

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. As I write this, it is almost Autumn and the weather has finally broken from the extreme hot we had this summer. Ada even got a little rain in the last ten days. Not enough to fill the ponds and watering tanks, but maybe enough to get the grass growing again. We are so thankful for every drop! So Autumn and football have returned to Oklahoma!

Also as I write this, Festival and Annual Meeting are a couple of weeks away and we are getting very excited. I'm sure there will be Chickasaws and visitors from all over Oklahoma and throughout the U.S. Seniors from the 11 Chickasaw senior sites and others will be engaging in many activities and competitions beginning on Saturday, September 24 all the way through Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 1. Please visit http://www.chickasaw.net/services/index_3156.htm for a complete schedule. Some of the more notable senior competitions include basketball shoot, softball throw and cow chip throw. The competitions are held in Pennington Park in Tishomingo.

On October 29, TG Farms Pumpkin Patch will be sponsoring a pumpkin festival in Newcastle, Oklahoma. Hosted by Chickasaw Todd Griffith, the festival will include a talent show, pumpkin carving contest and other events. All are invited and it should be great fun!

I'm sad to report that my sister-in-law passed away in Arkansas and her service was on Legislative Session Day which prevented me from attending. It is one of the few times I have ever missed session throughout my career as a Legislator. I regret it because I take my elected position very seriously.

Please continue to contact me by email or telephone anytime you have a concern, comment or need. I view a large part of my job as helping our citizens whenever they are in need of information or services. If you contact me by telephone, please leave your number 2 or 3 times in

the message so that I can get it right. I have missed a couple calls in the past because the caller only said their number once and it was hard to determine the correct number. I'm sorry if it was you - please call me back.

My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are 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.