

Greetings and Merry Christmas from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! We certainly hope that you had a glorious Christmas and ate too much like we did. It was wonderful celebrating the holidays with family and friends.

We are really excited with the project of building the best health system in the United States. Plans are moving forward for the construction of the new hospital and the prescription refill center is in limited operation now and should be fully implemented in January.

We've unfortunately experienced a run of the 3-day flu here. Hope it didn't reach you! The Health System still has plenty of flu vaccine so if you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, please do so now. It is never too late to be immunized.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: In the month of November, 2006, there were 208 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,763. November Emergency Room visits were 1,132. November saw 273 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,490 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,771 patients in November. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,136 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,445. The Durant Clinic saw 2,586 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,511 in November.

We wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year!! I know that we can work together to make the Chickasaw Nation the best that it can be. And may you all enjoy good health in the coming year.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address [mary.green@chickasaw.net](mailto: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 month, thank you.