

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. Well, 2011 is starting out cold, of course. We've already had one snow in Ada and we are expecting another snow storm as I write this. A few more weeks and we should start to see some warmer weather.

The new valet service at the Chickasaw Medical Center is proving to be a big help for patients. I have received several favorable comments from seniors about the new service.

Signs mark the way to the valet service. You just drive up to the entrance and give your keys to the personnel there. Entering the facility is easy and comfortable because of the large covering over the entrance. The service is available at both the hospital and the clinic entrances. The valet personnel will even assist with wheelchairs and other walking aids. They will give you a ticket to identify your car.

When you have completed your business in the Medical Center, just present the ticket to the valet personnel and they will get your car for you and you will not have a long walk out through the parking lot to your car. This service is absolutely free to the patrons of the facility. It costs nothing and tipping the driver is not required.

There are many handicap parking places in a lot that is near the clinic entrance on the northwest corner of the medical center. That lot also contains a few spaces for elderly patients to park. A walk through door for the pharmacy is very near this lot.

The drive through window is located on the north side of the Medical Center. It works just like it did at the old facility. You call your refill prescriptions into the pharmacy and they will tell you when the prescriptions will be ready to pick up. For new prescriptions, you will have to pick them up inside so the pharmacist can give you any special instructions for them. The Lipid Clinic is in the pharmacy just as it was at the old facility.

The new Chickasaw Medical Center has certainly surpassed all dreams we had when it was

first being planned. We are truly blessed to be able to provide such a wonderful facility and excellent health care for our Indian people!

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.