

Chukma! Chin Chukma. Thank goodness Spring is finally here! But with all the beauty comes the ugly. Please pray for all the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. I can't imagine the heartache and devastation they are going through.

This month the Human Resources Committee only had one resolution - the gubernatorial appointment of Mr. Reubin Orphan to the Wildlife Commission. The Commission was created by the Legislature to regulate the taking of wildlife on tribal lands. The Commission is comprised of three members and Mr Orphan will fill a seat vacated by the resignation of Mr. Gene Underwood. We appreciate Mr Underwood for his service and we thank him. Mr. Orphan is retired from the BIA Chickasaw Agency and states "I think I know every tree and what you can plant in every field." Mr. Orphan shows great concern and care for the land and wildlife within the Chickasaw Nation and I believe that he will make an excellent Commissioner.

On another note, I was privileged to attend a women's conference hosted by our own Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce training office on March 1 and 2. Their mission is to provide motivational training to all of the Chickasaw businesses and tribal employees to help them better serve our people. Over 200 attended this Second Annual Women's Conference titled "Colors of Harmony."

They had a wonderful keynote speaker who delivered an address titled "Stop What is Stopping You." There were many breakout sessions including "Women in the World of Business," discussions to sharpen your image and wardrobe/makeup consulting.

Tony Gibson is the Director of Training for the Division of Commerce. He and his staff were awesome. They decorated the place beautifully and made everyone feel special. Employee training is very important to us. It allows employees to learn new techniques in serving our people as well as earning incentive points to advance their careers. Comments received from the participants included "I really enjoyed this - it makes me feel great about myself," Great

atmosphere and positive attitude,” I am motivated and inspired” and “Awesome decor and music
- very exciting.”

Although this conference was only for women, I hear through the grapevine that one is in the
works for men. I wish I could attend that conference also!

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