

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! Summer has really flown by this year and school has already started. Kudos to recipients of the Life Time Scholarship: Randa Ables who is studying Dental Hygiene at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Emily Jones at the University of Oklahoma College of Law; Whitney Sheff studying law at Cincinnati University; Lisa Sweet in Legal Studies at East Central University; and Timpi Webber studying business at the University of Colorado.

Kudos also to Chickasaw Foundation scholarship winners Jennifer Harris, Ashley Johnson, Zack Skinner, Tawannah Love, Mindy Morgan, Riley Elmore, Katie Johnson, Amber Brecht, Dustin Newport, Michaela Worcester, Rina Chronister, Avery Kuykendall, Kenneth Hulsey, Timpi Webber, Jalaina Johnson, Bridget Whittington, Randall Hamilton, Lacie Crow and Chris Carpenter. Thank you all for your hard work and best of luck in your studies!

Congratulations to 13 GED students who recently earned their GED diplomas. We appreciate your hard work as much as the scholarship winners and wish you every success as you continue your education or enter the work force.

Our Health System Administrator, Bill Lance, gave a report to the Health Care Committee during our meeting of August 8. The Health System employees have been busy getting ready for the Joint Commission Accreditation Health Care Organization audit this month. We know that their preparation will be rewarded with an outstanding evaluation. Mr. Lance reminded us that Governor Bill Anoatubby is one of the 7 members of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. He also reported the following facts:

In the month of July, 2005, there were 231 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,124. July Emergency Room visits

were 1,108. July saw 268 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,563 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 3,4,027 patients in July. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,576 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,449. The Durant Clinic saw 2,362 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,380.

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. I look forward to speaking with you! Until next month, thank you.