

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! Congratulations to all you Chickasaw graduates, whether high school, college or lower grades! All you college and high school grads are to be commended for your hard work in reaching your goals.

Summer is here for those seeking employment. To you Summer Youth workers this year: learn all you can because your attendance and hard work will give you job experience that will help you gain other employment in the future. And the money you earn can be used to further your education or assist you with future living expenses. Pay yourself first by putting some of each paycheck in savings. If you learn how to save now, you will develop a habit that will stick with you throughout life.

Kudos to all you Chickasaw students of the month. Keep up the good work next year. I love seeing your pictures and names in the Chickasaw Times!

It is not too early for students to apply for their clothing grants for next school year, so fill out those applications now. Remember that every Chickasaw student from head start through high school can receive \$200 per school year for a clothing allowance. It is a very nice benefit that I hope you do not miss.

Administrator Bill Lance reported the following statistics: In the month of April, 2006, there were 186 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 12,833. April Emergency Room visits were 887. April saw 241 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,213 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,017 patients in April. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,932 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,980. The Durant Clinic saw 2,440 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,460 in April.

Until next month, may you each enjoy good health. I would love to hear from you!

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