



# CHITIMACHA

Tribe of Louisiana

Tribal Newsletter



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This year is flying; the Tribal Council has been extremely busy with multiple undertakings to shape our Tribe's future. We are very pleased to present the following information for your review and knowledge.

**Strategic Planning Retreat.** Once again The Tribal Council and Administration recently concluded a two-day strategic planning retreat to evaluate the plan we have in place and how it could be updated to better serve the needs of the Tribe. The retreat was heavily geared towards economic development initiatives (existing and proposed) with some discussion on government programs. The facilitator is now working on the draft document for the Council's review and approval. The Council looks forward to sharing the details of this updated document as soon as it is finalized.

**Chitimacha Health Clinic.** The Clinic is continuing to actively reach out to several companies in the area in an effort to expand our revenues. This is the first step in growing our clinic in an effort to have it become a revenue generating asset for the Tribe.

**Hemp.** Based on the advice of our Legal Counsel, the Council has identified the legal basis that would support a Tribal medical cannabis and/or hemp operation under the current law. The Council has done some initial research and finds that it is warranted and necessary to conduct further research on whether the Tribe can develop a Tribal medical cannabis and/or hemp operation that is both profitable and built to the legal bases that it has identified. With that said, the council has established a Medical Cannabis Research Committee for the purpose of researching and recommending a legal, safe, and profitable way for the Tribe to enter the medical cannabis and/or hemp market. I wish there was more to say on this but this is the very beginning stage and hopefully in the near future we can have community meeting to educate the community.

On behalf of Tribal Council THANK YOU to all that got out and helped with the cleanup after the storm (Barry). It was good to see our youth step up and do an excellent job cleaning the debris around the reservation.

Once again THANK YOU! I would like to thank the Police Department and the Fire Department for all their efforts helping out during and after the storm (Barry). It was good to see the lights on the patrol units as they passed in the pitch darkness during the power outages. THANK YOU!



# Katherine "Kitty" Vilcan



November 1, 1963 – March 21, 2019

What can I say? If you knew her, you loved her. Kitty had a heart of gold and a sense of humor that could change your day. Her optimism kept many of us going in our darkest times. She was truly a gift from God. Kitty was generous with her prayers and quick with her opinions. Her glass was always half full. She was definitely the light and life of the Tribal Office. It will never be the same.

Kitty gave everyone a nickname. Or two or three. You may not have liked the name that you were given, but it made no difference to her. It stuck. How she came up with all of them I will never know. As you can see in the picture, a couple of our staff angels had t-shirts made after her passing with each person's nickname on them. We wear them proudly! If you didn't have a nickname from Kitty, I'm a little sad for you...or maybe you just didn't KNOW that you had a nickname!



Kitty was the facilitator of the Tribal Newsletter for at least 15 years. This is the first one that has gone out since she's been gone.

She wouldn't want us to be sad...but we are. She unexpectedly went to be with her God on March 21<sup>st</sup>. She certainly didn't ask our permission. Life will never be the same. Please remember Kitty's family and friends in your prayers. I can promise that she prayed for you. She consistently prayed for her Tribe and her community...whether you knew it or not. She was a treasure and we will miss her forever more.



"Her memory is now my keepsake, with which I'll never part.

God has her in his keeping

I have her in my heart."

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**DUE TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER ON THE WEBSITE AND THE OCCASIONAL SENSITIVE NATURE OF TRIBAL BUSINESS, THE RESOLUTION NUMBERS AND TOPICS WILL ONLY BE POSTED.**

**FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS, THE FULL RESOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO JILL LOUVIERE, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT OR APRIL WYATT, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR. YOU MAY MAIL YOUR REQUEST TO P.O. BOX 661, CHARENTON, LA 70523 OR THROUGH E-MAIL: [jill@chitimacha.gov](mailto:jill@chitimacha.gov) or [april@chitimacha.gov](mailto:april@chitimacha.gov)**

**A CONFIDENTIALITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM WILL BE REQUIRED TO RELEASE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION. THE FORM CAN BE MAILED OR E-MAILED TO YOU.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.**



Tribal Administrative Office - Toll Free Number - 866-936-2654

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018**

<b>Resolution CHI-TC #42-18</b>	<b>Tabled in June but approved in July. Associate Gaming Commissioner Appointment (Don Darden)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #43-18</b>	<b>FY '19-21 BIA Consolidated Tribal Government Program (CTGP)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #44-18</b>	<b>Chitimacha Tribal Procurement Policy</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #45-18</b>	<b>Chitimacha Tribal School Acoustical Improvements Project Construction Contract</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #46-18</b>	<b>Project NS-11-RH3, Tribal School Sewer Investigation Contract</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #47-18</b>	<b>CTS Athletic Handbook for Junior High Program</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #48-18</b>	<b>Agent for Service of Process</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #49-18</b>	<b>C BCH FY '18 Capital Budget Reallocation</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #50-18</b>	<b>Louisiana State Police Budget</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #51-18</b>	<b>FY '19 Indirect Cost Budget</b>

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2018**

<b>Resolution CHI-TC #52-18</b>	<b>Extension of Sales Tax Rates</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #53-18</b>	<b>Institute for Indian Development to Apply for Funding Opportunity for Family Violence Prevention and Services/Grants for Domestic Violence Shelter/Grants to Native American Tribes</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #54-18</b>	<b>Commission Authority for Bailiffs and Probation Officers</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #55-18</b>	<b>Special Diabetes Program for Indians Community-Directed Grant Program FY 2019</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #56-18</b>	<b>Bank Authorizations</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #57-18</b>	<b>FNB of Jeanerette Bank Authorizations</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #58-18</b>	<b>Safe Deposit Box Authorizations</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #59-18</b>	<b>Approval and Implementation of State Tax Reduction</b>

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018**

<b>Resolution CHI-TC #60-18</b>	<b>Cancellation of Residential Land Lease (Russell L. Persilver, Jr.)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #61-18</b>	<b>Cancellation of Residential Land Lease (Megan A. Persilver)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #62-18</b>	<b>Residential Land Lease – Leasehold Mortgage (Nicholas J. Persilver)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #63-18</b>	<b>Residential Land Lease – Leasehold Mortgage (Lindsey C. Martin)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #64-18</b>	<b>Residential Land Lease – Leasehold Mortgage (Erin C. Daniels)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #65-18</b>	<b>Ambassador Inn Acquisition and LLC Formation</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #66-18</b>	<b>Land-Into-Trust – Parcel 1B1</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #67-18</b>	<b>FY 2019 D.A.R.E. Program</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #68-18</b>	<b>Purchased and Referred Care Rates</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #69-18</b>	<b>Signatory Authority for Federal Contracts &amp; Grants</b>

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2018**

<b>Resolution CHI-TC #70-18</b>	<b>Revisions to the 401(k) Steering Committee Overview and Charter</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #71-18</b>	<b>401(k) Plan Amendments</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #72-18</b>	<b>NCAI Membership Dues</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #73-18</b>	<b>Cancellation of Residential Land Lease (Ralph C. Darden)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #74-18</b>	<b>Residential Land Lease – Leasehold Mortgage (Jules M. Darden)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #75-18</b>	<b>Residential Land Lease – Leasehold Mortgage (Kaston W. Fluke)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #76-18</b>	<b>Residential Land Lease – Leasehold Mortgage (Kica P. Talbot)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #77-18</b>	<b>Formation of Ney Gapti, LLC</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #78-18</b>	<b>Raintree Market Commercial Loan</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #79-18</b>	<b>401(k) Plan Amendments</b>

Resolution CHI-TC #80-18	CTS Sanitary Sewer Improvements
Resolution CHI-TC #81-18	Financial Policies - Vendor Management Policy
Resolution CHI-TC #82-18	Appointment of Primary Designee and Secondary Designee for LSP Notifications
Resolution CHI-TC #83-18	Gaming Commission Chairman Appointment (Tasia Burgess)
Resolution CHI-TC #84-18	CTS Food Service Products Contract
Resolution CHI-TC #85-18	Foster Grandparent Program
Resolution CHI-TC #86-18	Sheriff's Services FY '19
Resolution CHI-TC #87-18	FY 2019 Chitimacha Tribal Budgets
Resolution CHI-TC #88-18	FY 2019 Raintree Market Budget
Resolution CHI-TC #89-18	FY 2019 Keta Budget
Resolution CHI-TC #90-18	SAC and FOX Nation Juvenile Detention Center Contract

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018**

Resolution CHI-TC #91-18	FY 2019 CBCH Budget
Resolution CHI-TC #92-18	Employment Extension Agreement for Ben Hu
Resolution CHI-TC #93-18	Employment Extension Agreement for Ralph Huybrechts
Resolution CHI-TC #94-18	Chief Administrative Officer Signatory Authority
Resolution CHI-TC #95-18	FY 2019 CBCH Budget - Capital Expenditure
Resolution CHI-TC #96-18	Approving Interview Committee's Recommendation for Program Administrator
Resolution CHI-TC #97-18	Signature Authority - CPD K-9 Services

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018**

Resolution CHI-TC #98-18	Final Compensation Agreement for Manville Borne
Resolution CHI-TC #99-18	Second Limited Extension of Employment Agreement for Ben Hu
Resolution CHI-TC #100-18	Second Limited Extension of Employment Agreement for Ralph Huybrechts

<b>Resolution CHI-TC #101-18</b>	<b>Standard Operating Procedures Agreement between the Chitimacha Tribe and the State of Louisiana</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #102-18</b>	<b>401(k) Plan Document Amendment</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #103-18</b>	<b>FY 2019-2023 IHS Multi Year Funding Agreement</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #104-18</b>	<b>C BCH Capital Outlay Request</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #105-18</b>	<b>USET FY 2019 General Support &amp; FY 2019 Impact Week Dues Payment</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #106-18</b>	<b>Contract for Judicial Services of Assistant Tribal Prosecutor</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #107-18</b>	<b>MOU between The Southern University Law Center and the Chitimacha Tribe</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #108-18</b>	<b>Unanimous Written Consent of the Member of Keta Group, L.L.C.</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #109-18</b>	<b>Ratification of Keta Manager Appointment (Alton D. LeBlanc, Jr.)</b>

**RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2018**

<b>Resolution CHI-TC #110-18</b>	<b>Amendment to the Keta Operating Agreement by Removing Manville Borne's Name and Replacing It with Alton D. LeBlanc, Jr.'s Name</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #111-18</b>	<b>Employment Extension Agreement for Ben Hu</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #112-18</b>	<b>Employment Extension Agreement for Ralph Huybrechts</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #113-18</b>	<b>Programmatic Agreement between the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Chitimacha Tribe</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #114-18</b>	<b>C BCH Host Incentive Plan</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #115-18</b>	<b>Gaming Commission Server Purchase</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #116-18</b>	<b>NNACA Membership Application</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #117-18</b>	<b>NIGA Membership Renewal</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #118-18</b>	<b>Authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Mary Parish for Completion of Flat town Roadway</b>

Resolution CHI-TC #119-18	Sitimaxa Holdings Board Member Appointment (Brennan Fangué)
Resolution CHI-TC #120-18	FY '19 Sitimaxa Holdings and Wayti Budgets Approval
Resolution CHI-TC #121-18	Keta Employee COLA & Bonus Authorization
Resolution CHI-TC #122-18	Keta Line of Credit Renewal
Resolution CHI-TC #123-18	C BCH Capital Purchases
Resolution CHI-TC #124-18	Authorizing NARF to include the Tribe on Brackeen Amicus Brief

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2019**

Resolution CHI-TC #01-19	Employment Agreement for Alton D. LeBlanc, Jr.
Resolution CHI-TC #02-19	Employment Agreement for Ben Hu
Resolution CHI-TC #03-19	Employment Agreement for Ralph Huybrechts
Resolution CHI-TC #04-19	Authorization to Publish Amended Constitution & Bylaws
Resolution CHI-TC #05-19	Enrollment Policy
Resolution CHI-TC #06-19	Sitimaxa Board Member Appointment (Richard Picard)
Resolution CHI-TC #07-19	Safe Deposit Box
Resolution CHI-TC #08-19	Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home Agreement

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019**

Resolution CHI-TC #09-19	FNB Bank Authorizations
Resolution CHI-TC #10-19	Agreement between the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and the Jacobson Law Group
Resolution CHI-TC #11-19	C BCH Capital Purchases
Resolution CHI-TC #12-19	Election Board Appointment - Expired Term (Megan Persilver)
Resolution CHI-TC #13-19	Establishing Medical Cannabis Research Committee (Melissa Darden, Jacqueline Junca and Ann Kimberly Cook)
Resolution CHI-TC #14-19	Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) 2019



Resolution CHI-TC #15-19	Residential Land Lease - Leasehold Mortgage (Toni Ann Darden)
Resolution CHI-TC #16-19	Residential Land Lease - Leasehold Mortgage (Jennifer L. Salisbury)
Resolution CHI-TC #17-19	Residential Land Lease - Leasehold Mortgage (Keishalynn V.B. Salas)
Resolution CHI-TC #18-19	Residential Land Lease - Leasehold Mortgage (Jasi Anderson Powell)

### **RESOLUTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019**

Resolution CHI-TC #19-19	IMLS Basic Library Services Grant SY' 2019 -2020
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### **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2019**

Resolution CHI-TC #20-19	Agreement to Secure Public Unit Deposits
Resolution CHI-TC #21-19	Revoke Commission Authority for Bailiffs/ Probation Officers
Resolution CHI-TC #22-19	Cancellation of Residential Land Lease (April Cook Wyatt)
Resolution CHI-TC #23-19	Residential Land Lease - Leasehold Mortgage (Jacob D. Bernard)
Resolution CHI-TC #24-19	Residential Land Lease - Leasehold Mortgage (Johnny A. Burgess)
Resolution CHI-TC #25-19	Keta Bonding Capital Retention Agreement and Limited Waiver of Immunity
Resolution CHI-TC #26-19	Keta & Subsidiaries Authorization to Sign Indemnity Agreement
Resolution CHI-TC #27-19	Chitimacha Board of Education Appointment (Joshua Vilcan)
Resolution CHI-TC #28-19	2019 CTS Site Improvements
Resolution CHI-TC #29-19	C BCH Capital Expenditures
Resolution CHI-TC #30-19	2019-2020 Title VI - Formula Grant for Indian Education
Resolution CHI-TC #31-19	FY' 2020 Indian Highway Safety Program (IHSP)
Resolution CHI-TC #32-19	Economic Development Committee Appointments (Bruce Burgess, Matthew Richard and Richard Picard)

## **RESOLUTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2019**

<b>Resolution CHI-TC #33-19</b>	<b>Approving Special Election for Constitution Amendments</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #34-19</b>	<b>CBCH Capital Purchase - Reallocation of Funds</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #35-19</b>	<b>Special Election Ballot Questions and Special Election Ballot Supplement</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #36-19</b>	<b>Housing Authority Appointment (Kered Parro Mire)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #37-19</b>	<b>Louisiana State Police Budget</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #38-19</b>	<b>Residential Land Lease – Leasehold Mortgage (Tasia Bernard Burgess)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #39-19</b>	<b>CTS Food Service Products Contract</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #40-19</b>	<b>Tabled in May but approved in June. Chief Appellate Court Judge (Anne Lennan Simon)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #41-19</b>	<b>CBCH Capital Expenditure Budget Change</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #42-19</b>	<b>External Audit Engagement Proposal Letter</b>

## **RESOLUTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2019**

<b>Resolution CHI-TC #43-19</b>	<b>Temporary Exclusion Order (Cutter Naquin)</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #44-19</b>	<b>Automated Election Services (AES) Agreement</b>
<b>Resolution CHI-TC #45-19</b>	<b>Confirms the Accuracy of the Amended Constitution and Directs its Publication on the Tribe's Website</b>

**RESOLUTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2019**

Resolution CHI-TC #46-19	Authorized Signer on Federal and State Contracts
Resolution CHI-TC #47-19	Authorized Signer on Vouchers and Budgets
Resolution CHI-TC #48-19	Resolution Declaring State of Emergency
Resolution CHI-TC #49-19	Formation of Hecm Construction, LLC
Resolution CHI-TC #50-19	Wayti Building Lease Renewal
Resolution CHI-TC #51-19	Fiscal Policy Sections
Resolution CHI-TC #52-19	Associate Gaming Commissioner Appointment (Leslie D. Proctor)
Resolution CHI-TC #53-19	Tribal Chairman's Salary
Resolution CHI-TC #54-19	Improvements at Yaamahana/Chitimacha Child Development Center

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# Tribal Administration Highlights



Program Administrator, April Wyatt

## Qaxtna Fellow Tribal members,

This past year has been very busy for our Tribal Administration and Tribal programs. In addition to the Tribal Program submissions that are included in this newsletter, there were many other events and projects that have taken place. The following is a brief summary of some of those projects and events:

### Close-Up Program

Every year, some of our youth are able to participate in the Close-Up Program in Washington, D.C. which is organized to work in conjunction with the annual Impact meeting of the United South and Eastern Tribes. The annual Impact meeting for USET is attended by some of our Tribal Council members and staff. Many tribal youth members from our USET tribes attend which gives our youth a great opportunity to network with tribes from their region on culture and various topics that are vital and specific to them and their communities. They attend workshops, cultural events, museums, social functions, and when possible meet with their federal governmental leaders. Also, since the program works with USET, we are able to interact with our youth at various events. My personal favorite is that we get to witness them participate in a mock Tribal Council meeting where they identify an issue effecting their communities and then they propose a solution which is voted on by their peers/fellow Council members. This year our attendees were Nina Darden, Savannah Guillory, Mackenzie Broussard, Marylou Rojas, and Khloe Walden. Their community improvement topic was focused on improving our Scholarship program. They created an information display which identified several ways to make the program more beneficial to our tribe and our students. They did a wonderful job and represented our Tribe very well. Below are a few memories from their trip.





## Summer Youth Program

Our Summer Youth Program was a huge success! For those of you who don't know, our summer youth program is a work training program that was started quite a few years ago. The intent of the program is to teach our youth skills needed to be great employees & great leaders. We had approximately 21 of our youth participate this summer. They were placed at various locations such as our Public Works Department to assist with keeping the reservation maintained, our Summer Camp program to assist with taking care of our campers, at Rivercane to assist in keeping the facility and grounds maintained, and in our offices on rainy days to assist in shredding, dusting, cleaning walls and whatever else their supervisor requested. Some of our youth even assisted in the clean-up efforts following Hurricane Barry by cleaning up branches, cutting grass, and weed eating around the reservation. They also assisted our elders with their debris removal and cleanup. They impressed the entire community with their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm to help their tribe. This year, our program got its first logo, which was designed by one of our supervisors, Johnny Burgess. The logo perfectly captures our program mission. I would like to thank Johnny for designing it. I would also like to thank him and all of our supervisors for helping make this the best Summer Youth program year yet. Of course, I would also like to recognize our Summer Youth. You ROCKED this summer and your entire community is extremely proud of you.





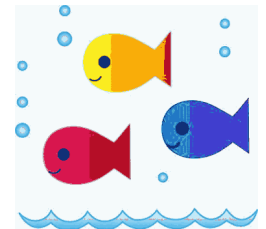
## Huygi - Tribal Youth Council

Some of our tribal youth council members attended the annual United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference this summer in Orlando, FL. The annual UNITY Conference hosts tribal youth from all over the country where they focus on themes such as social, spiritual, physical, and mental development in our youth. During the conference our youth got to participate in various cultural events and workshops, meet with leaders of other Tribal Nations, hear speeches on various issues that are vital to Indian Country, meet with their caucus on important topics, and network with their fellow tribal youth. On the last day of their trip, they were rewarded for all of their hard work and participation by going to Universal Studios to where they had a great time. I would like to thank our supervisors who attended the conference with our youth and kept them safe.



## Ketkampa

One of our newer youth programs is our Ketkampa summer camp. Ketkampa is a camp designed for our older campers and it is comprised of both day and evening activities and field trips. This year some of the places and activities they got to enjoy were a trip to the movies, a water park, bowling, and even a boat ride through the Bayou Teche! Some of them even collected clams and brought them home. It's safe to say that our kids thoroughly enjoyed Ketkampa this year! Thank you to all of our staff that continue to make the summers fun, educational, and ACTIVE for our kids.





## **8th Grade Trip**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders took their annual trip this past July. This year they decided to go to Galveston, TX for a couple of days. During their trip they enjoyed a day at the Schlitterbahn water park, rode bikes, and went on a river ride at Rainforest Café. They definitely had a great time and enjoyed their last trip as a class. Thank you to all of our chaperones! I would also like to wish all of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders the best as they start their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year! I know that you will have a great year.

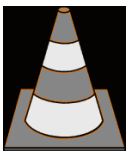


## **Chitimacha Tribe School - Construction/Improvement Projects**

Our school has been going through several major maintenance projects. Earlier this year, we successfully completed a much needed sewer improvement project. This summer we have successfully completed a replacement of our cement circle drive and some of the sidewalks. We also removed and replaced the entire parameter fence. The fence is now 6 feet tall all the way around and free of trees and other obstructions. We also added a walk through gate at the front of the school on Chitimacha Trail so that our students could enter the school easily without having to wait for an automobile to pass through the electric gate. We are currently finishing up a drainage project which will improve our drainage on campus. As always, we are working on improvements on the interior of our school as well. We just finished replacing all of our urinals and some of our water fountains. We have a beautiful school and we want to make sure it remains that way.

## **Yaamahana Child Development Center - Improvements/Repairs**

We are starting on an improvement and repair project at our day care center very soon. This project includes various items such as repairing all exterior building surfaces, re-painting the exterior of the facility, replacing the front doors, installing a new code access system, repairing sheetrock on areas needed on the interior of the facility, replacing some tile, pouring additional concrete, and various other items. This should all accomplished with very little disruption to our center.





## **Social Media Update:**

In an effort to share information with you, we have been trying to make our governmental activities accessible on more social media platforms. We are proud of the hard work that is taking place and we want to share it with you. We have an official Chitimacha Tribal Government Facebook page which we are currently working on improving. Some of our Tribal programs also have official Facebook accounts which share information about their specific programs. We recently added a LinkedIn account for tribal and community members to follow but also for past and current employees to list as their past or current employer. Below is a list of our current Tribal Government and Tribal Enterprise Websites and Social media accounts:

### **CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA:**

**Tribal Government - Website:** <http://www.chitimacha.gov>

**Tribal Government - Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/chitimachatribeoflouisiana>

**Tribal Government - LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/chitimacha-tribe-of-louisiana>

**Chitimacha Tribal Police Department - Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Chitimacha-Tribal-Police-Department-934065153345834/>

**Chitimacha Fire Protection - Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Chitimacha-Fire-Protection-190696831084245/>

**Chitimacha Recreation Department - Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Chitimacha-Recreation-1960790667538672/>

**Yaamahana / Chitimacha Early Learning Center - Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/413460495785836/>

**Chitimacha Election Board - Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Chitimacha-Election-Board-2058149077772320/>

**Huygi – Chitimacha Youth Council - Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/huygi.council.9>

### **CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO HOTEL:**

**Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel - Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/CypressBayouCasinoHotel/>

**Mr. Lester's - Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/MrLestersSteakhouse/>

**ROX - Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ROXNightclub/>

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### **OTHER ENTERPRISES:**

**Raintree Market - Website:** <http://raintreemarket.com>

**Colorado Professional Resources – Website:** <http://cp-resources.com/>

**Keta Group, LLC - Website:** <http://ketagroup.com>





# Human Resources Department News....



## Annual Recognition Awards Pro-



The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana held it's Annual Recognition Awards Program Ceremony and incorporated their annual Christmas party into the awards ceremony on Friday, December 14, 2018. The event was held in the Pavilion at Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel and was hosted by Melissa Darden, Chairman and Nikina Vilcan, Chief Administrative Officer.

## Employee of the Year Nominees



Eric Bell, Police Officer  
Chitimacha Police Department



Amber Broussard, Lead Child Care Provider  
Chitimacha Child Development Center



Allison Burgess, 3rd Grade Teacher  
Chitimacha Tribal School



Erin Daniels, Cultural Instructor I  
Chitimacha Cultural Department



Jackie Darden, Senior Deputy Clerk  
Chitimacha Tribal Courts

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AVAILABLE

Tracie Leger, Office Manager  
Chitimacha Tribal School



Amanda LeJeune, Social Studies Teacher/Coordinator  
Chitimacha Tribal School



Coty Martin, Firefighter II  
Chitimacha Fire Department

# ★ Employee of the Year Nominees ★



Heather Shuff, Senior Investigations Clerk  
Chitimacha Gaming Commission



Virginia Thibodeaux, Librarian  
Chitimacha Tribal School

# ★ Supervisor of the Year Nominees ★



Hal Hutchinson, Police Chief  
Chitimacha Police Department



Nicholas Picard, Sergeant  
Chitimacha Police Department



Tanya Rosamond, Principal  
Chitimacha Tribal School

**Congratulations to all Employee & Supervisor Nominees!!**



# Employee of the Year Winner



## Amber Broussard



Amber is a Lead Child Care Provider at the Chitimacha Child Development Center (Yaamahana). She is responsible for providing developmental care and supervision to the children, creating lesson plans and assisting children in daily routines. She implements positive guidance techniques to help the children learn acceptable behavior and establishes a welcoming and warm environment for the children. Amber and her kids, Talon Thomas, Bentley Thomas, and Lane Thomas reside in Charenton, Louisiana. Amber's hobbies and interests include spending time with her kids, shopping, camping, fishing, cooking and baking.



# Supervisor of the Year Winner



## Nicholas Picard



Nicholas is the Sergeant at the Chitimacha Police Department. He is responsible for overseeing and managing assigned patrol staff, and also Patrols the Chitimacha Reservation and Community. He reviews, completes and submits a variety of files and cases. He also maintains, trains and handles two police K9's. One is a Narcotic Detection K9 and the other one is a Explosive Detection K9. Nicholas and his K9's reside in Franklin, LA. Some of Nicholas' hobbies and interests include riding his motorcycle, fishing, football and traveling.

# Congratulations to both Winners!!

# Employee Crawfish Boil



**Employee Appreciation**

*Thank You for all you do!!*





# CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



## POLICE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**On 6-6-19**, a 17-year-old juvenile was arrested for simple battery.

**On 6-7-19**, a male subject was arrested for criminal damage to property, a fugitive warrant for failure to appear for misdemeanor arraignment for angling without a license X 2.

**On 6-7-19**, a male subject was arrested for resisting an officer, an active warrant for an Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office for probation violation, an active warrant for St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office for failure to appear for trial for the charge of principal to theft of \$5,000 or more but less than \$25,000, and an active warrant for Morgan City Police Department for simple assault.

**On 6-9-19**, a female subject was arrested for disorderly conduct.

**On 6-11-19**, a female subject was arrested for disorderly conduct.

**On 6-12-19**, a male subject was arrested for principle to theft under \$1,000 and an Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office fugitive warrant for failure to maintain automobile liability insurance and expired vehicle license plate.

**On 6-12-19**, a female subject was arrested for theft under \$1,000.

**On 6-12-19**, a male subject was arrested for possession with intent to distribute schedule IV (Clozapine), possession of schedule I (Marijuana), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**On 6-12-19**, a female subject was arrested for possession of schedule II (Methamphetamine), 3 counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, a fugitive bench warrant for Lafayette City Court for failure to appear for arraignment for leash law, a fugitive bench warrant for Youngsville Police Department for failure to appear for arraignment for theft less than \$1,000, and a fugitive warrant for Breaux Bridge City Court for failure to appear for arraignment for theft.

**On 6-12-19**, a male subject was arrested for theft over \$1,000 (felony), possession of schedule II (Methamphetamine), and 3 counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

**On 6-17-19**, a male subject was arrested for unauthorized use of a movable.

**On 6-18-19**, a male subject was arrested for an active fugitive warrant for Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office for failure to appear for misdemeanor trial for speeding 79/65 and operating a vehicle while license is suspended/revoked/cancelled.

**On 6-21-19**, a male subject was arrested for possession of schedule I (marijuana third offense), possession of drug paraphernalia, an Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office fugitive warrant for failure to appear for misdemeanor arraignment for operating a vehicle while suspended/revoked and no seat belt, and a Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office fugitive warrant for failure to appear for pre-trial for possession of marijuana.

**On 6-21-19**, a male subject was arrested for possession of schedule II (Amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine), possession of schedule I (marijuana), possession of drug paraphernalia, and a Houston County Sheriff's Office in Alabama fugitive warrant for probation violation for possession of marijuana and assault.

**On 6-22-19**, a male subject was arrested for theft.

**On 6-22-19**, a female subject was arrested for distribution of schedule II (Adderall).

**On 6-22-19**, a female subject was arrested on Tribal charges for unlawful possession or use of drugs



On 7-2-19, a male subject was arrested for possession of schedule I (Marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On 7-5-19, a male subject was arrested for possession of schedule I (Marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On 7-8-19, a male subject was arrested for criminal trespassing.

On 7-17-19, a male subject was arrested for theft.

On 7-18-19, a male subject was arrested for an active Tribal warrant for probation violation.

**Always Buckle Up When Driving!**

# BE AWARE OF SCAMS:

Now that Hurricane Barry has passed, we want to warn every one of the potential of fraudulent people trying to commit scams on victims of Hurricane Barry. Please make yourself aware of ways to prevent becoming a victim of a scam.

## **Steps to Take to avoid being scammed after the hurricane from the Department of Justice:**

1. Do not respond to any unsolicited (spam) incoming emails, including clicking links contained within those messages, because they may contain computer viruses.
2. Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as members of charitable organizations or officials asking for donations via email or social networking sites.
3. Beware of organizations with copycat names that are similar to but not exactly the same as those of reputable charities.
4. Be cautious of emails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files because the files may contain viruses. Open attachments only from known senders.
5. Check to ensure that contributions are received and used for intended purposes. Make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf.
6. Do not be pressured into making contributions; reputable charities do not use such tactics.
7. Be aware of whom you are dealing with when providing your personal and financial information. Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.
8. Avoid cash donations, if possible. Pay by credit card or write a check directly to the charity. Do not make checks payable to individuals.
9. Legitimate charities do not normally solicit donations via money transfer services. Most legitimate charities' websites end in ".org" rather than ".com."

If you think that you have been contacted by a fraudster, make sure to report it to the National Center for Disaster Fraud, at 866-720-5721. The line is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additionally, emails can be sent to [disaster@leo.gov](mailto:disaster@leo.gov) and information can be faxed to 225-334-4707.



## ARE YOU GIVING OUT TOO MUCH INFORMATION:

- ◆ Are you being watched? Have you considered what information you are providing to people?
- ◆ In recent years social media has become a way to communicate with others but did you know that you could be sharing more than you realize. With tagging and sharing your location, you could be letting people know that your home is unattended and how long no one will be there, allowing them to gain access to your property and belongings while no one is home.
- ◆ Do you truly know all of your friends on your social media account or did you just accept the request because you have mutual friends?
- ◆ When you post vacations or that you are going on vacation this lets people know you are not home and will be gone for numerous days in a row. When people like your post or comment on your post, depending on your settings it can allow all of their friends to now know you are not going to be home. Do you know all of your friend's friends, are they trustworthy?

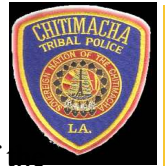


### 9pm Routine Alert:

- ◆ Is your vehicle locked? Valuables out of sight? House locked? Garage doors locked? Outside equipment saved and locked up? Lights on?
- ◆ We want to remind you to ensure that your vehicles are locked, all your valuables are out of sight, your outside equipment is put away, and an exterior light is on. Do not be a victim of crime; help deter crime in our community by being proactive.
- ◆ It is unfortunate that this information provides those who wish to do harm by gaining access to your home knowing that you will not be around to prevent a burglary.
- ◆ While we all want everyone to see how much fun we are having, wait and post pictures once you return.
- ◆ We just want you to be mindful of what you are posting and realize that you could be providing people with bad intentions information to take advantage of you and your property while you are not home.
- ◆ As an additional precaution for your summer travels, if you know you will be out of town call the Police Department and set up spot checks of your residence.
- ◆ Chitimacha Tribal Police Department Officers will spot check your home and property for the duration of your trip. To set up a spot check call 337-923-4964 and speak to one of our Communication Officers.



# Cookies with a Cop



On 12-21-18, the Chitimacha Tribal Police Department hosted Christmas cookie decorating with a Cop at the Police Department for the children of the community. Children in Pre-K to 8th grade were invited to attend.

The officers at Chitimacha Tribal Police Department had a great time at decorating Christmas Cookies with a Cop. We hope that all of you who came hangout with us had as much fun as we did!!

## Swearing-In Ceremony

On March 29, 2019, Chief Hal Hutchinson and his wife, Melanie, were invited to the swearing in ceremonies of US Marshal Donald Washington. Mr. Washington was appointed by President Bush to serve as the US Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana in the early 2000's. Coincidentally, Melanie, Chief Hutchinson's wife, worked at the US Attorney's Office during his tenure and Chief Hutchinson worked with Mr. Washington as part of the FBI Innocent Images Task Force.

In 2018, President Trump nominated Mr. Washington to lead the US Marshal Service and in early 2019, Mr. Washington was confirmed by the US Senate to assume this role.

Mr. Washington's swearing in ceremony was held at the Federal Courthouse in Shreveport where Chief Hutchinson, on behalf of the Chitimacha Tribe, and his wife attended the ceremony.



## 2019 Officer of the Year ~ Officer Sara LaBiche

On April 9th, she was recognized as 2019 Officer of the Year for the Marine Corps League.

Officer Sara LaBiche has been a dispatcher for the Chitimacha Tribal Police Department for 25 years and the life line for many officers behind the radio. Sara is very dedicated and a hard worker. She is passionate about her job and she is always willing to go above and beyond her duties to help anyone that needs help. She is very knowledgeable and uses her many years of experience to do an excellent job as a dispatcher which makes her a valuable asset to this department. She has taken on the task of grant writer for the department and has done an excellent job with obtaining grants. She is also a certified child passenger safety technician for the department.





# Oath of Office



As many of you know Lieutenant Ronald Bourque came out of retirement in August of 2018 to be a Reserve Officer at Chitimacha Tribal Police Department.

We are happy to announce that Lt Bourque has come out of full retirement in March of 2019 and will now be Probation Officer Bourque.

Probation Officer Bourque brings over 30 years of experience in his career retiring from Jeanerette Police Department and taking a short break from being a law enforcement officer. He missed being a police officer so much that he joined Chitimacha Tribal Police Department in the summer of 2010. He retired from the Chitimacha Tribal Police Department in May 2018.

Although the fishing spots were good and the travel was great, Probation Officer Bourque just couldn't stay away from law enforcement.

On April 3, 2019, Probation Officer Bourque was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Charles Porter at an Oath of Officer Ceremony held at Chitimacha Tribal Courts.



Welcome Back!

# Oath of Office



Seeing new faces patrolling? We would like to welcome Patrol Officer Jeremy Landry and Patrol Officer Gabrielle Amador to the Chitimacha Tribal Police Department family.

Officer Landry brings over 20 years of law enforcement experience with him to Chitimacha Tribal Police Department. Officer Landry's years of experience consist of patrol, patrol supervisor, detective in the narcotics investigative unit, juvenile investigations, deputy warden at the jail, and tactical surveillance unit.

He is married to Lori Landry and between him and his wife they have a total of 6 children.

Officer Landry joined the department as a patrol officer in March 2019.

On April 3, 2019, Officer Landry was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Charles Porter at an Oath of Officer Ceremony held at Chitimacha Tribal Courts.

If you see Officer Landry around welcome him to the community!!!



On April 3, 2019, Officer Amador was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Charles Porter at an Oath of Officer Ceremony held at Chitimacha Tribal Courts.

If you see Officer Amador around welcome her to the community!!!



# Welcome!!

# Chitimacha Health Clinic & Human Services Department News

Karen Matthews, LMSW, Director of Health & Human Services

## Louisiana Healthcare Connections Medicaid Audits

Louisiana Healthcare Connections is one of five Medicaid Plans providing Medicaid for the citizens of the State of Louisiana and the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. On January 29, 2019 a Medicaid Audit was conducted onsite regarding the Health Clinic's Primary Care Department. Dr. Charles Parsiola, Physician and Mrs. Anita Molo, Coder met with Mr. Andre' Landaiche, Quality Improvement Abstractor who conducted the Electronic Health Record audit. The Primary Care Audit contained twenty-three measures. Mr. Landaiche's findings yielded an audit result of 97.8% with remarks of an "Excellent Review.." Mr. Landaiche noted all areas of the audit were 100% except one area regarding "Child Wellness Visit" which yielded the 97.8% result. Congratulations to Dr. Parsiola, Laurie Granger, Clinic Nurse, Anita Molo, Coder and Kristan Jones, Clinic Office Assistant.

On March 6, 2019 a Medicaid Audit was conducted in reference to Behavioral Health Services provided by Rev. Martin Romero, LPC, LAC at the Health Clinic,. The audit for Behavioral Health Services contained one hundred and four measures with approximately eighty of the measures pertaining to outpatient counseling services. Mrs. Kathleen D. Funderburk, LPC-S, LMFT, LAC, NCC, Quality Improvement Coordinator, Behavioral health Abstractor conducted the onsite audit. Mrs. Funderburk's audit finding yielded a result of 88%. In her comments, Mrs. Funderburk extended "congratulations on passing your audit." "We appreciate your dedication and commitment to our members."

## GPR (Government Performance Results Act)

Once again Dr. Charles Parsiola and the Medical Clinic Team have been recognized for achieving 100% of the required GPR Measures. Bryan Hendrix, Healthcare Information Technology Specialist with United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) responded with his congratulations with the following quote "You all did fantastic." The audit findings and GPR Report can be reviewed at the Health Clinic front desk by asking the Business Office Assistant to review the findings. We thank our patients for responding and cooperating with request made by our Medical Clinic staff for preventive test. Without your participation we could not achieve these measures. The GPR Results are attached to the President of the United States' Budget to the U.S. Congress.

Dental Clinic Grant Award

## Dental Clinic Grant Award

We are elated the Dental Clinic has once again been awarded a \$5,000 Dental Grant Award from United South Eastern Tribes, Inc. The Dental Clinic is focusing on decreasing the number of "No Show" patients. In 2017, we had thirty-two (32) adult "No Show Patients and twenty-eight (28) children/youth "No Show" patients. We were able to decrease the children/youth "No Show" patients to twenty-two (22) thus reducing the number by six (6) patients in 2018. Unfortunately, the adult "No Show" patients of thirty-two (32) remained the same in the year 2017 and 2018. With the Grant Award this will allow the Dental Clinic to provide ten additional days for the Dental Hygienist and purchase of dental supplies. It is imperative patients contact the Health Clinic to cancel a dental appointment timely to afford our staff ample time to schedule another patient.

## Own Your Own Health Chitimacha Challenge

Most are aware the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was awarded a Grant Award of \$10,000 from the Bureau of Minority Health under the direction of Mr. Rudy Macklin with the State of Louisiana Governor's Office. The Health Clinic in collaboration with the Tribal School, Recreation Department, Rivercane, Social Services, Fire Department and Budgeting & Contracts Department have held several activities to promote health and wellness through physical Fitness and promoting healthy eating habits.

Health Clinic in collaboration with the Tribal School, Recreation Department, Rivercane, Social Services, Fire Department and Budgeting & Contracts Department have held several activities to promote health and wellness through physical fitness and promoting healthy eating habits. The OYOH Chitimacha Challenge began on March 13, 2019 and ended on May 13, 2019. Special thanks to all of the Departments planning activities and purchasing items to encourage physical fitness, healthier eating habits and preparing tribal members for Emergency Preparedness. We wish to thank tribal members for their participation and attendance.

### Diabetes Site Visit

Mr. Dietrich Taylor, Diabetes Coordinator with United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. made a Site Visit to the Health Clinic on February 26th and 27th 2019 for the purpose of providing training for Kica Savage, LPN, Community Health Nurse, Diabetes Coordinator. Staff Members participating in the Diabetes Coordinator's Training included Laurie Granger, Clinic Nurse, Mildred Darden, Clinic Office Supervisor and Karen Matthews, Director of Health & Human Services. Our Required Key Measure associated with the Diabetes Grant is the Hepatitis B Series. If you are a patient with diabetes and need your Hepatitis B vaccination, please contact the Health Clinic to schedule your appointment.

### Meetings/Trainings

Karen Matthews, LMSW, Director of Health & Human Services was invited to participate in the State of Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services CFSR Program Improvement Plan held in Baton Rouge, LA. Participants included Federal Partners, Stakeholders, Foster/Adoptive Parents, Judges, Parents' Attorney, Children's Attorneys, Providers, adult Foster/Adoptive Children and State Agency Employees. The purpose of the CFSR Program Improvement Plan was to work on finding solutions to the issues found during the State of LA's review by the Administration of Children & Families.

Director of Health & Human Services and Ida Bore, Social Services Specialist 1 attended USET Semi-Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN. Director attended the Health Committee Meetings and Social Services Specialist 1 attended the Social Services Committee Meeting. There were some opportunities for Health & Social Services to participate in joint meetings with the USET Board of Directors.

Lara Mayon, LPC, Social Services Specialist 3 attended a training on "Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Nashville, TN. Rev. Martin Romero, LPC, LAC, Social Services Specialist 4 attended a training regarding Behavioral Health in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Director and Norma Boudreaux, Community Health Representative are scheduled to attend the Tribal Epidemiology Public Health Infrastructure Workshop in Nashville, TN hosted by USET.

Claire House for Women and Children has undergone a total renovation and is celebrating 30 years of service in St. Mary Parish, providing residential substance abuse treatment for women and their minor children under the age of twelve.

**"Chitimacha Health Clinic provides quality medical, dental, pharmacy and behavioral health services in a friendly atmosphere with your best interest at heart."**

**"Chitimacha Human Services Department's mission is to improve the lives of Tribal Members one day at a time."**



# Chitimacha Tribal School News



*Eagle Pride... Eagle Spirit*

## Campus Highlights

We're in full-swing here at CTS! Our student body is settling in quite nicely. Students are encouraged to be their very best, both academically and socially.

Our teachers and staff are on the lookout for students who demonstrate kind, positive, and well-mannered behavior as well as students who conduct themselves in a respectful and responsible manner. CTS students who meet these expectations may be selected as the STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK or be rewarded with Eagle Bucks to purchase special treats and incentives throughout the school year.

Teachers will begin their weekly selections for STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK in September. Eagle Buck treat and incentive dates will be posted around the school campus during the course of the school year.

## Principal's Message

*From the Desk of... Mrs. Tanya*

I would like to welcome everyone back to a fresh new year. We are all looking forward to some exciting events and know that this year will be very successful with everyone's contributions.



## News from Around School - Classroom Highlights



## Special Education Department

*From the Desk of... Mrs. Margo*

What a great beginning of the school year from the SPED room! Everyone is busy completing screenings, working on intervention plans, working hard with the students, and much more. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

*From the Desk of... Mrs. Tanya M.*

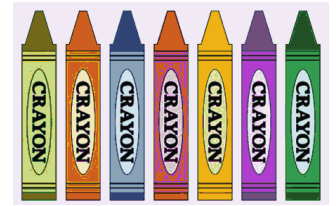
We are so excited to be back in the swing of things this year. Our students are doing a wonderful job transitioning back into the classroom. We are assessing to check our retention of skills after the summer break. The students' are also excited about new learning materials that we have started using in the classroom. We are looking forward to a fun and productive year!



## Pre-K and Kindergarten News

*From the Desk of... Mrs. Natalie and Mrs. Elizabeth*

We are off to a great start here in Pre-K. The kids are so excited to be here at “big school”. We have a lot of fun things planned for this year!  
#prekrocks!



*From the Desk of... Mrs. Jamie and Mrs. Sheila*

Our Kindergarten testing was a great success! The boys and girls did a great job and are looking forward to a new and productive school year! Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> will be our first full day. We will review classroom rules and procedures. Thank you all for sending in the items that were on your child’s school supply list. Mrs. Sheila and I are dedicated to making this a busy, productive and TERRIFIC year for all of our students.

## Elementary News

*From the Desk of... Mrs. Brooke*

First grade is off to a great start! We are learning classroom rules and procedures. Also, students have begun their lessons in each subject and are already working hard. Their first day of Technology was a success! We are going to have an awesome school year. Keep it up, First Graders!

*From the Desk of... Mrs. Susan*

The Second Graders are adjusting beautifully to their classroom routine. They are working hard and making great progress. Math seems to be their favorite subject. They love partner work and solving problems on their dry erase boards. In Reading our class is examining paintings and discussing the different colors artist use to depict different seasons. “How Do You Know It’s Fall” is our first story. We all agreed we are ready for fall weather! We also started AR this week and students are ready to work toward their goals. It has been a great start to a new school year!



*From the Desk of... Mrs. Jenn*

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class is super excited to be back at school!!! We are so ready to learn tons of new things! The school theme this year is books, so I have chosen the book “Wonder” to represent the fourth grade class. The book’s theme is all about acceptance and kindness which is so important! We plan on incorporating tons of kindness challenges and activities into our daily schedule! We are jumping right into Place Value for math and learning all about writing, rounding, adding, and subtracting numbers to a MILLION!! Also, the fourth graders are using Mentor Texts to focus on our Grammar, Writing, and Reading skills each week! We are excited for a WONDERful year!

*From the Desk of... Mrs. Connie*

Fifth grade is off to a great start! In Science we are studying matter. On day 1 we were experimenting to see how much matter we could fit into an empty jar. We learned that the jar was never really empty because it had air in it! We used ping pong balls, macaroni, sugar, and lastly filled the remaining space with water. Next we will study the states of matter and how they change from one state to another. Science will be interesting this year since there are many opportunities for hands on learning. The students are excited to start reading “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” as a novel unit every Friday during the school year. These are some highlights happening in fifth grade this year.



# CHITIMACHA RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Summer at Recreation Department started with a BANG!

We had several kids playing all-stars, representing Chitimacha in 7-8 Boys Baseball, 9-10 Boys Baseball, 7-8 Girls Softball, and 9-10 Girls Softball.



9-10 Girls Softball All-Star Team



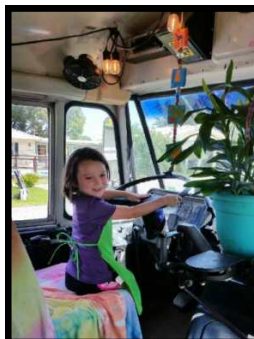
7-8 Girls Softball All-Star Team



7-8 Chitimacha All-Star Boys

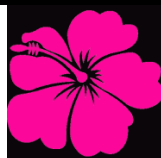
## Summer Camp

Summer Camp began June 3rd and included fantastic field trips and activities, including Lafayette Science Museum, Bricks 4 Kidz, Avery Island, several trips to the movie theater, bike riding, Bayou Vista Skate Park, bowling, ice skating, a day at the lake with Mrs. Jackie on her party barge, Mr. Charlie's Oil Rig Tour, Mindy's Art Shack, Aviation Museum, a variety of activities at the library, and beadwork with the Chitimacha Culture Department. We concluded our adventurous summer camp program with a day long trip to Liberty Lagoon Waterpark in Baton Rouge. A huge thank you to our Lifeguards for providing safe recreational swim throughout the summer. And of course, a special thanks to our Chitimacha Fire and Police for ensuring the safety of our kids and employees during our off





We celebrated the end of summer and the beginning of school with a **BIG Community Luau** on Tuesday, July 30th. Recreation youth workers handmade decorations, backdrops, and props to create the perfect Luau atmosphere. Smoothies, fresh fruit, and pineapple salsa were just a few of the healthy snacks organized and provided by Kica Savage, funded by the Diabetes Grant. Recreation provided pulled pork sandwiches, sweet & sour meatballs with sausage, and a hand carved shark melon! Pictures in our handmade tropical frame, hula hoop contests, and how low can you go limbo were just a few of the activities enjoyed by many. This event would not be possible without the participation of our Community Members and our youth workers. We would like to thank the Chitimacha Health Department Staff for helping out with the sign-in table and snacks!



**Soccer Registration** will begin soon. As usual, we will send a flyer for soccer along with an updated release form home with CTS students once registration begins. Please be sure to complete and sign the release form and return to CTS or Recreation. We hope everyone had a fun filled summer and wishing all students and teachers a successful school year!





# Economic Development Committee 2018 Entrepreneurial Grants

The Tribal Council funded the Entrepreneurial Grant Program to assist new and existing Tribal Member owned businesses. 2018 marks the 4th year of this successful program. The 2018 grant recipients are: Kole Fluke, Morgan Carline, Coty Martin, Todd Toups and Neka Mire. Chairman Melissa Darden presented the grant proceeds to each awarded Tribal Member on November 8th, 2018.



If you have any questions regarding these grants, please call the Tribal Development Office at 337-923-4000 or you may contact one of the Committee Members, to include: (Melissa Darden, Patty Perry, Bruce Burgess, Matthew Richard or Brian Headley).



# Cultural Department News



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**OCTOBER 19**

For more information, visit [chitimacha.gov](http://chitimacha.gov),  
email [powwow@chitimacha.gov](mailto:powwow@chitimacha.gov), or call  
Chitimacha Cultural Department at  
**(337) 923-9923**.

**HIGHWAY 90 TO BALDWIN EXIT • HWY 83**  
**CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO HOTEL, CHARENTON, LA**  
Alcohol and Drug Free Event. Please, no lawn chairs.

The Powwow Committee is in need of many volunteers to work on Powwow day, October 19<sup>th</sup>. We are also requesting sponsorships and accepting any monetary donation. A \$100 sponsorship gets your name or business' name on the powwow t-shirt. For other sponsorship opportunities or to donate and/or volunteer, please email [powwow@chitimacha.gov](mailto:powwow@chitimacha.gov) or call 337-923-9923.

**We need your help to make this year's event a success!**



# TRIBAL COURT NEWS



Carrie D. Terry, Clerk of Court  
Chitimacha Tribal Court

During the months of April thru June, 2019, a total of 59 new cases were filed with 162 matters scheduled for hearings. 35 cases were continued and 9 cases were dismissed. All cases scheduled for May 14th, 2019, were reset for other dates to accommodate the Trial Court Advocacy Training.

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Tribal Court Division hosted a Trial Court Advocacy Training on May 14th-16th, 2019. The firm of Greenberg Traurig conducted the training at the Chitimacha Tribal Courts Building in which Judges, District Attorneys and Public Defenders were in attendance. Also in attendance were Council Members and Tribal Court staff members. We would like to personally thank the Bureau of Indian Affairs for providing funds to allow the Chitimacha Tribe the opportunity to host such an amazing event. A big thanks to the Chitimacha Tribal Court Staff in assisting with organization and preparation of the event.



On May 30th, 2019, the Chitimacha Tribal Council adopted Title XXVIII, Civil Infraction Code by Ordinance #03-19. The Chitimacha Tribal Court will once again expand its jurisdiction to allow for issuance of civil judgments for fines up to \$2,500.00 to non-Tribal individuals for criminal offenses. This court action would be filed in the Chitimacha Tribal Court in addition to the Defendant's arrest and referral to District Court upon their arrest. This code may be viewed on the [chitimacha.gov](http://chitimacha.gov) website under Tribal Government section. The Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice and Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana can be viewed on the [chitimacha.gov](http://chitimacha.gov) website.



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We would like to invite anyone interested in providing assistance to individuals in need of Lay Advocates. Please contact the Chitimacha Tribal Court at (337) 923-7806. to obtain additional information. On-site and formal training will be conducted for Lay Advocates. You may be required to travel for training if necessary.

## **TITLE I, CHAPTER 5, SEC.501**

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION OF ATTORNEY OR LAY COUNSELOR**

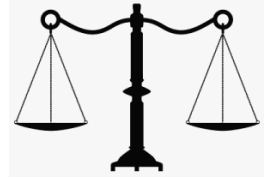
(b) **Lay counselors.** Any person who meets the qualifications established in this Section shall be eligible for admission to practices before the Court as a lay counselor upon written application and approval of the Chief Judge. To be eligible to serve as a lay counselor, a person;

- (1) must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (2) must be of high moral character and integrity;
- (3) must have knowledge of the Chitimacha Tribal Code and of Federal Indian law;
- (4) must be a high school graduate or equivalent; and
- (5) must not have been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction.

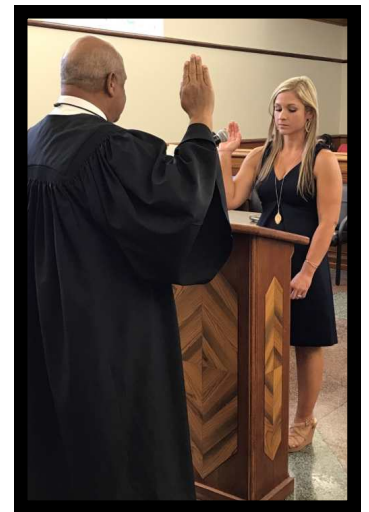
If you would like to obtain any further information regarding the Chitimacha Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at **(337) 923-7806** or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro Street, Post Office Box 610, Chitimacha Reservation, Charenton, Louisiana. Regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.



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# CHITIMACHA TRIBAL COURTS

CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA

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DYLAN BURGESS

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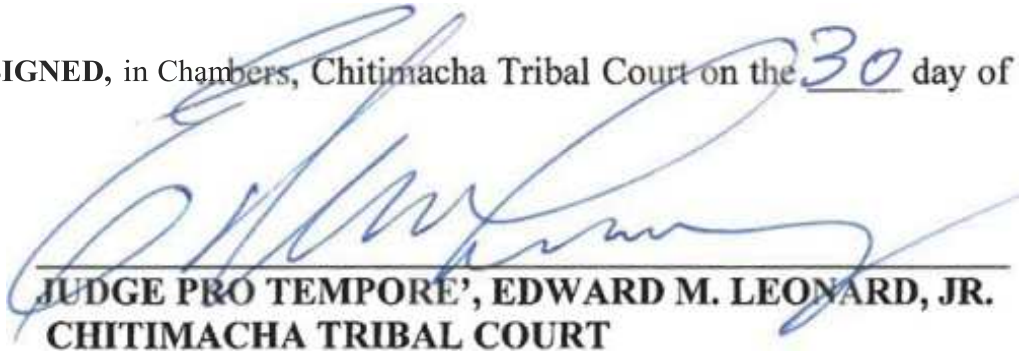
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## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a complaint has been filed by The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana against Dylan Burgess to make a Judgment Executory and for Judgment Debtor Rule, and that the same is set for hearing in the Chitimacha Tribal Courts, on the 10th day of **September, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m.**

RENDERED and SIGNED, in Chambers, Chitimacha Tribal Court on the 30 day of  
JULY, 2019.



JUDGE PRO TEMPORE, EDWARD M. LEONARD, JR.  
CHITIMACHA TRIBAL COURT

# Tribal Member Changes

Life changes occur on a daily basis. It could be a change in residence, a name change, a new child born, or the death of a family member. **Changes cannot be processed until all pertinent documentation is received.**

In order for Tribal members to change their name, the Enrollment Department needs the following documentation for each circumstance:

## Newborns

Applications for Enrollment can be obtained from the Enrollment Office.

## Guardianship

Copy of Court Order showing legal guardianship of minor child.

## Marriage

Copy of marriage license.

Copy of social security card with name change.

## Divorce

Copy of Divorce Decree.

Copy of social security card with name change.

## Adoption/Legal Name Change

Certified copy of Court Order changing individual's name.

Copy of individual's new birth certificate.

Copy of Social Security card with name change.

## Death

When a Tribal Member dies, a copy of that individual's death certificate or a copy of the obituary is needed to inactivate that individual's file.

## Address Changes

The Enrollment Department will accept address change requests via phone, email, mail, or in person; however, a **Change of Information Form** will be given/sent to that individual for completion and shall be returned to the Enrollment Officer at P.O. Box 661, Charenton, LA 70523. **Address changes shall only be processed when a Change of Information Form has been received.**

# TRIBAL-MEMBER OWNED BUSINESSES

The Tribe is so very proud of its members that have established privately owned businesses! We would like to promote and utilize your goods and services as our guidelines and policies permit. It is our goal to maintain and share a listing of all such business with our Departments, Enterprises and the Community. If you have a business that is at least 51% owned by a Tribal Member and would like to be on our Tribal Member Business List, please contact Rebecca Anderson at the Tribal Office. Items we need to include your business are as follows, but not limited to:

- Completed Vendor Approval Form
- A completed W-9
- Name of Tribal Member
- Name, address and phone number of business
- Type of business (goods/services available)
- Brief description of your company and experience (*tell us about your company!*)
- Number of years in business

If you have further questions, feel free to contact Rebecca Anderson at 337-923-4973 or [rebecca@chitimacha.gov](mailto:rebecca@chitimacha.gov).

Thanks you!!







# 2020 Census Snapshot — American Indian/Alaska Native

## What is the census?

Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country on April 1. Our tribes do not share enrollment numbers with the government, so it is important for all American Indians and Alaska Natives to participate in the 2020 Census.

## What's in it for me?

The 2020 Census is an opportunity to provide a better future for our communities and future generations. By participating in the 2020 Census, you help provide an accurate count of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Your responses to the 2020 Census can help shape how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year for programs and grants in our communities.

The 2020 Census is our count. Our responses matter. Regardless of age, nationality, ethnicity, or where we live, we all need to be counted.

## Responding to the 2020 Census is:

### ▶ Easy

In early 2020, every household in the United States will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail.

### ▶ Safe

Your responses to the 2020 Census are confidential and protected by law. Personal information is never shared with any other government agencies or law enforcement, including federal, local, and tribal authorities.

### ▶ Important

The federal government and local American Indian and Alaska Native leaders and decision-makers will use 2020 Census data in a variety of ways that can benefit Native people and our communities.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. Who should complete the census questionnaire?**

A. One person in the home should complete the questionnaire and include every person living there, including relatives, nonrelatives, babies, and children.

### **Q. How do I fill out the race question correctly?**

A. If you self-identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, you should check the American Indian or Alaska Native race box. You should then print the name of your enrolled or principal tribe in the write-in area.

### **Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?**

A. Assistance responding to the 2020 Census will be available on [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) and via our toll-free phone number. Language guides, language glossaries, and language identification cards will be available in 59 non-English languages. Large-print questionnaires will also be available upon request, as well as TTY via Federal Relay Service. On [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov), video tutorials and how-to resources can help you complete your census form. Many communities, partners, and local organizations will also provide assistance.

### **Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?**

A. Census Bureau employees work extensively to take in-person counts of people living in group housing, like college dormitories and shelters, as well as those experiencing homelessness or who have been displaced by natural disasters.

For more information, visit:

**2020Census.Gov**



## 2020 Census Key Dates

### **January-April 2020**

First census enumeration takes place in Toksook Bay, Alaska.

### **March 2020**

Census notices are mailed or delivered to households.

### **March-May 2020**

Census takers visit each household to update address lists and collect information on the questionnaire.

### **April 1, 2020**

Census Day

### **May-July 2020**

Census takers visit households that have not completed the questionnaire.

### **December 31, 2020**

By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President for apportionment of congressional seats.

### **March 2021**

By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

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