thriving justice system

Chokma! Spring is on the way!!! It is my favorite time of the year, as I look forward to the trees budding out, the grass turning green, and all the plants sprouting their new growth. It is a time of renewal and a slight warming of temperatures from the long cold winter. But another thing I look forward to in the spring is the spring continuing legal education seminar that the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association hosts. This year the seminar is scheduled for April 27 at the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Oklahoma. CLE credit and ethics will be given for those in attendance. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You may contact Ginger Sanders, District Court Deputy Court Clerk for registration at (580) 235-0279.

LINDA ENGLISH WEEKS

Chief Justice
Supreme
Court

Justices Mark Colbert, Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, and Linda English Weeks all attended the ground breaking for the new Choctaw Nation Justice Center in Durant, Oklahoma in January. With the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations sharing a rich history, and both tribes now enjoying the fruits of our ancestors' labors to protect our tribal sovereignty, we felt it was important to attend in a show of solidarity. We are so fortunate to both have a thriving tribal court system and to have the honor of serving the citizens of our respective tribes.

In February the Chickasaw Nation District Court hosted the 2018 High School Mock Trials. Several people from the Chickasaw Nation Legal Division gave of their time to coordinate the event and to serve as panelists. I want to offer a heartfelt thanks for everyone involved including the students who worked hard and prepared for the trials, the teachers who guided them, and the Chickasaw Nation employees who helped facilitate the event. Job well done. I think the future of the legal profession is in good hands.

I was excited to attend the ground breaking of the new Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center on Seabrook Road in Ada. The Chickasaw Nation has a strong focus on health and wellness for the tribal members and employees of the nation. This new facility will offer state of the art equipment, interactive technology, and even includes a children's fitness area. It is never too soon to begin healthy habits!

Another highlight for me in February was being able to attend the Florida Chickasaw Citizen Connection meeting and getting to meet and visit with tribal members around the Orlando area. It is a relatively new group, and they had a good turnout. People came from Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa, Sarasota, Sebring, and Altamonte Springs. After the introductions and announcements the group watched the movie "Te Ata." It is wonderful that we have tribal members across the United States who want to stay connected and learn about our culture and heritage. I would encourage any Chickasaw who lives outside of Oklahoma to see if there is a Chickasaw Community Council near you to attend. It is a wonderful way to stay connected and informed.

It is almost camp time!!! Chickasaw Nation Court Camp is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 28 and 29, 2018. This is a two-day camp from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. The camp educates youth ages 8 to 14, on the operations of the tribal court system. Students will have the opportunity to meet tribal judges, Supreme Court Justices, Chickasaw Lighthouse police officers, Peacemakers and court staff. The students get to visit CLEET, which is the Council on Law Enforcement and Training, Pontotoc County court and participate in mock trials. Transportation is not provided. We are now accepting applications for our camp. For more information or to obtain an application go to www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Applications can be submitted by mail, fax or online by April 15. For more information about the camp, or for any Chickasaw Nation employee who is interested in working the camp to earn IDP, you can call Connie Tillery at (580) 235-0281.

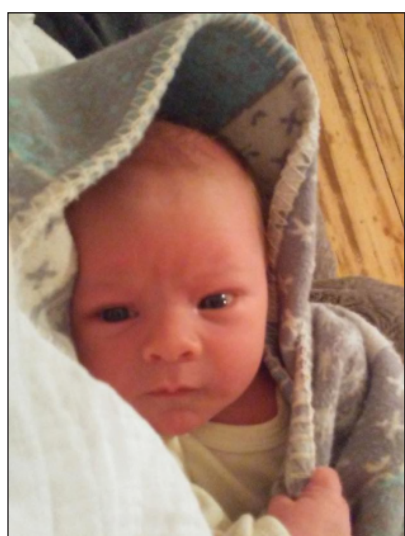
Chipisila Cho Anowa,
Linda English Weeks
Chief Justice
Chickasaw Supreme Court

Caleb Barrick earns Eagle Scout



Caleb Barrick, center, received his Eagle Scout Feb. 17 in Wynnewood, Okla. From left are Caleb's father Roland Barrick, Chickasaw Nation Legislative Chairman David Woerz, Caleb, Caleb's mother Melissa Barrick, and Oklahoma Speaker of the House Charles McCall. Photo by Jeana DeShazer

BIRTHS



OSKAR BAIRD EGGE

Oskar Baird Egge was born Dec. 21, 2017, in Klagenfurt, Austria, to Viktoria Rauter and Samuel Baird Egge.

He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Oskar is the grandson of Valla Dee Jack Egge. He is a direct descendant of original enrollees Polly Barnes McLish, Mary Sugar John and Walter Jack.

He was born exactly 100 years after the birth of his late great-grandfather Bill Bose Jack.

We are all so thrilled to have this healthy baby added to our clan.



LOLAMAE JAYMES OGAS

Lolamae Jaymes Ogas was born Dec. 7, 2017, in Silver City, N.M., to Marshall and Ashley Ogas.

She weighed 8 lbs., and measured 19.5 inches at birth.

Lolamae is the great-granddaughter of Valla Dee Jack Egge. She is a direct descendant of original enrollees Polly Barnes McLish, Mary Sugar John and Walter Jack.

We are all so thrilled to have this healthy baby added to our clan.

Lolamae is of Chickasaw and Apache descent.



AMANDA GABEHART

Chickasaw woman helping green sea turtle population

Amanda Gabehart is a volunteer at the National Park Service's Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery. She volunteered to help save threatened green sea turtles at Padre Island National Seashore.

When temperatures plummet, the turtles become cold-stunned and are unable to swim out to the warmer ocean water. They become vulnerable to predators, boat strikes, exposure and drowning. This winter 3,600 sea turtles in Texas have been cold-stunned.

(Photo courtesy of National Park Service)

Grand Champion Heifer



Zoie Lovett, right, took Grand Champion Heifer at the 2018 Choctaw Nation Livestock Show Feb. 4, 2018 at Durant, Okla. Zoie's commercial heifer, Fergie, started off the day winning Class Champion and then Breed Champion to move on for the final drive. Zoie is a member of Tishomingo FFA and proud to represent her Chickasaw heritage. She is the daughter of Kevin Lovett, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Christi Ellul, of Davis, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Mike and Pam Lovett, of Tishomingo, and Steve and Paula Woods, of Davis.

Chickasaw elder donates 'burlap bunnies'



MARGIE TESTERMAN

Chickasaw elder Margie Testerman started making burlap bunnies at Easter in April 2017. She donated the bunnies to merchants in the Cushing, Okla., area and recently delivered a few to Chickasaw Nation offices.

Mrs. Testerman delivers the bunnies with food bowls she fills with candy and only ask that his "food" bowl is kept full for visitors.



Burlap bunny and food bowl.

To date she has donated 99 bunnies.

Mrs. Testerman said her reward was the smiles on faces and she loves hearing about the customers' comments.

Mrs. Testerman's collection of poems *Footprints Still Whispering in the Wind* was published by the Chickasaw Press in 2013.



JEAN GUTIERREZ

Baby girl Aurora Jean Gutierrez was born Jan. 30, 2018. She weighed 8 lbs. 4oz., and measured 18 inches at birth.

Aurora is the daughter of Amanda Safford and Taj Gutierrez, of Mariposa, Calif.

She is the granddaughter of Vaughn Safford and the great-grand niece of Ruby Apala, of Ringling, Okla.



JORDAN COLBERT

Texas student to play soccer at Northeastern

Jordan Colbert is a junior at Allen High School, Allen, Texas. She is the daughter of Johnny Colbert. She is a direct descendant of James Logan Colbert.

Jordan plays varsity soccer for the Lady Eagles. She also plays for the Solar Soccer Club on its U99/U00 Elite Clubs National League team. She has played both nationally and internationally. She is proud to represent the Chickasaw Nation with several regional and national soccer titles.

She recently verbally committed to play soccer for the Northeastern State University River-Hawks in Tahlequah, Okla., where she will pursue a degree in psychology.

Northeastern is the oldest institution of higher learning in Oklahoma and one of the oldest west of the Mississippi River. Jordan is excited to represent not only her family but also the entire Chickasaw Nation at such an outstanding and historic university.



DANIELLE FIXICO

Chickasaw student takes part in Rose Bowl events

Danielle R. Fixico is a junior at the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

She is the daughter of William and Joyce (Hamilton) Fixico.

She is the granddaughter of William and Harriet Hamilton (Chickasaw) and Billy and Sarieda Fixico (Muscogee Creek).

Ms. Fixico had the opportunity to travel with the Oklahoma Sooners to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. She marched in the Rose Bowl parade and performed on the Rose Bowl field during the pre-game festivities as well as halftime.

She is a Native American studies major with an art minor, and a second-year member of the color guard with the Pride of Oklahoma.

She is very proud to represent the Chickasaw Nation at the University of Oklahoma.

Yakoke to Governor Anoatubby, his staff, and the higher education office for making this wonderful opportunity possible.

Twin Chickasaw brothers excel at school



ATLAS BROWN

Atlas Brown, a second grader at McKinley Elementary School, Ottawa, Ill., won the Character Counts Award in fairness for the month of January.

Atlas was nominated by his teacher and selected as he exhibits a positive and fair demeanor on a daily basis. This is the second time he was bestowed this honor, as he won for perseverance in first grade.

He is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and the son of Bethany and Christopher Hologa.



ARIES BROWN

Aries Brown, a second grader at McKinley Elementary School, Ottawa, Ill., received a Marvelous Mustang Card from a teacher in the month of January.

These cards are handed out for doing random acts of kindness without being told or asked. On his way to recess Aries offered to hold the door for the class that was headed in, even though it would cut into his play time. The teacher recognized him for being patient and a gentleman. He earned a card earlier in the year for picking up garbage that did not belong to him.

He is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and the son of Bethany and Christopher Hologa.



TOHMI WARRIOR CARNEY

Chickasaw wrestler takes top spot in tournament

Chickasaw wrestler Tohmi Warrior Carney recently won first place at the Heart of America Nationals in Austin. He completed in Division 2, 70 lbs.

He is from Broken Arrow, Okla., and wrestles out of Glenpool, Okla.

STOUT AND HAWKINS FAMILY REUNION

Sunday, May 6, 2018
Noon - 5 p.m.

Chickasaw Nation Community Center

Ada, Oklahoma

*Bring covered dishes

*Also, bring prizes for bingo

For details call:

Carol Stout: (405) 695-8795

Steven Stout: (405) 481-9472

Letter to Editor

Thanks for help with elder health care

Dear Governor Anoatubby, I just wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do for the Chickasaw people.

All of us are so fortunate to have you for our governor.

My husband has so many health problems I don't know what we would have done without the help on our medicine.

You are a true angel for what you do to help the aging. It makes me proud to know I have Chickasaw blood running through my veins.

May God bless you and your family this year and keep you safe.

With love,
Carolyn Harris

Chickasaw student receives appointment to West Point



BLAKE HAVERN

Chickasaw student Blake Havern has recently received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Blake is a senior at The Woodlands High School, The Woodlands, Texas. He is a three-year varsity goalkeeper for The Woodlands High School soccer team and an Eagle Scout.

He is the son of Chris and Amy Havern, of The Woodlands.

He is the grandson of Tim and Amanda Havern, of El Reno, Okla., and retired USAF Col. Dave and Jan Ledbetter, of Williams-

burg, Va.

His paternal great-grandfather Maj. Herbert Von Tungeln flew B-17s during World War II.

A Congressional nomination is required to attend the academy. Blake received nominations from Sen. Ted Cruz and Rep. Kevin Brady.

Blake would like to thank Governor Anoatubby for his support. Gov. Anoatubby wrote a recommendation letter that was sent to both Sen. Cruz and Rep. Brady's offices for the official nominations.

Chickasaw man leads Baptist mission organization from homelands area



MITCHELL "MITCH" MARTIN

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - There is still a Chickasaw on duty at Chickasaw Bluffs, in today's Memphis. So says Mitchell "Mitch" Martin, a Chickasaw citizen and Executive Director of Missions for the Mid-South Baptist Association in Memphis.

The city was founded on the fourth Chickasaw Bluffs site south, where the Wolf and Mississippi rivers flow together.

Mr. Martin, a descendant of Chickasaw pioneer Thomas Rutherford "Oad" Colbert, joined the Mid-South Baptist Association, with headquarters at Memphis, in 2008 as Church Leadership

Development Strategist. In 2012, he became Director of Missions. Mid-South is a cooperating association of more than 175 Baptist churches located primarily in Memphis and the surrounding area, but also includes churches in Mississippi, Arkansas and Kentucky.

"We're the largest association in area in the Southern Baptist Convention," he said. "It's quite a piece to cover."

As Director of Missions, Mr. Martin focuses on the association's goal to serve as a hub for the churches in their relationships with each other and their communities, and to help them be spiritually strengthened as they serve.

"Meeting the wonderful people in these different states, assisting in their spirituality and their work and being a pastor to the pastors, it's a fulfilling blessing," he said.

Mr. Martin's Chickasaw family history traces back to the original homeland, now Mississippi, as it does with many Chickasaw citizens. His forefather, Thomas Rutherford "Oad" Colbert, was born near Duncan, Indian Territory, and came from a Chickasaw family who raised, traded, bought

and sold livestock. Mr. Colbert owned a huge feedlot west of what is now Bricktown in downtown Oklahoma City and was a member of the National Livestock Commission of Oklahoma. His home on West Tenth Street in Oklahoma City was near the earlier site of Chickasaw rancher Montford T. Johnson's ranch house, which was at present-day Tenth Street and MacArthur Avenue.

"Like every Chickasaw, we have a long and wide Chickasaw history," Mr. Martin said. "And we're proud of it."

Prior to his service at Mid-South Baptist Association, he was associated with LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tenn., where his responsibilities included helping pastors develop leadership skills and editing a leadership magazine.

Mr. Martin maintains a blog at mitchmartin.org, also recently wrote his first book, "Discipleship Matters: Learning from Timothy's Spiritual Journey" and is starting on his second. "Discipleship Matters" applies what the New Testament figure Timothy learned during his ministry and working with the apostle Paul to Christian growth today.

Mr. Martin was born in Stillwater, Okla. His parents moved to Stilwell, Okla., where he started first grade in a two-room school. The family then moved to Michigan for a short time, then to Oregon, where he grew up and graduated from high school.

As a young boy, he said he felt led by God to be a preacher. He was excited about it, he said, but he learned during his teenage years about other things he would rather do.

"I became conflicted, but I finally surrendered my will to God's," he said.

When he graduated from high school in Oregon, he wanted to go to Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, the school he'd always heard about. He knew he would miss his parents, but attending college in Shawnee would present the opportunity to visit with his grandmother, his father's mother, who lived in nearby Ada, and his maternal grandparents, who lived in Midwest City.

"I had heard about Oklahoma Baptist University as a boy," Mr. Martin said. "OBU leaders preached at our church. OBU was even known in Oregon. I dreamed of going to college there."

At the church he attended while

a student at OBU, Mr. Martin met Myra, also an OBU student, who he described as "the girl of my dreams." He discovered they also had classes together. They were married two weeks after he received his bachelor's degree. The Martins have two children, Dustin and Kristin.

Mr. Martin said his great-great-grandfather, Cortez Stubblefield (Oad Colbert's father-in-law), helped organize the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. Stubblefield Chapel at OBU is named for him, which made Mr. Martin doubly proud to be an OBU alumnus.

He earned Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in California, then served churches and associations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Utah before joining LifeWay.

He said he didn't know any other Chickasaws who lived in Memphis, but saw his being there as ironic.

"I think it's novel that a Chickasaw is still overseeing our ancient territory here in West Tennessee," he said.

CONTRIBUTED BY Tom Bailey, Media Relations.

Former welder secures nursing degree, helps veterans

Chickasaw man proves it's never too late to chase your dream

CENTERTON, Ark. - A step in the direction of pursuing an education later in life led Chickasaw citizen Michael Shropshire to his true calling.

After working as a welder for 20 years, Mr. Shropshire decided it was time to get serious about what he really wanted to do with his life. When both his mom and dad struggled with their health, he witnessed the work nurses put in to provide care for their patients.

"During the time my mom and dad were both sick and being in the hospital with them I got to see nurses in action," Mr. Shropshire said. "I could see that a good nurse not only made a difference to my parents, but also to me."

This realization sprouted within him, took root and formed a full-fledged plan. He wanted to obtain a nursing degree and give back, like the nurses he had observed caring for his parents.

It led him on a path that turned his life upside down after the age of 50.

Back to College

After obtaining an associates degree in general studies from the University of Arkansas in Fort Smith, Mr. Shropshire was unde-

ecided on how he should proceed.

After both his parents had passed on, he realized it was time to decide. He and his wife, Micaela, moved to northwest Arkansas to be closer to her mother. It was then that he enrolled at Northwest Arkansas Community College and completed his prerequisites in nursing. Soon after, he got his nursing degree.

Mr. Shropshire was able to utilize educational resources through the Chickasaw Nation to further his education.

"While I was going to nursing school the Chickasaw Nation really helped," he said. "I got financial help each semester through their program helping people go to school. It really helped me be able to go back to school."

He proved that no matter your age, you can go back to school and get a degree. He found those who wanted to pursue nursing had to stick it out. It wasn't for the weak-minded.

"Nursing school is a very intense program," he said. "I feel fortunate that my old brain was able to take it in and get through it."

"We're responsible for people's lives. It needs to be tough."



MICHAEL SHROPSHIRE

Answering the Call

For Mr. Shropshire, nursing is more than a job, it is a duty - one he is proud to do.

After graduating with his nursing degree, he began his first job in Bentonville, Ark., at Northwest Medical Center, working on the medical surgical floor, and quickly moved to the cardiac floor.

While he enjoyed his time at the medical center, he persistently applied for a job at a Veterans Affairs hospital.

Eventually, his determination paid off and he began working

for the VA as a registered nurse in behavioral health.

Mr. Shropshire said it's one of the best jobs you could get.

"The hospital is all about the veterans," he said. "They are our customers, but they're also the reason we are there. It's a very good place to work. I've found a place where I fit in really well."

Working in behavioral health means he deals with veterans facing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), personality disorders and other mental health issues.

He said learning how to handle veterans with PTSD was important for knowing how to stay calm in an escalated situation.

"The veterans give a lot for our country so it's good to be able to give something back to them, he said.

"When you see hundreds of patients you don't always remember their names, but you remember their faces. When you see somebody and they do still acknowledge you, it makes you feel good. You've made an impact. It makes you feel like you're doing your job well."

Proud Heritage

Mr. Shropshire attends Chickasaw Council meetings in his area,

staying connected with his heritage and culture.

His grandmother, Dixie Lane, was an original enrollee. She instilled her Chickasaw heritage in Mr. Shropshire's father and himself.

"I've always been proud that I'm Chickasaw because that's my heritage," Mr. Shropshire said. "It's something to be proud of. The saying the 'unconquered and the unconquerable,' it gives you that drive."

For everything the Chickasaw Nation has done for him and his education, Mr. Shropshire said he would like to give back someday.

"It's important to keep the culture and heritage alive," he said.

The combination of Mr. Shropshire's passion to follow his dreams and the help from the Chickasaw Nation has changed his life, sending him on a new journey.

"I would tell anybody you're never too old to go back to school," he reflected. "If it's something you feel like you want to do, it's never too late."

CONTRIBUTED BY Mallory Jones, Media Relations.

Tribe's foster grandparent program connects elders' compassion to students

ADA, Okla. - "Grandma" Lonie Burris, a Chickasaw elder, always told people she planned to rock babies after retiring from Chickasaw Nation Industries in 2014.

"I told everybody when I retired I was going to be a baby rocker, and I made it there," she said.

She thought about hospitals and neonatal units when she first started to plan her volunteer activities, but realized there were babies "just down the hill."

"We've got them right here," Ms. Burris said. "They are a different age, but they all need love."

She signed up for the Chickasaw Nation Foster Grandparent Program and got the opportunity she had been waiting for.

She began as a foster grandparent volunteer in early 2016 and mentored children at the Ada Early Childhood Center. She was interrupted by medical leave. When she returned, she decided to ask for the assignment she really wanted, holding babies.

"I liked spending time with the preschoolers but babies are my forte," she said.

Ms. Burris enjoys helping the youngest students at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center, giving a hand wherever needed.

"They are all special but some just need a little bit more," she said. "If you get them coming out of the cradle and you teach

them love then, that's what they will keep doing as they grow up. That is the reason I wanted to be a baby rocker - to let them know that they are loved. They can feel it from you."

She sings nursery rhymes to the babies and sometimes reads to them. She likes her steady volunteer schedule, spending 8 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday volunteering at the Child Development Center.

She has found joy in volunteering for the program and has encouraged other seniors to do the same, recruiting her friends. She says the program helps keep her active and she has been able to do exactly what she wanted to do, work with babies.

The foster grandparent program is a partnership between the Chickasaw Nation Education Division and Senior Corps, a national program that provides service opportunities for Americans age 55 and older. Senior Corps offers grants, which allow programs like the foster grandparent program to operate and offer a modest stipend to volunteers. Through the program, seniors can make a difference in their communities while staying active, forming relationships and learning new skills.

"It's like no other thing you've ever worked at," Ms. Burris said. "It's a blessing in disguise. You

receive more love than you give. You walk into the room and see those big bright eyes and big smiles and seeing their faces light up just lights you up."

Program Manager Callie Roebuck said the program had plenty of volunteer spots to fill.

"We have Head Starts and public school sites in Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo waiting for volunteer mentors," she said. "The mentors are paired with students who need a little extra love and attention."

To learn more about becoming a part of the Chickasaw Nation Foster Grandparent Program, call (580) 421-7711 or visit Chickasaw.net/Grandparent. Applications are available online.

CONTRIBUTED BY Jennifer Jones, Public Affairs

Rabbit Run 5K seeks volunteers for April 7

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health is seeking volunteers for the Rabbit Run 5K, Saturday, April 7 at Purcell City Lake/Park in Purcell.

Volunteers will be needed from 6:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions, contact (580) 559-0880 or Chickasaw-Run@Chickasaw.net.



"Grandma" Lonie Burris, a Chickasaw elder, works on communication training with "Grandma" Claire Bohanan during their monthly foster grandparent program training at the Chickasaw Nation Education building in Ada, Okla.

Youth Speaking Chickasaw Language Club to meet

ADA, Okla. - Chipota Chikashanompoli Youth Speaking Chickasaw Language Club will meet 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 17 at 1020 N. Mississippi in Ada.

Attendees may enter at the back of the building. Meals are provided at each meeting. Chipota Chikashanompoli participants must be age eight to 14.

The Language Department will have language sessions for children, ages 4-7 on language club nights from 5:30-6 p.m.

For more information, contact Clovis Hamilton at (580) 272-5592.

Community language classes in Tish, Sulphur

Chickasaw language classes will be hosted Thursdays in Tishomingo and continue each week from 6-8 p.m., at 108 W. 20 St.

Classes will be hosted Tuesdays in Sulphur and continue each week from 6-8 p.m., at the Light-house building, 522 W. 12 St.

Classes are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Hannah Pittman at (580) 371-6860.

2018 Camps, Clinics and Academies

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting applications for 2018 youth camps, clinics and academies. A number of tribal divisions work together to offer a variety of educational and recreational activities for youth and families to explore new opportunities and learn new skills. **Application deadline is April 15, 2018.**

Chickasaw Nation 2018 youth events include:

Chikasha Albinachi "Cultural Camp"
May 22-23
Ages 6-11
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Oklahoma

This two-day camp provides students the opportunity to learn about and experience a variety of cultural activities, such as traditional games, stomp dancing, crafts and the Chickasaw language. This is a day camp with activities scheduled throughout the day. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact Cultural Resources at (580) 622-7140.

Camp Survivor

May 29-June 1
Ages 9-13 or entering grades four-eight
YMCA Camp Classen, Davis, Oklahoma
Camp Survivor is a wellness camp that incorporates activities promoting physical, mental, cultural and spiritual health. Throughout the week, campers participate in numerous activities, including swimming, hiking, fishing, archery, canoeing, rock climbing, stickball and nutrition education. Campers also compete in mental and physical challenges and attend daily "tribal councils," where individuals and groups receive special recognition. This is an overnight camp. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Environmental Camp

May 30-June 1
Ages 8-12
Chickasaw Nation Housing, Ada, Oklahoma

The three-day Environmental Camp connects kids with nature and the outdoors, which is essential to our children's health and development. Activities include, outdoor ethics and the importance of taking care of nature, safety and navigation and identification of dangerous and poisonous plants and animals. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact Environmental Services at (580) 272-5412.

Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA)

June 4-8
Ages 10-18
Science, Technology and Math Academy, Ada, Oklahoma

CNASA is an action packed educational camp of learning through hands-on activities, challenges and teamwork designed to inspire, motivate and challenge Chickasaw youth. This weeklong journey of discovery is aimed to ignite a desire to pursue careers in science, technology, aviation and space exploration.

Transportation is provided for CNASA scholarship students who live out of state, but availability is limited.

For more information, contact the STEM program at (580) 272-5579 or STMProgram@Chickasaw.net.

Golf Camp

Golf 101- June 4-5/ Ages 8-11 or entering grades three-six
Golf II- June 6-7/ Ages 12-18 or entering grades seven-12

WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Oklahoma

Golf Camp provides Native American youth the opportunity to enjoy the game of golf while learning life skills, such as honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Instruction for all skill levels is provided by a highly knowledgeable and motivated staff.

Please note that Golf 101 is a day camp, and Golf Camp II is an overnight camp. Transportation is provided.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Native American Jr. Open Golf Tournament

June 8
Ages 8-18
WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Oklahoma

The Native American Junior Open allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or golf association tournament. It is also a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth entering grades seven-12, or ages 12-18, for 10 available spots on the Team Chickasaw golf team. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact Youth Rec-

reation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

FCA Competitors Camp

June 8-11
Ages 11-14
Camp WOW, Gerty, Oklahoma

The FCA Competitors Camp combines great facilities and activities with the athleticism and competition that defines the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry. Activities include a climbing wall, zip line, waterslide, rope course, obstacle course, the Blob, Bible devotions, upbeat music, topical discussions and much more. The Chickasaw Nation sponsors 20 students to attend the FCA Competitors Camp. This is an overnight camp. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Space Camp

June 10-15 (Travel time is not included)
Ages 9-18
U.S. Space & Rocket Center at Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama

Chickasaw students become cadets for a week at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center at NASA's Marshall Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Trainees participate in unique experiences such as flight simulators, lunar landing simulations, mock space missions, underwater astronaut training, advanced academics and team-building exercises with youth from all over the country. Transportation is provided, but availability is limited.

For more information, contact the STEM program at (580) 272-5579 or STMProgram@Chickasaw.net.

Tennis Clinics

June 11-12
Ages 6-18 or entering grades three-12
Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Oklahoma

This clinic offers students the tools necessary to build a lasting foundation for the sport of tennis. Participants learn honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Transportation is provided.
For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Cultural Enrichment Family Camp

June 12-15
Chickasaw families
Tantanka Ranch, Stroud, Oklahoma

This camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language through language immersion sessions, games and a variety of cultural activities. This is an overnight camp.

For more information, contact the Language Department at (580) 272-5318 or email LanguageDepartment@Chickasaw.net.

FCA Xtreme Camp

June 18-22
Ages 15-18
Crosspoint Camp, Kingston, Oklahoma

This camp is for students who want to participate in challenging activities and great fellowship. Campers have the opportunity to water ski, water tube, skeet shoot, rappel, ride horses, compete in hurdle competitions, scale a 65-foot climbing tower and experience a high ropes challenge course. The Chickasaw Nation sponsors 20 students to attend the FCA Xtreme Camp. This is an overnight camp.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Youth Academy

June 18-21
Ages 9-15
Lighthouse Police Department, Ada, Oklahoma

This academy provides an excellent opportunity for youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Academy students will hear presentations from law enforcement personnel and learn life skills, such as teamwork, communication, safety and crime prevention. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact the Lighthouse Police Department at (580) 436-1166.

Champions Football Clinic

June 21-23
Ages 8-18 or entering grades three-12
Ada High School, Ada, Oklahoma

At this clinic, a team of veteran coaches and players teach students fundamental football skills. Highlights include an 8-to-1 student to instructor ratio, offensive drills, defensive drills and more. Transportation is provided.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Champions Cheerleading Clinic

June 22-23
Ages 6-18 or entering grades one-12
Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center, Ada, Oklahoma

At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches instructs students on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness. Students enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamentals geared toward their skill levels. Transportation is provided.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Holisso Ikbi "Book Creation" Camp

June 26-29
Ages 10 to 18
East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma

This camp introduces students to the world of book publishing, from concept to writing, illustrating, editing, design and production. The students will be trained and guided through the steps of book creation while they produce a book in digital format. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Press at (580) 436-7282.

Yaakni' Inaalpisaat Chokma "The Nation's Laws are Good" Camp

June 28-29
Ages 8-14
Chickasaw Nation Judicial Building, Ada, Oklahoma

This two-day camp educates youth on the operations of a tribal court system. Students meet tribal judges, Supreme Court justices, Chickasaw Lighthouse police officers, Peacemakers and court staff. Students also visit the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training facility and participate in mock trials. Students will be directly exposed to the basics of certain substantive areas of Chickasaw tribal law. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact Tiffany Postoak at (580) 235-0279 or Tiffany.Postoak@Chickasaw.net.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa "The Place for Shooting Guns" Camp

July 5-6
Ages 12 to 18
Southern Oklahoma Sportsman's Club, Davis, Oklahoma

This camp features instruction on gun safety and marksmanship techniques. Students learn the disciplines required for Olympic-style target shooting through both classroom instruction and firing practice. Transportation is provided.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Youth Basketball Camp

Girls Camp- July 9-10/ Ages 6-18
Boys Camp- July 11-12/ Ages 6-18
Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Youth Basketball Camp participants learn basketball techniques from high school head coaches, university coaches and current and former university players. This camp ends with a round-robin style tournament. This is an overnight camp for participants ages 13-18. Participants ages 6-12 will be provided transportation each day to the camp destination.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Arts Academy

July 14-28
Ages 8-18
East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma

The Chickasaw Arts Academy is an intensive exploration of the various artistic fields, career preparatory programming and student-oriented skill development. An arts gala and showcase, highlighting student work, culminates the two-week experience.

Participants gain experience in 2-D and 3-D visual art, culinary art, musical theater, dance, vocal music, instrumental music and composition, photography, theater technology, video production, fashion and accessory design, graphic art, graphic design and other subjects. The academy emphasizes Chickasaw, other Southeastern Indian cultures and other tribal aesthetics through the fine and performing arts.

*Attending the summer session of the academy is a prerequisite for the fall session, winter session and spring session, of the Chickasaw Arts Academy.

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

Hayaka Unta "Into the Woods" Camp

Fall Camp - Oct. 12-14, 2018
Spring Camp - April 5-7, 2019
Ages 8-18 or entering grades three-12
Camp Goddard, Sulphur, Oklahoma
Hayaka Unta Camp gives Chickasaw youth and their parents or guardians an

opportunity to share quality time together while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors. This camp offers a variety of exciting and challenging activities, including canoeing, hiking, fishing, archery and camping. This is an overnight camp for parent(s) and children. Transportation is provided.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Chikashshaat Hoochokoshkomo "Chickasaws are Playing" Camp

Fall Break
Ages 8-18
Location TBD

This day camp provides students the opportunity to learn the history of and how to play the traditional game of stickball. Students will also learn the fundamentals of lacrosse. Students will participate in stickball and lacrosse drills throughout the camp. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact the Language Department at (580) 272-5318 or email LanguageDepartment@Chickasaw.net.

Halloween Lock-in

Oct. 19-20
Ages 8-13 or grades three-six
Andy Alligator's Fun Park, Norman, Oklahoma

Students who attend this Halloween-themed lock-in participate in mini bowling, go-karts, batting cages, mini-golf, a rock climbing wall, bumper cars, arcade games and a variety of other fun activities throughout the night. This is an overnight camp.

Transportation is provided.
For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Winter Baseball Clinic

Dec. 20-21
Ages 6-18 or entering grades three-12
D-Bat Sports Plex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

This clinic is designed to teach essential life skills, such as dedication, goal setting and teamwork, while teaching the basic skills of baseball. Camp instruction focuses on improving the fundamentals of hitting, pitching and fielding. Campers learn how goal setting and self-discipline improve playing ability and help in everyday life. Transportation is provided.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Winter Softball Clinic

Dec. 27-28
Ages 6-18 or entering grades three-12
D-Bat Sports Plex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

This camp focuses on improving the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, fielding, conditioning and teamwork. Camp instruction is led by high school and college-level coaches and players, who are dedicated to helping students improve their softball skills. Transportation is provided.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net.

Application Information

Submitting an application does not guarantee selection to the camp. Applicants should be aware once acceptance to a youth services event has been determined, attendance is required. If circumstances prevent attendance, without notifying camp organizers, selection for future events may be hindered.

For more information, contact Youth Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or YouthCamps@Chickasaw.net. Camp applications can be submitted online.

Tishomingo Health Clinic appointments available

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Appointments are available at the Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic! Chickasaw citizens and Native Americans with a CDIB card are eligible for care.

Due to the increasing number of influenza cases, many health facilities are experiencing long wait times. The Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic has appointments available.

To schedule an appointment at the Tishomingo health clinic, call (580) 371-2361, or toll-free (877) 240-2720.

March is National Women's History Month

Strong women vitally important throughout Chickasaw history

"Nevertheless, She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women," is the theme for this year's National Women's History Month, celebrated each March.

Women have stepped into leadership roles since before recorded history. While women in any society often lead with lessons of courage, fairness, respect and perseverance, that leadership role is heightened in the matrilineal society of the Chickasaw people.

Dynamic Chickasaw women have been elected to public office, created inspiring art, served in the military, taught school children and steadfastly protected and honor the cultural, history and traditions of the Chickasaw people.

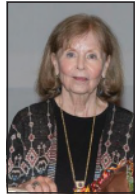
Chickasaw women have distinguished themselves in all walks of life. Many have been awarded the highest honor by the tribe - induction into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame - while others have made critically important contributions to their tribe, state and nation.

Brenda Kingery, 2017

Dynamic Chickasaw Woman

Brenda Kingery was named 2017 Dynamic Woman of the Year by Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Known for her contemporary artwork, Ms. Kingery's paintings visually tell stories about her life, travels and Chickasaw heritage.



Brenda Kingery

"This award honors a woman who has championed the rights and issues important to all women and who, through her lifestyle, exemplifies the character, strength and values of the Chickasaw Nation and its people," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It is my honor to recognize Ms. Brenda Kingery."

Ms. Kingery received her master's degree in fine arts and art history from the University of Oklahoma, postgraduate studies in fine arts from Ryukyus Daigaku University in Okinawa, Japan, graduate studies in Chinese language at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and is writing a master thesis on folk art of Ryukyus.

She returned to Oklahoma to teach painting and drawing, later teaching art history for the San Antonio College. In 2007, President George W. Bush appointed her to the board of trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Native Alaskans in Art and Culture in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

She is a founding member of Threads of Blessings, traveling to Honduras, Mexico and Africa to teach textile and design workshops to help encourage women to use their indigenous art skills.

Ms. Kingery and her husband, Tom, have raised two children and currently live in San Antonio, Texas.

"I want to thank all of you," Ms. Kingery said. "As I look around this room I'm so grateful to be a Chickasaw and so grateful for all of the faces I know. It's a tremendous blessing."

"This honor means a lot to me," she said.

Established in 2006, the Dynamic Woman of the Year Award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, serve as role-models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

Te Ata Thompson Fisher

Mary Francis "Te Ata" Thompson Fisher, whose name means "Bearer of the Morning," was born Dec. 3, 1895, near Emet, Indian Territory. A citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, Te Ata was an accomplished actor, culturalist and Native American storyteller.



Te Ata

Being such a driving force in her life, the Chickasaw Nation released a full length feature film in 2016 concerning her early career. "Te Ata" has won critical acclaim

from film critics across the nation. In 2017, a companion documentary, also produced by the Chickasaw Nation, was released.

Titled "Bearer of the Morning," it is narrated by Peter Coyote, a nationally-renowned narrative voice, and features never-before-seen film of Te Ata performing. The documentary went on sale March 1 at the following outlets: Chickasaw Outpost, Ada; Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur; Chickasaw Information Center, Tishomingo; Chickasaw Visitor Center, Sulphur; Chickasaw Welcome Center, Davis; Exhibit C, Oklahoma City; and Chickasaw Press, Ada.

Mary Thompson received her early education in Tishomingo and attended and graduated from the Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha. While there, it was evident Te Ata had a natural talent for drama.

Her career as an actor and storyteller spanned more than 60 years. She would tell Chickasaw legends, myths and perform in Native regalia.

Te Ata attended the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for one year. From there, she moved to New York City where she met and married Clyde Fisher. During the 1930s, she performed at summer camps in New York and New England.

In the prime of her career, she performed in England and Scandinavia, at the White House for President Franklin Roosevelt, for the King and Queen of Great Britain, and on stages across the United States and Europe.

Although Te Ata worked as an actor and drama instructor, she is best known for her artistic interpretations of Indian folklore.

Recognized globally for her talent, Te Ata was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1957; cited as Oklahoma's Official State Treasure in 1987, and in 1990 she was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

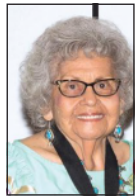
She is also the subject of a video, "God's Drum," the proceeds of which have supported the Te Ata Scholarship Fund for Indian Students at her alma mater, now called the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma at Chickasha.

Te Ata died Oct. 26, 1995, in Oklahoma City. Her legacy and influence on Native American storytelling traditions continues to this day.

Irene L. Digby

Irene L. Digby was born Nov. 12, 1921, in Fairview, Oklahoma. She graduated from Davis High School.

Ms. Digby is described as "small in size, but mighty in her Chickasaw heritage." Ms. Digby is a distinguished Chickasaw storyteller and teacher of the Chickasaw language.



Irene L. Digby

Ms. Digby exhibits traits which cannot be obtained by a certificate of degree. Her expertise and experience with traditional Chickasaw ways far outweigh anything a higher education facility could offer.

Ms. Digby actively performs her storytelling in local schools, teaching children Chickasaw heritage through her tales. She was honored in 2013 by Davis Public Schools for her charitable contributions by being inducted into the Davis Alumni Association.

Ms. Digby shares her heritage in a multitude of ways. She teaches Chickasaw language and songs, beading and traditional recipes.

She has been featured in three books published by the Chickasaw Press, as well as Mike Larsen's acclaimed painting series, "Elders of the Chickasaw Nation," and the documentary "Chickasaw Removal."

As a sign of respect in her community, she is often asked by parents to provide Chickasaw names for children, a tradition she established with her own family. She and her late husband, B.F. "Dick" Digby, have four children, 11 grandchildren and 17 great-

grandchildren.

Ms. Digby is a soft-spoken woman who speaks fondly of her Chickasaw heritage. She is a wise, spiritual, honorable and prominent Chickasaw example to all.

Thelma "Chincie" Ross

Thelma "Chincie" Ross was born Sept. 9, 1917, in Tuttle, Oklahoma, to Turner and Susan Cochran. "Chincie," a nickname given her by her father, is a Native American word meaning "beautiful flower."



Thelma 'Chincie' Ross

Before her death May 16, 2016, Ms. Ross was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2015.

Ms. Ross graduated from Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas, and went on to work with the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribe in Concho, Oklahoma. She later worked at Fort Defiance Hospital in Window Rock, Arizona, with the Navajo tribe.

During World War II, Ms. Ross worked as a code talker administrator. She helped process the Navajo Marine recruits selected to serve as code talkers. Many Native Americans served as code talkers, speaking their ancestral language to confound the enemy in both world wars.

Ms. Ross was a vital member of the Tuttle community. She tended to the Silver City Cemetery, a significant part of Chickasaw history, worked as the town historian and was Tuttle's first librarian.

She was honored during the 2009 Tuttle High School 100th anniversary by serving as parade marshal. In 2014, the city of Tuttle dedicated the Thelma "Chincie" Ross Meeting Room in the new city hall.

Ms. Ross was chosen as one of the featured elders in Mike Larsen's acclaimed painting series "Elders of the Chickasaw Nation."

To those fortunate to have known her, Ms. Ross' laughter and spirit continue to provide joy, and her ways instilled lessons others will cherish for years to come.

Rose Shields-Jefferson

Rose Shields-Jefferson was born July 25, 1944, in Talihina, Oklahoma, to Joseph and Minnie Allen Shields. She is the oldest of 13 children.



Rose Shields-Jefferson

Ms. Shields-Jefferson graduated from Haskell Institute in 1965 where she studied commercial cooking.

Ms. Shields-Jefferson is a fluent Chickasaw speaker, having grown up only speaking the language. She now serves on the Chickasaw Language Committee, helping set standards for components of tribal language and publications.

She has been influential in the continuation of the Chickasaw language by implementing new Chickasaw words, along with taking part in the development of the Chickasaw Language Basics app.

She serves on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission and is an active member of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Chickasaw Senior Center in Ada, National Indian Council on Aging and vice president of the Ada Circle of Council.

In 2006, Ms. Shields-Jefferson was awarded the Silver Feather Award to recognize her work to preserve Chickasaw traditions, culture and values. Also, in 2013, Ms. Shields-Jefferson was named an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Indian Elder Honoree in the state of Oklahoma.

Ms. Shields-Jefferson is well-known for her beadwork, sewing and quilting. She is an active member of the Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church and participates in the Chickasaw Elders Choir.

Betty Ruth Kemp

Betty Ruth Kemp was born May 5, 1930, in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, to Raymond



Betty Ruth Kemp

and Mamie Kemp. She is the great-granddaughter of fellow Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Inductee, Levi "Itawamba Miko" Colbert.

Under her direction, the Northeast Mississippi Historical and Genealogical Society was organized. Ms. Kemp gave many speeches about Chickasaw history and Native American genealogical research to organizations in the Tupelo, Mississippi, area. She helped pave the way for current relations and cultural exchanges between the Chickasaw people and those who now live in the ancestral homelands.

Ms. Kemp co-wrote a grant to fund a yearlong archeology research project into Chickasaw habitation of the region. Her efforts led to a delegation from the Chickasaw Nation to attend the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Pontotoc held in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in 1983.

With a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and a master's degree from Florida State University, both in library sciences, Ms. Kemp was the director of Lee-Itawamba Library System, based in Tupelo, for more than 28 years. She was instrumental in raising funds for the Lee County Library when it was announced a Chickasaw collection would be housed on-site.

Ms. Kemp has served on the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. She was appointed by the Mississippi governor to the Mississippi Library Commission, the governing panel for all public libraries within the state. Ms. Kemp was also the first minority woman to hold the office of president through the North Mississippi Conference-United Methodist Women.

She has participated and held offices in the following organizations: President of the American Indian Cultural Society, Norman, Oklahoma; the American Library Association and the American Association of University Women-John J. Hart Chapter, Mississippi, and is a charter member of the League of Women Voters.

Margaret Wheeler

Margaret Roach Wheeler is an award-winning weaver, fiber expert and textile artist.

She served as the artist-in-residence at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in New York.



Margaret Wheeler

Ms. Wheeler exhibited works at the Museum of Art and Design and the Institute of American Indian Arts, among others. She won numerous awards, including the President's Award at Red Earth Festival and textile awards at the 2009 Southeastern Art Show and Market. Ms. Wheeler designs contemporary fashions and traditional Native American regalia.

She specializes in weaving because it gives her a creative outlet and also allows her the opportunity to educate people across the United States about the Chickasaws and other Native American tribes and cultures.

Ms. Wheeler discovered the art of weaving when she was 33 and working on her master's degree at Pittsburg (KS) State University.

A painter for many years, she was introduced to the art form by her instructor, internationally-known jewelry artist Marjorie K. Schick.

Ms. Wheeler enjoyed weaving so much, she quit her teaching job and has traveled throughout the United States and Canada to exhibit and sell her work. She also gives lectures on the art of weaving.

Weaving is a natural extension of her Chickasaw heritage.

Ms. Wheeler weaves cloth that she tailors, including contemporary Native American clothing, and sells it under her own label, Mahota Handwovens. Mahota is the name of her great-great-grandmother, who was Chickasaw.

Her artistry with textiles are

on display each day at the Artesian Art Gallery, located across the street from the Chickasaw Nation's luxury Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Lushanya

Born in 1906, Lushanya became one of the world's most famous and beloved operatic sopranos in the 1940s and 1950s. She grew up on the family farm where she learned to break horses, shoot a rifle and play piano starting at age 6. After studying opera at several American universities, Lushanya left for Berlin, Germany, to study at the Staatliche Akademische Hochschule für Musik from 1931-34. After attending school in Berlin, she won 12 more scholarships offered by the Mussolini academy to foreigners.



Lushanya

With her excellent music training, Lushanya was well on her way to establishing a strong career. Sometimes called "Songbird of the Chickasaws," her first major solo performance was in the Hollywood Bowl for the 1929 Indian Ceremonials. It was her debut with the Chicago Opera Company at the Trieste Opera House in Italy, which critics described as being one of the most outstanding performances in more than 30 years at the world-famous facility.

It was her role in the popular opera "Aida" that made her truly famous. Lushanya played the starring role as an Ethiopian princess in the Egyptian courts. Soon, Lushanya Mobley became a household name, being hailed as both the most talented soprano and beautiful opera star of the day.

The world stage loved Lushanya so much there was an opera written about her, "The Robin Woman" by Charles Wakefield Cadman. Several portraits were commissioned of her, one of which hangs in the Royal Academy of London. While performing in Europe, she was presented to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth and was asked to sing at the King's coronation. She was the first American Indian to perform at any of the famed opera houses throughout Europe and America.

Throughout her career, Lushanya rarely missed an opportunity to share her love of the Chickasaw tribe with the world. She was proud of her heritage and sought to bring greater understanding of her tribe to all she encountered. Lushanya died in 1990 at age 84.

Juanita Tate

Born in Ardmore, Oklahoma, Sept. 10, 1910, to Guy and Lula Potts Keel, Juanita Tate's father gave her the Chickasaw name of "Foshi," which she always cherished. She was a great-great-grandchild of Cyrus Harris, the first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, and a great-grandchild of Edmund Pickens, first elected Chief of the Chickasaw Nation.



Juanita Tate

Ms. Tate started school in Hugo, Oklahoma. After her family returned to Ardmore, she attended Bloomfield Seminary before enrolling at Lincoln School. At 12, she entered Chilocco Indian School, graduating in 1928. She attended and graduated from the Ardmore Business College in 1929, where she was a demonstrator of the stenotype and a court reporter. In 1934, she married Ernest W. Tate. He died in 1981.

Ms. Tate was active in Chickasaw tribal affairs. She held offices in the Chickasaw-Choctaw Confederation and the Atoka Treaty Rights Association, the Tifahaya Inter-tribal Club and the Ohoyohoma Club. She was also a longtime member of the Chilocco National Alumni Association and was inducted into the Chilocco Indian School Hall of Fame in 1987. In addition, she was active as a member of the Bloomfield-Carter Seminary Alumni Association.

She was passionate about preservation of Chickasaw history and culture, encouraging Chickasaws to be proud of their past.

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An accomplished artist, Ms. Tate painted portraits of Chickasaws and Choctaws as well as a number of historic Chickasaw and Choctaw buildings around southern Oklahoma. At 97, she completed a biography of Edmund Pickens, which was published by the Chickasaw Press. In 2011, she was inducted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame by the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Ms. Tate died Feb. 8, 2012, at age 101.

Pauline Carpenter Brown

Pauline Carpenter Brown is a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language and has considerable knowledge of Chickasaw history and culture.



Pauline Carpenter Brown

She was born in Fillmore, Oklahoma, in 1931 and spent her childhood in the country on her mother's allotment. When her mother died at an early age, she was sent to Goodland Indian Orphanage for schooling.

Time at Goodland proved to be both good and bad for her. Although she had friends there, Mrs. Brown was not allowed to speak Chickasaw.

This did not discourage her from growing up to be a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language and noted historian of the Chickasaw culture. She serves on the Chickasaw Language Committee, the Chickasaw Nation Historical Society and the tribal election board. One highlight of Mrs. Brown's career was portraying Widow Harjo in the award-winning, feature-length film, "Pearl."

Recently, Mrs. Brown led a prayer in the Chickasaw language to leadership and guests of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, an organization founded in 1950 by the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Seminole and Muscogee Creek tribes. Collectively, they represent more than 750,000 Native American citizens.

Linda Hogan

Internationally known for her writing, Linda Hogan is highly celebrated for her work in literature. She was born in Colorado in 1947, but has strong Chickasaw roots in southern Oklahoma.



Linda Hogan

Ms. Hogan received a master's degree in English and Creative Writing from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She writes from a Native American perspective and is widely considered one of Native American literatures most highly regarded writers.

She has won multiple awards and accolades for her work. Her novel, "Mean Spirit," was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in 1990 and won an Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction in 1991. She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas in 1998, the Lifetime Achievement Award from Wordcraft Circle and the Mountains and Plains Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ms. Hogan is an influential and provocative writer. Her stance often takes that of political ideology, with environmental and philosophical tones. Her writing

often reminds readers they need to be in tune with the natural world around them.

She is active as an educator and speaker, has spoken at the United Nations Forum and was a speaker at the Environmental Literature Conference in Turkey in 2009. Ms. Hogan doesn't limit herself to just her trade. She has also worked extensively with at-risk teens.

Ataloo

Ataloo was a nationally renowned concert vocalist, educator, and advocate for Native American education and fine arts.



Ataloo

Her education included studies at Columbia University; the International Institute of John D. Rockefeller; Oklahoma College for Women, and University of Redlands among other institutes.

As a performer, Ataloo received accolades for her poise, culture, personality and rich contralto voice.

Those who witnessed performances said she had the ability to understand the Indian heart through her program of Indian songs, legends and ceremonials.

She abandoned her career as a performer, however, to take a position as a teacher at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Following her career at Bacone, Ataloo taught at the prestigious Idyllwild School of Music and Arts from 1950-63.

Catherine Willmond

Mrs. Willmond is co-author of "Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary," published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 1994.

Mrs. Willmond's dictionary is one of the resources used in language classes taught by the Chickasaw Nation.



Catherine Willmond

Mrs. Willmond worked with linguistics professor Pamela Munro to record the language from more than 40 Chickasaw speakers to complete the dictionary.

Mrs. Willmond has also helped teach linguistics classes at the University of California, Los Angeles. She also makes guest appearances in Native American studies classes at UCLA. She has addressed audiences at Pomona College and New Mexico University. Recently, Mrs. Willmond and Munro completed a book on grammar instruction of the Chickasaw language which has been accepted for publication by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Mrs. Willmond is a native speaker of Chickasaw who was born in McMillan, Oklahoma. She is a 2006 inductee into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame and received the Nation's Silver Feather award for efforts to preserve Chickasaw culture in 2010.

Helen Cravatt James

Helen Cravatt James, who died in October 1991, was honored posthumously for her work helping those with alcohol and drug addictions. She helped establish, and later managed, the Kullihoma Alcohol/Drug Treatment Center.



Helen Cravatt James

Ranked as the best such facility in Okla-

homa, the center was renamed the Helen Cravatt James Center in honor of her work April 22, 1992.

Those who knew her say Mrs. James was so motivated to help others that all her employees and counselors came to have the same burning desire to make people whole again.

Chenena James Roach

Chenena James Roach was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame for her dedication to promoting and preserving the history, culture and heritage of the Chickasaw Nation and its people.



Chenena James Roach

Ms. Roach and her brother, Overton James, former governor of the Chickasaw Nation, convinced their mother, Vinnie May Humes and their stepfather, Rev. Jesse Humes, to provide a written translation of the Chickasaw language. This resulted in the first Chickasaw Dictionary published in 1973.

Along with that dictionary, Mrs. Roach recovered audio tapes of her mother, Mrs. Humes, pronouncing more than 700 Chickasaw words. Those recordings have been compiled on a compact disc "Talking Chickasaw Dictionary," which allows the user to hear the correct pronunciation of each word.

Geraldine Greenwood

With a dynamic career filled by teaching and giving to others, Geraldine Greenwood touched the lives of many. She had a strong faith in her Baptist beliefs, and this was evident by how she treated those in her life.



Geraldine Greenwood

Born in 1926, she was raised in Oklahoma. She graduated from Carter Seminary and pursued her master's degree in education at East Central University. As part of her efforts to preserve the Chickasaw culture, she developed a Chickasaw language curriculum to be used at different universities. Not only was she an educator, Greenwood was also an interpreter of the Chickasaw language.

She was honored by the tribe as the "Original Dynamic Woman" of the Chickasaw Nation.

She was a member of the Chickasaw Language Committee, which helped her preserve the language until her death in 2007.

Helen Gale Cole

Helen Gale Cole was born to Chickasaw and Choctaw parents in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, in 1922.

Mrs. Cole served more than nine years in the Oklahoma Senate and six years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. She began her career as mayor of Moore, Oklahoma.



Helen Gale Cole

She was well-known for her fight against drug and alcohol abuse as well as her efforts as a member of the State Ethics Commission to raise the bar of behavior for state officials.

Mrs. Cole began her political career by running for office in 1976, which was the only time she was ever defeated.

In 1978, she ran again and was elected. She spent the next 18

years in public service.

One year after retiring from the Senate, Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating appointed her co-chair of a statewide task force on issues related to drug and alcohol abuse. Later that same year, she was also appointed to the State Ethics Commission by Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Yvonne Kauger.

Her grandfather, Thomas Benjamin Thompson, was the last elected Treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation before statehood. She is also the niece of Te Ata, famed Chickasaw storyteller.

Her son, Tom Cole, currently serves in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the 4th District in Oklahoma. He is a renowned historian and powerful political leader.

Eula Pearl Carter Scott

Eula Pearl Carter Scott was born Dec. 9, 1915, in Marlow, Oklahoma, to George and Lucy Carter. Her mother was an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation. Pearl's colorful life took her from Marlow to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.



Eula Pearl Carter Scott

After learning to drive at age 12, she soared to new heights and learned to fly at the age of 13 under the tutelage of legendary aviator Wiley Post. She became the youngest pilot in the United States with her first solo flight on Sept. 12, 1929. She later worked as a stunt pilot until ending her career to focus on her children and family.

She started a second career with the Chickasaw Nation in 1972, as one of the tribe's first community health representatives after studying at the Desert Willow Indian Training Center in Tucson, Arizona. In 1983, Pearl was elected to the Chickasaw Legislature, serving three terms. During her tenure, she helped oversee tremendous growth in tribal operations and services.

Pearl's life is the epitome of independence and equality, traits evident in all Chickasaw women. This spice for life has been recognized across the nation. She was inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame, the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame, the International Women's Air and Space Museum Hall of Fame, and is a charter member of the National Museum of American Indian at the Smithsonian.

A complete file of her aviation experiences is included in the "History of Aviation Collection on Women" at Texas University in Dallas. She was listed in the 1978-79 edition of "Personalities of the South," the 1989-90 edition of "Outstanding Women of America," and in the Chickasaw Historical Section of the Memphis Magazine. In 1990, she was honored as Homecoming Queen and Guest of Honor for the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Wylie Post's flight around the world. She was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 1995. She passed on in 2005.

Elba "Cutchie" Johnston

Elba "Cutchie" Johnston was born in 1901 and spent her life serving the Chickasaw people and preserving the Chickasaw culture and history.

Besides being a musical artist, she received numerous awards

and commendations for her volunteer service because of the many contributions she has made to her community, her church and the Chickasaw Nation.



Elba "Cutchie" Johnston

Known for her compassion, strong values and gentleness, Johnston always put the well-being of others first and made time for those in need.

She was a member of several different organizations where she spent time helping others. She traveled worldwide as a member of the Associated Country Women of the World. As a local highlight, she was Co-Grand Marshal of the Annual Ardmore Christmas Parade.

Elba Johnston touched the lives of many who have had the pleasure of crossing her path.

Sally Chloe Grinslade Bell

Sally Chloe Grinslade Bell, born in 1926, is remembered for a lifetime of service to the Chickasaw people. Ms. Bell understood the importance of her heritage and her ancestors.



Sally Chloe Grinslade Bell

A strong belief in "learning from whence we have come and looking forward to where we need to be in the future" describes her outlook and focus. She was integral in using what she had learned from the past to help foster good for the future of the Chickasaw tribe.

Governor Overton James appointed her to assist in the writing of the present Chickasaw Nation Constitution, which the Chickasaw people overwhelmingly voted to accept. Her contribution to this important document exemplifies the rights and freedom of all her people.

Vinnie May Humes

Vinnie May Seely James Humes was born in Coatworth, Indian Territory, in 1903 and was an original enrolled member of the Chickasaw tribe.

Known by her close friends as "Sadie," she was 70 years old when she earned her high school GED through courses offered by the Chickasaw Nation. She will forever be linked to the education of Chickasaw people for generations to come.



Vinnie May Humes

"Sadie," along with her husband, Rev. Jesse Humes, co-authored "A Chickasaw Dictionary" which is considered the definitive compilation of the language and an invaluable contribution for the Chickasaw people and those learning the Chickasaw language.

She was a community leader and active in Indian mission work for many decades. As part of her dedication to serving the Indian people, she worked as a special caseworker during Oklahoma Governor Bill Murray's administration where she would often travel by horseback to reach some of her Indian clients who lived in rugged, rural areas of Oklahoma.

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Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation conference April 19-20

The 2018 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference is set for April 19-20 at the WinStar Convention Center in Thackerville, Oklahoma. Brenda Kingery, 2017 Dynamic Woman of the Year, is this year's keynote speaker.

Mrs. Kingery is a Chickasaw citizen and contemporary artist. Her artwork has been exhibited at museums around the world. She received her master's degree in fine arts and art history from the University of Oklahoma, post graduate studies in fine arts from Ryukyus Daigaku University in Okinawa, Japan, graduate studies in Chinese Language at Texas

Tech University in Lubbock, Texas and is writing a master thesis on folk art of Ryukyus.

She returned to Okinawa to teach painting, drawing and folk art cultures for the University of Maryland Far East Division. She later taught art history for the San Antonio College before starting her career as a full-time artist.

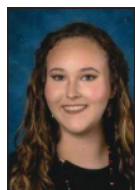
In 2007, she was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian Arts and currently serves as the vice president. Mrs. Kingery is a founding

member of Threads of Blessings and travels to Honduras, Mexico and Uganda to teach textile design workshops. The workshops encourage women of developing countries to utilize their Indigenous artistry.

Established in 2006, the Dynamic Woman of the Year Award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the nation, serve as role models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and

society at large.

The artwork for this year's conference was created by Kaitlyn Tingle. Miss Tingle is the daughter of Gary and Michele Tingle and is a 2017 graduate of Sulphur (OK) High School. She is now a freshman at Oklahoma State University.



Kaitlyn Tingle

In conjunction with the conference and forum, artwork showcasing the art of Chickasaw women will be exhibited. The artwork will be on display April 19 through May 19. This show is an exciting opportunity to showcase

the strength, spirit and creativity of Chickasaw women.

Categories include two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art, photography, textiles and traditional.

The conference is sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities. Registration forms are now available for the conference.

To complete a registration form, visit Chickasaw.net/Dynamic-Women. Deadline to register is Thursday, March 29.

For more information, contact arts and humanities at call (580) 272-5520.

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Young Chickasaw ballplayers celebrate undefeated season with teammates



Charles Miller Invitational Winners
Front row from left, Cadence Carlos, Aaliyah Eads, Mackaviya Nelson, Nizhoni Gee Hicks. Back row from left, Kambria Welch, Havyn Miller, Rylynn Truett, Eryn Khoury, Jakobi Williams, Coach Christi Sayre.



Consolation Championship Winners at the Charles Miller Invitational
Front row from left, Isabella King, Kate Denson. Back row from left, Torri Gustin, Preslea Anoatubby, CJ Lee, Lexi Mathews, Brylee Baird, Allie Gilleland, Jaden Holland, Lilly Savage, Savannah Alberson. Not pictured Madison Simpson

BYNG, Okla. - A group of sixth-grade basketball players is celebrating an undefeated Byng Elementary girls' team season, and winning a January tournament on the travel team, Future Elite.

Several of the players are Chickasaw including Kambria Welch, Rylynn Truett, Makaviya Nelson, Preslea Anoatubby, Jaden Holland, Kate Denson and Lexi Mathews.

Christi Sayre, who coaches the Byng players, said winning was never the focus of the undefeated team, which sports a 19-0 record.

"This group of young ladies is a special group of athletes," Coach Sayre said. "They have always stepped up for challenges and worked hard - not just for me, but for each other."

The girls rose to the top over the course of the season, winning the Roff Invitational, Stonewall Invitational and Charles Miller Invitational tournaments.

"The focus was more on learning from our mistakes, and I really encouraged them to make a lot of mistakes," Coach Sayre said. "That meant we were trying new

things, taking risks, and stepping out of our comfort zones. What they did after the mistake was most important. They became better players, teammates and leaders as our season went along. I saw improvement in every single player and in the team as a whole. That led to an amazing 19-0 season."

Chickasaw citizen Silas Welch coaches the travel team, Future Elite, which includes some of the girls from the Byng team. He was impressed with the work ethic of the girls, and the wins that came

as a result.

"I am proud of these young ladies, and how hard they work," Coach Welch said. "They are always ready and willing to play anyone, anytime, anywhere. They have really committed them-

selves to playing and improving this season. It has been a joy to watch them grow as people and players this season."

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Chickasaw Nation Recruitment and Retention program opens new space at University of Central Oklahoma



From left, University of Central Oklahoma President, Don Betz; Chickasaw Nation Family Resource Center Director, Randi Sunray; UCO Campus Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, Angee Romines; Chickasaw student, Kati Hindman; UCO Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, McShawn Conley; and UCO Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Myron Pope at the Chickasaw Nation Recruitment and Retention Program Open House, Jan. 29.

EDMOND, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Recruitment and Retention Program celebrated a new campus space at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) Jan. 29.

The space will give Chickasaw students attending UCO a place to go for academic advisement, studying and connecting with other Chickasaw students. It is

located in the Nigh Student Center, room 115.

"The Chickasaw Nation places great value on education," Recruitment and Retention coordinator Angee Romines said. "This new recruitment and retention office will ensure that we continue to bring Chickasaw students the best resources and services available."

Students were welcomed by Ms. Romines, UCO director of the office of diversity and inclusion McShawn Conley, UCO vice president of student affairs Dr. Myron Pope, and UCO president Don Betz.

"We are thrilled to have a new location to better serve the Chickasaw students and the university community," Ms. Romines said. "We are celebrating our second year at UCO and are extremely appreciative of the gracious support from the university staff and faculty as they have welcomed our program onto campus."

The Recruitment and Retention program supports the academic success of Chickasaw college students on the campuses of the University of Oklahoma (OU) and Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC), in addition to UCO.

An open house for a new Chickasaw student space at OCCC was Feb. 28. The OCCC Chickasaw Student Center is in the campus main building, room 3P1.

Having designated spaces on campuses is a sign of growth for the program and will help the education coordinators reach more Chickasaw students on each campus.

Coordinators guide students through funding opportunities, developing strong academic habits, graduating in a timely manner and connecting them to career and internship opportunities. Cultural activities and social events are also offered.

To learn more about the Chickasaw Nation Recruitment and Retention Program, visit Chickasaw.net/CK.

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Car seat safety checks set for March 15



Car seat safety checks will be provided at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center, 222 Rosedale Road, Ada, Oklahoma. Checks are free to the public and available Thursday, March 15, from 1-3 p.m.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Child Care Program has award-winning, certified staff to assist with community car seat check events. The next car seat safety will be 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 15 at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center, 222 Rosedale Road in Ada. Checks are free to the public.

The Chickasaw Nation Child Care Program has developed partnerships with Safe Kids Tulsa, The Children's Hospital at Saint Francis and the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office to provide car seat safety checks for the community.

"Car seat checks are important to help reduce child injuries during transportation," Mindy Caras, a Safe Kids instructor and employee of the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center, said. "Our job as child passenger safety technicians is to inform and educate families on proper safety seat installation."

At the car seat check event, a certified passenger safety technician will make sure the child safety seat is properly installed in the vehicle, the seat correctly fits the child and that the seat is in good repair. Common installation mistakes include loose belts, incorrect shoulder strap position and using incorrect belt paths.

"Technicians require that the child is present for the car seat check so that we can do our best at teaching a proper install," Ms. Caras said. "The safest car seat for a child is not the most expensive, it is the car seat that fits the child, fits the vehicle and one that a caregiver will use properly every time."

Reports from Safe Kids tell a grim story about proper car seat usage. Nine out of 10 car seats are installed improperly. At the same time, vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among children ages 5-19.

Oklahoma Child Passenger

Safety Law requires children 0-2 years old to ride in a rear-facing car seat, children 2-4 years old to ride in a car seat with a harness, children ages 4-8 to ride in a booster seat and children over eight or taller than 4'9" to use car seat belts.

Chickasaw Nation passenger safety technicians and instructors are certified by the Safe Kids program after intensive training and testing. The program was adopted as a service provided to Chickasaw citizens and the community through the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center by Becky Anoatubby, a Child Care program manager and child passenger safety technician.

"Mrs. Anoatubby made it her personal goal to ensure that every child at the center went home safer than they arrived," Ms. Caras said. "Under her leadership, the amount of certified technicians grew along with the passion to ensure safety. We provided car seat checks to the families at the child development center and in the community. Since then, the program has grown."

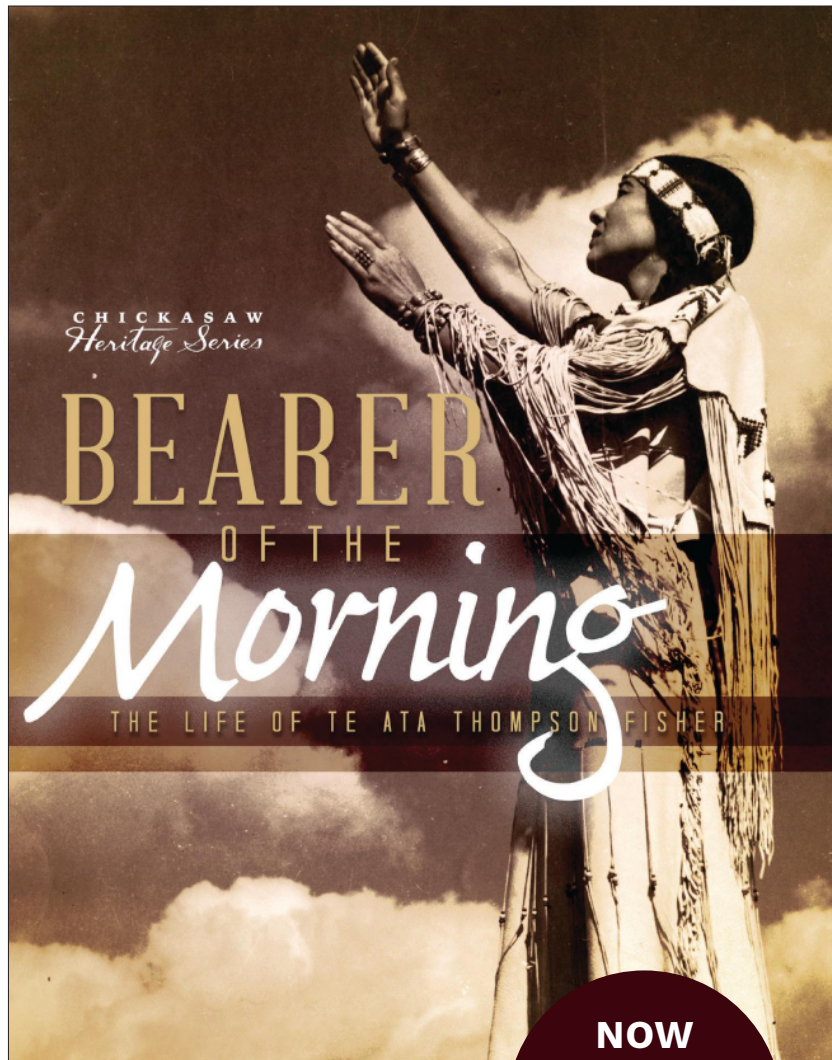
There are now two Safe Kids instructors, and at least 40 certified technicians who are tribal employees.

Car seat safety checks are provided at many community events and are always free. The Child Care program received support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Indian Highway Safety Program to do checks and provide free seats to eligible citizens.

"We are happy to check any seat, any time," Mrs. Anoatubby said. "We can also provide education and training for parents and caregivers on car set and safety installation."

Call the Child Care program at (580) 421-7711 to learn more about car seat checks and child passenger seat safety.

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Himona' program promotes abstinence

The Chickasaw Nation Himona' program presents to schools and participates in community activities to teach students why abstinence is the most effective method of preventing pregnancy and sexual transmitted diseases (STDs).

This program exclusively encourages abstinence and is designed to teach the social, health related and psychological benefits of abstaining from sexual activity while emphasizing the

harmful effects of sexual activity outside of marriage.

The Himona' program's goal is to help youth identify healthy relationships, develop skills to make good decisions and set goals for the future, while understanding and avoiding STDs.

To schedule a presentation with a certified abstinence educator for a school or organization, contact the Himona' program at (580) 310-7900 or visit Chickasaw.net/Abstinence.

CHIC offers new website in conjunction with ChickasawKids.com

In conjunction with ChickasawKids.com, the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) website has added new features for a younger audience.

Kid's Corner, under the "Community Health and Wellness" tab, offers fun and interactive educational space for children. Adding the new Kid's Corner feature allows the tribe the ability to provide children with health information beginning at a young age.

The CHIC website, CHICresources.net, provides citizens, staff, patients and their families access to health information through the National Library of Medicine from home or at one of the CHIC centers in various Chickasaw Nation health facilities.

Onsite CHIC centers are located at the Chickasaw Nation satellite health clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo and coming soon to the Purcell health clinic. At the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, the CHIC kiosks are in the Town Center, by the information desk. These areas in the health facilities provide computer/kiosk resource centers with internet access, to utilize this educational resource.

For all of your health questions or research, visit CHICresources.net.

For more information about the program, call (580) 436-3980.

Avoid flu by keeping kids away from infection

Influenza has been widespread this season over most of the country. Parents of well children under age 12 are strongly encouraged to limit their children's visitation to health facilities.

Visitors who are not critical to a patient's care, delivery or well-being should also limit visitation to health facilities.

At the Chickasaw Nation health facilities, the staff is working diligently to prevent the transmission and spread of illness. Additional measures are in place to protect hospitalized patients, and to minimize the spread of the flu and flu-like symptoms through

visitors.

The goal is to protect patients, staff and visitors from being exposed to the virus. Influenza can be spread through cough, sneeze or by touching something the flu virus has infected.

People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions including asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease, and people age 65 and older. These groups should avoid visiting health facilities unless seriously ill or in case of an emergency.

Face masks are available at

Chickasaw Nation health facilities. Face masks should be worn during visitation in the rooms of patients who are in isolation for influenza. Those showing signs of respiratory infection (cough, runny nose, fever) may also be asked to wear a facemask while in the facility.

In the event the face mask supply kiosk is empty, notify staff at the front desk and you will be provided a face mask.

For more information about the influenza and prevention, visit www.CDC.gov.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dallas Rudd, Public Affairs

Kullihoma turkey hunt applications due March 16

The deadline to apply for a special permit for the Adult Spring Turkey Hunt and the Youth Spring Turkey Hunt at Kullihoma is fast approaching.

Permit requests may be picked up at the Chickasaw Nation Conservation and General Ranger Department, 221 N. Rennie, Ada, Okla., or call (580) 310-6466 to request an application. All permit requests must be completed and returned to the department no later than 5 p.m. on March 16. All

applicants must be a Chickasaw citizen. CDIB required.

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March 31 - April 1, 2018

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April 6 - May 6, 2018

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Document shredding event April 20 at ReUse Center

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center is hosting a document shredding event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, April 20.

A shredding truck will be onsite to immediately shred documents at 2205 N. Broadway in Ada.

This event is free and open to the public. Businesses are welcome.

The ReUse Center will also accept:

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March 2018 Chickasaw Honor Club Recipients

Jaycob Hogan

Jaycob Hogan, son of Jessica Hogan of Chandler, Arizona, is a March recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award.



Jaycob Hogan

Jaycob is a fifth grader at Jacobson Elementary in Chandler, and was nominated by his teacher, Ken Zarnick.

"Jaycob is a great student that probably does not often the recognition he deserves," Mr. Zarnick said. "Jaycob always put forth a good effort and takes pride in getting his work done."

This scholar enjoys wrestling and playing baseball.

His future plans are to become a police officer.

Daisy Kuntz

Daisy Kuntz, daughter of Shawn and Amy Kuntz of Meridian, Idaho, is a March recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.



Daisy Kuntz

Daisy is a fifth grader at Paramount Elementary in Meridian, and was nominated by the safe school aid, Jennifer Farrar.

"This year Daisy has continued to amaze me with her eagerness and willingness to help out and assist not only myself but her peers," Ms. Farrar said. "Daisy takes great pride in her school and is a much admired and respected student of Paramount Elementary."

Daisy enjoys playing soccer, volleyball, hip-hop dancing and art.

Her future plans include going to Boise State University.

Ava Pettiford

Ava Pettiford, daughter of Brenley Thomas, of Oklahoma City, is a March recipient of the Chickasaw



Ava Pettiford

Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award.

Ava is a fifth grader at Overholser Elementary in Oklahoma City, and was nominated by the secretary and cultural coordinator, Deanna Murrow.

"Ava has perfect attendance and is a dedicated student," Ms. Murrow said. "She independently and consistently demonstrates skills and knowledge necessary to mastery of the learning goal."

Ava enjoys making slime, swimming and snowboarding.

Her future plans include going to Harvard University.

Cashin Cliff

Cashin Cliff, son of Chey Anne and Jade Cliff of McAlester, Okla., is a March recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award.



Cashin Cliff

Cashin is a fourth grader at Frink-Chambers Elementary in McAlester, and was nominated by his teacher, Andrea Slawson.

"Cashin has completed all requirements for his fourth grade standards in Math and English/Language Arts on Study Island and is currently working on fifth grade skills," Ms. Slawson said. "He always goes above and beyond when completing assignments. Cashin is not only very bright academically but he is an extremely talented athlete and shows great character."

This scholar enjoys playing basketball, baseball, spending time with family and watching the Boston Red Sox play.

His future plans include going to college and hopes to play Major League Baseball.

Carter Norvell

Carter Norvell, son of Marc and Dana Norvell of Frederick, Okla., is a March recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achieve-



Carter Norvell

ment in Music.

Carter is an eighth grader at Frederick Middle School in Frederick, and was nominated by the vocal music director, Carisa Schreiner.

"Carter has earned a spot in the 2018 Oklahoma Choral Directors Association JH All-State Choir," Ms. Schreiner said.

He is active in band and was the only eighth grader chosen to march with the high school band.

This scholar enjoys playing the saxophone and playing video games.

Carter's future plans include going to the University of Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University.

Kaylee Martin

Kaylee Martin, daughter of Bryant and Angela Horning of Ada, Okla., is a March recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Art.



Kaylee Martin

Kaylee is a junior at Byng High School in Byng, Okla., and was nominated by her teacher, Trina Jones.

Kaylee has won awards for her art at the Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) and at Red Earth. She was awarded a Gold Key from Scholastic Art & Writing.

This artist enjoys fishing, hunting, gardening, racing and playing video games.

Her future plans include going to college and becoming a crime scene investigator or doing special effects makeup for movies.

Bruer VanKirk

Bruer VanKirk, son of Brian and Brea VanKirk of Marlow, Okla., is

a March recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award.

Bruer is a second grader at Marlow Elementary in Marlow, and was nominated by his teacher, Janet Bergner.

"Bruer loves to read and his reading level is 3.8," Ms. Bergner said. "He has read 134 books and was on the honor roll for the first semester for all A's."

Bruer has wrestled for three years at Marlow Elementary and is a member of the Marlow First Baptist Church.

This scholar enjoys playing baseball, shooting guns, swimming, camping and traveling.

His future plans are to become a game warden or a police officer.

Madyson Mitchell

Madyson Mitchell, daughter of Jay and Kristi Mitchell of Ada, Okla., is a March recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.



Madyson Mitchell

Madyson is a senior at Ada High School in Ada, Okla., and was nominated her by the Ada City Schools Director of Indian Education, Tatum Sallee.

"Madyson's leadership extends into the school setting and she represents her school with pride," Ms. Sallee said.

Madyson is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Chikasha Pehlichik Ikbii (CPI) Youth Leadership Program and will be attending Harding University in the fall. She plans to major in health sci-

ences with a minor in health missions and will be participating in the pre-medicine program.

This scholar enjoys canoeing, hiking and going to the movies.

Her future plans are to become an anesthesiologist.

Kinsey Black

Kinsey Black, daughter of Brandy and Luis Juarez of Cache, Okla., is a March recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in athletics, academics, citizenship and Future Farmers of America (FFA).



Kinsey is a sophomore at Cache High School in Cache, and was nominated by her teacher, Kelly Jenkins who singled out this Chickasaw student for her hard work both in the classroom and on the field.

"Kinsey has been actively involved in our agriculture program since eighth grade," Mrs. Jenkins said. "She interviewed and was selected to be the 2017-2018 FFA Parliamentarian for our chapter."

Kinsey divides her time among sports, academics and teaching the toddler class at Restoration Church of God.

"Every day I have to manage my time wisely between studying, games and practices," Kinsey said. "I am a member of the Restoration Church of God in Cache where my grandpa is the pastor and I teach the children's church class every Sunday."

Kinsey hopes to attend college after high school and study dentistry.

Native Youth Community Project visits Washington, D.C.



Alyssa Sanchez and Logan Jarret, both Chickasaw citizens and juniors at Roff High School, at the Washington Monument during the Native Youth Community Project (NYCP) student leadership committee trip to Washington, D.C. Photo provided by Rendon Falls

Logan Jarret, a Chickasaw and junior at Roff (OK) High School, started last summer with a trip that opened his eyes to a future full of possibilities.

Logan was chosen to serve on the student leadership committee through the Native Youth Community Project (NYCP), a program offered through Chickasaw Nation Education.

One of the first experiences he had as a committee member was a group trip to Washington, D.C.

"The trip was great," Logan said. "I got to see things I would have never been able to see without the NYCP program. It was a confidence booster. It showed me that I can actually go places."

NYCP is a new program reaching Native American students in the Oklahoma counties of Pontotoc and Carter. The leadership committee is part of a four-year grant to boost Native American education resources in those counties.

The program had helped him become a different person, Logan said, lifting his confidence level, giving him pride in his Chickasaw heritage and pointing him in the right direction for college and career success.

"I feel less limited," he said. "The experience opened my eyes to possibilities."

NYCP program resources seek to improve education opportunities for students in preschool through high school. The Chickasaw Nation program focuses on 14 school districts in Carter and Pontotoc counties.

Logan said the program had as-

sisted him with preparing for the ACT test and obtaining software for his graphic design course, in which he is currently enrolled at Pontotoc Technology Center. He said he planned to continue participation in the program during his senior year and encouraged other Indian students to become part of NYCP.

"NYCP helps you prepare for your future, whether you plan to go to college or a technology center," he said.

It was a good feeling, he said, to know that if another Native American student needed help, he knew where to send him or her.

NYCP education coordinator Rendon Falls said Logan was a good example of the program's success.

"This student came into the program very intellectual, but somewhat timid," Mr. Falls said. "Through his efforts with NYCP he has grown and matured as a young man and as a leader. He is no longer timid but is outgoing and determined in the pursuit of his dreams. This young Chickasaw man will do well in life. The future is bright for the Chickasaw Nation with leaders like Logan on the rise."

NYCP services assist students beyond common offerings like tutoring. The programs offers direct educational and family services while addressing issues that may be causing educational struggles and truancy including lack of transportation, undiagnosed hearing and vision problems and more.

Chickasaw-owned radio group honored by Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters



ADA, Okla. - A creative and humorous radio spot garnered a major broadcasting award for South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprise (SCORE), an Ada-based group of commercial radio stations owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation.

A spot promoting a mobile app and streaming services for 100.1 FM, KYKC earned SCORE an outstanding achievement award from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters (OAB).

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the SCORE staff and management were very deserving of the award.

"It is gratifying to see the talented and dedicated team at SCORE have earned this honor from such a respected organization," Gov. Anoatubby said. "They consistently strive for excellence in all aspects of their operation, and we are very pleased they are being recognized for their efforts."

KYKC employee Bill Thomas, who joined the group in 2015 from KOMA in Oklahoma City, wrote and produced the award-winning spot.

KYKC specializes in continuous country hits and broadcasts at 50,000 watts with a city-grade signal covering 12 counties in south-central Oklahoma, making it one of the most powerful in the state. KYKC is one of five radio stations managed by SCORE, which serves community members both within

and outside of the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation, over the airwaves and online.

"These are the Academy Awards of broadcasting and represent only the finest work among broadcasters, so we naturally are extremely happy we were recognized," SCORE general manager Roger Harris said.

Other SCORE stations include COOL 99.3 FM, KADA, offering adult contemporary music from the '70s, '80s, '90s and now; 106.5 BOSS FM, the station for all things classic rock; and 105.5 FM KXFC, The X-Factor, southern Oklahoma's hit music channel.

A newcomer to the SCORE family of stations, 102.3 FM, Pirate Radio, launched January 2018 with the motto "all rock, no rules," specializing in modern rock from the 90s through today. Its theme harkens back to the edgy, unpolished sound of the illegal stations which sprang up in the 80s and still exist today.

The OAB will present SCORE the Outstanding Achievement Award at the annual Outstanding Achievement Awards Banquet April 20 at the River Spirit Casino Resort Hotel in Tulsa. The banquet is sponsored, in part, by the Chickasaw Nation.

CONTRIBUTED BY Brandon Frye, Media Relations.

Players in Progress students join Harlem Globetrotters in OKC



Chickasaw Players in Progress joined the Harlem Globetrotters during a Globetrotter performance Feb. 10 at Chesapeake Arena in Oklahoma City. Front row from left, Kensey Carter, Baylor Brown, Masen Fleming, Tyler Shelton, Ian Reynolds, Jagger Underwood, Wyatt Sneed, Taegan Justice, Kiara Cummins, Samantha Brown, Mason Cart, Jayce Brown, Tahj Smith, Erica Brown. Top row from left, Remington Lowrance, Brilee Peters, Gage Oxley, Emma Craft, Thomas Jackson, Taden Jackson, Mavric Lowrance, Damion Brown, Noah Cummins, Lucas Craft, Landon Brown, Caden Frost, Kaleb Walker, Daxton Lowrance, Chelsy Woods, Alyssa Craft. Not pictured: Marcus Smith, Kambree Reynolds, Charlee Mayes.

Jaquelyn Sparks

OKLAHOMA CITY - Players in Progress (PIP) team members from the Sulphur and Tishomingo Chickasaw Youth Clubs performed basketball tricks in front of the Harlem Globetrotters' au-

dience Feb. 10 at the Chesapeake Energy Arena.

After the performance, PIP players had the opportunity to meet Harlem Globetrotters players, learn new tricks and watch a

game filled with excitement and basketball artistry.

"I think this program is really good for the kids," mother of PIP member, Kelly Reynolds said. "It helps encourage them to get ac-

tive. It gives them experience if they want to continue on with athletics."

The Chickasaw Nation PIP is a program that serves Chickasaw Youth Club members enrolled in

the health and fitness program.

To learn more about the Chickasaw Youth Clubs, contact youth organizations at (580) 310-6620.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carmen Carter, Public Affairs.

Seven general members welcomed to Chickasaw Foundation board

The Chickasaw Foundation welcomes seven new general members to the team:

Jerry Jones

Jerry Jones has served the Chickasaw Foundation for a number of years as assistant treasurer or assistant secretary. He was elected to serve as treasurer, Feb. 1 at the Chickasaw Foundation Annual Meeting.



Jerry Jones

In January 1996, Mr. Jones began working for the Chickasaw Nation as an internal auditor. He then became the finance director for headquarters. He created a new internal audit department and became the director of quality performance. He was later promoted to senior advisor and executive officer of audit and financial reporting.

Before working for the tribe, Mr. Jones worked for Horne & Company, P.C., a local accounting firm, where he worked on the independent audit of the Chickasaw Nation for seven years. He received his bachelor's degree in accounting from East Central University and is a certified public accountant.

Leta Burwell

Leta Burwell has worked for the Chickasaw Nation for 29 years and serves as executive officer of the Social Services Division in the Department of Commu-



Leta Burwell

nity Services. She has attended Abba's House Worship Center for 15 years and currently serves as the children's church director.

Ms. Burwell has one daughter, Savannah, who is also employed with the Chickasaw Nation. She is a communication officer for the Department of Communications and Community Development.

Ms. Burwell enjoys spending time with family and friends, shopping, reading and serving the church in various capacities.

Ms. Burwell believes it is important to give to the Chickasaw Foundation to make a difference in the lives of the Chickasaw people. She is grateful for the opportunity to donate and support the mission of the Chickasaw Foundation.

Melissa Edgar

Melissa Edgar is the executive officer of Project Development and Review. She has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation since 2000.



Melissa Edgar

Ms. Edgar earned a bachelor's degree in health information management from East Central University and has a certificate in public health from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She is also a certified grants management specialist.

Ms. Edgar lives in Ada with her husband and two daughters.

Palmer S. Mosely

Palmer S. Mosely is the Under Secretary of the Chickasaw Na-

tion Department of Interior Services. He currently oversees the CDIB/tribal enrollment office, the office of self-governance, emergency management and the Lighthorse Police Department.



Palmer S. Mosely

Mr. Mosely grew up in Bromide, Oklahoma. He is a direct descendant of the Mosely-Greenwood family and his forefathers were one of the first Chickasaw families to settle in this area after removal from the Chickasaw Homeland.

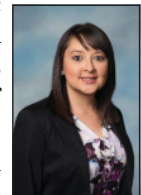
Mr. Mosely is the great-great-grandson of original Chickasaw enrollee Palmer S. Mosely, who served as the 20th and 23rd Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. As a young child, Mr. Mosely was exposed to the teachings and wisdom of Chickasaw elders Vinnie May Humes, Darias and Eric Cravatt and Kenneth Meeler.

Mr. Mosely graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Before joining the Chickasaw Nation in October 2015, he was employed as a federal law enforcement officer with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and a police officer with the Durant Police Department in Durant, Oklahoma. During his federal law enforcement career, Mr. Mosely worked on several Native American reservations located throughout the United States.

In his spare time, Mr. Mosely is a high school basketball referee. He and his wife Jennie reside in Ada, Oklahoma with their four children, Sim, Ethan, Grayson and Maverick.

Nicole Schultz

Nicole Schultz has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation since 2010. She was appointed director of Public Affairs in 2016. She previously held the positions of communications officer and public relations manager.



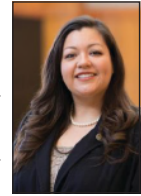
Nicole Schultz

Ms. Schultz received her bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations from the University of Oklahoma. She is a graduate of the Ada Chamber of Commerce's Leadership YOUniversity class V, National Public Relations Society of America member and a member of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women.

Ms. Schultz has been recognized as the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, Oklahoma American Indian Woman of the Year in 2013, National Center for American Indian Business Center Native American 40 Under 40 in 2013 and in Oklahoma 30 Under 30 in 2014.

Valorie Walters

Ms. Valorie Walters is of Chickasaw and Choctaw descent and is a Chickasaw citizen. She earned a bachelor's degree



Valorie Walters

in mass communications with a concentration in advertising and public relations from East Central University in 2005. She began working for the Chickasaw Nation in 2002, and currently serves as the executive officer of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. She oversees the day-to-day operations of the Cultural Center and the tribal library.

Presently, Ms. Walters serves on the board of directors of the Oklahoma Museums Association and on the Oklahoma Humanities board of trustees.

Rachel Wood

Rachel Wood is a certified public accountant and a certified fraud examiner. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from East Central University. She worked for the Chickasaw Nation Internal Audit Department from 2008 to 2009 before relocating to Ardmore where she worked for a large oil and gas company for six years. She is currently in the rotational leadership program of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Treasury.



Rachel Wood

Ms. Wood is married to Jeremy and they have one son, Parker, with another baby due in July. As an employee and citizen she is very passionate about the mission of the Chickasaw Nation and the future of the Chickasaw people.

Foundation Spotlight



MARY JO GREEN

The Chickasaw Foundation appreciates the commitment of its donors and would like to recognize Mary Jo Green for her generous support. Mrs. Green spent more than 40 years serving the Chickasaw people. She served as a Chickasaw Nation employee, a Chickasaw Legislator and as a philanthropist.

In memory of her son, Jess

Green, she established the Jess Green Memorial Law Scholarship in 2014. This scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw junior or senior student pursuing a degree in law, pre-law, legal studies, paralegal or any major associated with law.

"I wanted to help people remember what my son obtained in life," Mrs. Green said. "He was a country boy who earned his degree by putting himself through school by working. He became a successful lawyer who won two Supreme Court cases."

Anderson graduates OSU

Steven Anderson graduated in December 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Administration & Operations/Professional Pilot from Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Anderson received scholarships from both the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Foundation. He was the recipient of the Pearl Carter Scott scholarship

and the John Bennett Herrington scholarship.

"I want to thank the Chickasaw Foundation and the Chickasaw Nation for all the support I received while attending Oklahoma State University," Mr. Anderson said. "I would not have been able to achieve my degree without your financial assistance."

Presently, Mr. Anderson is serving as a flight instructor at the Oklahoma State University Flight Center. He is the son of Brett and Nancy Anderson, of Littleton, Colo.



STEVEN ANDERSON

Foundation Annual Meeting



Lisa John presented John Fryrear with his 10-year service award on behalf of the Chickasaw Foundation.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Foundation hosted its annual meeting at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Building in Ada, Feb. 1.

Officers elected for 2018 were Chairman Robyn Elliott, Vice-Chairman Holly Easterling, Treasurer Jerry Jones, Secretary Jalina

da Kelley and Assistant Treasurer Matt Chesnut. Trustees are Tina Cooper, M.D., John Fryrear, Debra Gee, Deanna Hartley-Kelso, Jay Keel and Kirk Perry.

John Fryrear received an award for his 10 years of dedicated service and support to the Chickasaw Foundation.

JANUARY 2018 LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
 Regular Session
 Legislature Building
 Ada, Oklahoma
 January 19, 2018

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Member absent: Nancy Elliott

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

Guests present: Gene Lehman, Michael L. Wingo

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Billy.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - December 15, 2017

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the December 15, 2017 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Lisa J. Billy, Tim Colbert, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2017 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE by Committee Chair Scott Wood

PR35-001 Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 2 Section 8-200.1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Requirements of Office)

This resolution amends provision of Title 8, Chapter 2 Section 8-200.1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding proof of residency for candidates for tribal office. The amendments provide further guidance to the Election Commission for determining candidate residency.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Billy to approve PR35-001.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Lisa J. Billy, Tim Colbert, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR35-001 carried unanimously.

Mr. Wood concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

There was no new business to discuss or comments from citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Perkins, Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

FEBRUARY 2018 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 35-008

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County (Orchard Street)

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation to be utilized as addition to the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters campus in the Ada area described below:

The South 175 feet of the West 75 feet of Lot 43 of Sunnyside Acres Subdivision of Blocks 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Arlington Addition to the City of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Property Location: 801 Orchard Street, Ada, Oklahoma

Use: to be utilized as part of the Chickasaw Nation campus in the Ada area

Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 35-009

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County (East Main Street)

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation to be utilized for Chickasaw Nation Division of Education described below:

All of Lot 11 and the West 10 feet of Lot 12 in Block 9 Donaghey Addition to the City of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: 708 East Main Street, Ada, Oklahoma

Use: to be utilized by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education

Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 35-010

Gubernatorial Reappointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Mr. Claude Miller

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Claude Miller on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, filling the at-large seat, to fill a term of office ending on December 31, 2020.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 35-011

Gubernatorial Reappointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Ms. Tommi Johanna Harkins

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Tommi Johanna Harkins on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, filling the Pickens District seat, to fill a term of office ending on December 31, 2020.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting

February 12, 2018

Present: Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Dr. Karen Goodnight, David Woerz

Human Resources Committee

February 5, 2018

Present: Nancy Elliott, Dr. Karen Goodnight, Lisa Impson, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Tim Colbert

Absent: Beth Alexander

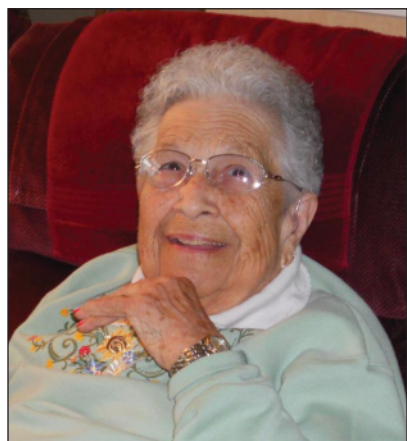
Land Development Committee

February 5, 2018

Present: Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Lisa Impson, Steve Woods, Toby Perkins

Absent: Beth Alexander

Nelwyn Jay Duckworth Crawford



Nelwyn Jay Duckworth Crawford, 97, passed away Jan. 10, 2018, in Katy, Texas. She was born July 15, 1920, in Kemp, Okla., to Wiley Jay Duckworth and Manila Dewey (Reynolds) Duckworth. She graduated from Caney High School, Caney, Okla., in 1938.

She married Raymond Henry Crawford May 10, 1940. They had three children during their marriage. During World War II she worked at Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, Fort Worth division, alongside her mother and sister-in-law.

She was a longtime resident of Atoka, Okla., and owned the Atoka Flower Shop for many years. She also worked at Blaker's Beef Burger in Atoka.

She enjoyed gardening, flowers, crossword puzzles, crocheting, sewing, baking and crafting. She loved her family most of all.

She was preceded in death by her parents, original enrollees Wiley Jay and Manilla Duckworth; husband Raymond Crawford; brother Wiley Joe Duckworth; sister Claudia Gay Edwards; and nephew Dennis Joe Duckworth.

She is survived by two daughters Betty Gail McCullah and Howell, and Martha Sue Mann; one son Jay H. Crawford and Debbie; two wonderful grandchildren, Traci McCullah and Michael Jay Mann; lifelong friends Bess Withrow, of Caney, and Leamon Morris, of Coalgate, Okla.; three nieces and their families; other relatives and many dear and loved friends.

A private family memorial service will be at a later date.

Betty Lue (Norton) Dennis



Betty Lue Dennis, 78, passed away Jan. 27, 2018, at her home in La Vernia, Texas, with her family by her side.

Mrs. Dennis was born July 13, 1939, in Mannsville, Okla., to Ervin Tom and Neoma Margaret (Tadlock) Norton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband of 61 years, Jimmy R. Dennis Sr.

She is survived by her children, Jimmy Dennis Jr., Joni Witt and Tony, Vicki Spessard and Gary, Randy Dennis and Suzy and Sandi Consevage and Joseph; brother, Ervin Tom Norton Jr. and Jennett; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

A celebration of life occurred at Flores Park in San Antonio, Jan. 30, 2018, as a graveside service was happening at Sutherland

Springs Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Josh Walters officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nurses in Touch Hospice, Floresville, Texas; La Vernia First Baptist Church or the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org>.

Anderson Imotichey

Anderson Imotichey, 87, passed away Jan. 11, 2018. A memorial service was Feb. 17, 2018, at the Norwalk United Methodist Church, Norwalk, Calif.

Mr. Imotichey was born March 1, 1930 to Mary Colbert at Reagan, Okla.

He attended Jones Academy in Hartshorne, Okla., and Chilocco Indian School in Newkirk, Okla.

Following graduation in 1952, he entered the U.S. Navy and served until 1956.

His ship docked in California. He remained in Long Beach, Calif., and worked for the Long Beach Gas Company over 30 years.

He is survived by his wife Ava Imotichey.

Linda Sue Tyson



A Celebration of Life for Linda Sue Tyson, 72, of Ada, Okla., will be Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the Sulphur Park. The Celebration begins at noon. Family and friends will release balloons and celebrate her life and birthday.

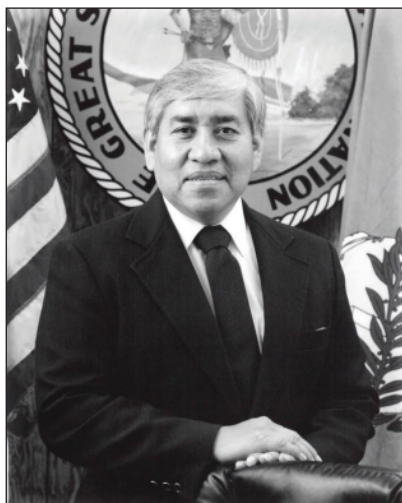
Ms. Tyson passed away Friday, January 19, 2018 at her home. She was born March 29, 1945 at Ada to Harding B. and Julia Parnacher Tyson.

Ms. Tyson was a homemaker, jewelry maker and she liked to travel and sightsee.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters, Betty Jean Jennings and Dorothy Cravatt.

She is survived by her partner, Wayne Browne, of the home; a son, Donald (Duck) Bailey and his partner, Cynthia Pense; a daughter, Glinda Rodriguez; her grandchildren, Christina Pense, Melody Pense, Ronald G. Bailey, Tabatha Bailey and Cory Collett, Whitney Schmidt, Jordan Schmidt and Matthew Linkous and Nicci Jordan; her great-grandchildren, Aayiana, Isaiah, Nicholas, Owen, Elijah and one on the way; and many other relatives and friends.

Kennedy Wilson Brown



Services for Kennedy Wilson Brown, 78, of Ada, Okla., were Monday, March 5 at Crosspointe Church of Ada, with Revs. Don Jacob and Randy Wade officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery near Stonewall, Okla. A Wake service was Sunday, March 4 at Criswell Funeral Home, Ada.

Mr. Brown passed away Feb. 28, 2018 at his home.

He was born May 19, 1939 at Stonewall to Adolphous D. and Lula Viola Johnson Brown. He graduated from Tupelo (OK) High

School and attended East Central (OK) University.

He married Richenda Lynn Dunn February 16, 1973 at Tupelo. Mr. Brown was a full-blood Chickasaw and had recently retired from the Chickasaw Nation where he had worked for 43 years. He served and worked in many areas of the Chickasaw Nation. Over the years, some of his titles included Chickasaw Princes Pageant judge, Pontotoc County Election Board member, member of the Ada Board of Directors for the Heart of Oklahoma Chapter of the American Red Cross, a voting member of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, member of the Ada Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, member of the Ada City Schools Board of Trustees, member of the Ada and McAlester District Girl Scouts Board of Directors, member of the Board of Directors for Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma, Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Director, Senior Historian for History and Culture, Past President and member of the Board of Trustees of the Chickasaw Foundation, Chairman Emeritus of the Chickasaw Foundation, Special Assistant to

the Governor, and Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Brown was an avid OU football fan, Thunder basketball fan and a Yankees fan. He was a Master Mason of Ada Lodge #119 and a member of the Kiwanis Club. He served in the U. S. Army National Guard for 42 years, and retired as a Captain.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Richenda, of the home; a son, Kelly Brown and wife, Paula, of Ada; four brothers, Leon Brown and wife Sandra, Union Valley, Okla., Louie Brown, Stonewall, George Brown, Enid, Okla., and Alfred Brown, Ada; a sister, Joyce Murray and husband Vincent, of Lula, Okla.; brother-in-law, Steve Dunn, of Arlington, Texas; a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Alice Cozad.

Bearers will be Clay Taylor, Nick Jackson, Trevor Maxwell, Vincent Whitecloud, Darrell Walker and Rex Wilson.

Honorary bearers will be Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, Del Wayne Johnson and Jay Johnson.

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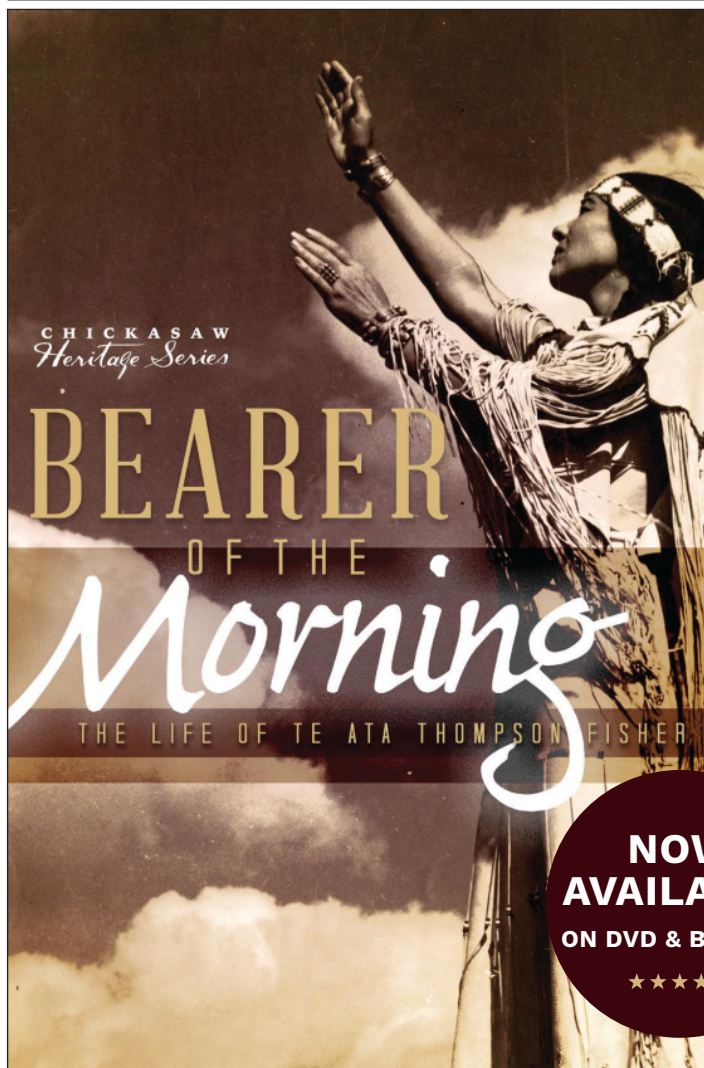
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Connerville Chickasaw Community Council

Tony Poe: (580) 421-4994
Every other month, 3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council

Carolee Maxwell: (405) 527-7676
4th Tuesday monthly at 6:30 p.m.

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council

Linda Clinton: (405) 282-6069
1st Tuesday monthly. Potluck at 6:00 p.m.; meeting at 6:30 p.m.

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Sandra Williams: (817) 688-6566
3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Central Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Jay Hurst: (512) 784-5281
3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

South Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Ellen Brooker (210) 421-1956
2nd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Ada Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Monthly, 6:30 p.m.

Alaska Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Meets once a year in Anchorage

Ardmore Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Every other month, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Arizona Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly meetings in Phoenix/Tempe area

Bryan County Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly meetings, Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Durant, OK

Colorado Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly, second Saturday, 11:30 a.m. in Lakewood

Duncan Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Every other month, Saturday, 11:30 a.m.

East Texas Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly, Sunday, 2:00 p.m. in Tyler

Florida Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly, Saturday meetings in Orlando

Georgia Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly, Saturday meetings in Atlanta

Houston Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Louisiana Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Twice per year, Saturday, 1:30 p.m. in West Monroe

National Capitol Region Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly meetings, Sunday in Washington D.C.

Nevada Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly meetings, Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in Henderson

New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Meetings twice per year in Windsor, Connecticut

New Mexico Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly meetings, Saturday in Albuquerque

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly meetings, Saturday in Sacramento

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Every other month, 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Newcastle, OK

Ozark Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Twice per year, Sunday, in Fayetteville, Arkansas

Pacific NW Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly meetings, Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Vancouver, WA

San Diego Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly meetings, Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Southern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly, Saturday meetings in Fontana

St. Louis Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Twice per year, Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Texoma Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly meetings, Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Kingston, OK

Tishomingo Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Monthly at 6:30 p.m.

Tri-State Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Meetings twice per year in Newark, NJ

Tulsa Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly meetings, Saturday

Wichita Chickasaw Citizen Connection

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For more information about each group's meeting times contact Chickasaw Nation Community Outreach at (580) - 332-1165.



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Wrestling icon visits Chickasaw Nation

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, and Secretary Jay Keel, left, welcome 1965 NCAA Wrestling Champion and Olympic team coach Tadaaki Hatta to Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Feb. 23. Mr. Hatta coached for the 1988, 1992 and 1996 U.S. Olympic men's freestyle wrestling teams, the 1968 and 1984 Japanese Olympic teams, as well as the 1972 Mexican Olympic team. He was named 2008 Women's Coach of the Year by USA Wrestling for his work with at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. He authored the book "The Wrestling Techniques Handbook". Mr. Hatta and Chickasaw Hall of Famer Jack Brisco were teammates on the Oklahoma State University wrestling team. Mr. Hatta lives in Elyria, Ohio.

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