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Memorializing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

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brought to light.

According to a report in July 2017 from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Indian women were the second highest population in the United States with the highest rates for homicide.

On May 3 Native Alliance Against Violence (NAAV) sponsored an outreach event and walk to bring awareness to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. The event marked the very first in promoting awareness involv-

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Tribal Justice Center shines for all to see

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Since the end of the 15th century, Lady Justice has been commonly referred to as being “blind.” She is depicted with a blindfold to represent impartiality and the ideal that justice should be applied without regard to wealth, power, color of skin or any other status. On May 4 Lady Justice peeked out from under her blindfold fleetingly to take in the brilliantly shining Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Justice Center.

The official grand opening of the Tribal Justice Center was greeted with lots of handshakes, laughter and accolades to the many who made a dream a reality.

“Today we’re here to open up the building and have a grand opening, and when you’re out there sitting in the chairs or up here that’s always a good thing. We’ve opened up a few buildings over the past 10 years for the tribes and that’s always a positive. It shows we are making progress. It’s been many years since this building has been planned and under Eddie’s administration it was finally done so I do want to thank Eddie and Cornell’s administration for their due diligence for working with Paul (Fuentes) who has put a lot of energy into this and made it happen,” Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana said in his opening statements.

Wassana pointed to the giant silver tribal logo depicted on the front of the Tribal Justice Center as he point-



ed out there was only one thing he hated about the building, “if you look across there (the street) it makes the others look so bad,” he laughed and said, “but I appreciate all the hard work. The old building showed we were still in that era of the 60s and 70s and now we get to move forward into 2018 and that’s an improvement. And we want to just keep improving.”

And the governor was correct in saying Paul Fuentes, Tribal Court Probation Officer, has put a lot of energy into seeing the Tribal Justice Center become a reality. After years of collecting data, filling out paperwork and research, Fuentes submitted and received a Category I Planning Grant in 2010 from the U.S. Department of Justice to complete a Correctional Facility Comprehensive Master Plan.

The outcome of the master plan was that the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes would benefit from a Tribal Justice Center to address judicial and social issues.

In October 2012 the tribes received Severance Tax Recovery funds from the Chesapeake Energy Corporation when the tribes’ Tax Commission announced a one-time funding opportunity opened to all tribal programs. The Judicial Branch submitted an application, was awarded funding to enter into Phase I, construction of the master planned three-part justice center.

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Big tobacco guilty of lying to the public

HED/MPOWER Educating Tribal Members in Commercial Tobacco
Submitted by Darrell James

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ HED-MPOWER is pleased to announce a settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and all major tobacco companies regarding an 11-year-old court ruling holding them responsible for deceiving the public concerning tobacco’s harmful effects and marketing to children.

“They have to disclose they indeed have lied about the harms of secondhand smoke; they purposely manipulated tobacco products to increase nicotine consumption and increase the addictive properties; they have lied about the effects of what’s called low-tar, light cigarettes, that they’re a healthier alternative,” said Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET), Executive Director John Woods in a statement.

In late November 2017, Philip Morris USA, Reynolds American Inc., and several other tobacco companies started running television and newspaper pieces addressing the dangers of their products, listing various diseases linked to tobacco use and admitting their marketing strategies targeting children. The media campaign is accompanied with announcements on their websites and on cigarette packaging.

The order requires the tobacco companies to air the corrective statements on ABC, CBS, or NBC five times per week for a year and publish corrective statements in the Sunday editions of 35 newspapers and on newspaper websites. The tobacco companies are also required to post statements on their websites and affix corrective statements to cigarette packs several times during a two-year period.

The statements must address the following areas where tobacco companies misled the public:

Adverse health effects of smoking
Addictiveness of smoking and

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Cheyenne and Arapaho graduates recognized and honored at annual graduation banquet

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

The month of May brings the excitement of warmer weather, sunny days and for most, plans for a brighter future as senior graduates gear up for their big day.

For the Cheyenne and Arapaho (C&A) community, ending a chapter and starting a new one in the world of education means a great deal for families and friends of graduating students. The C&A tribes Higher Education made sure to send students off into the next part of their educational chapter in good wishes.

On May 3 the C&A tribes Higher Education held their annual Graduation Banquet for all C&A high school and college students expected to graduate, at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

The number of graduates per year ranged in significant numbers, for the 2018 year approximately 90 high school students and 29 college students were on track to graduate.

Guests, graduates and honorees were welcomed to a catered meal, decorated tables furnished with candy delights, hand made mason jar centerpieces and carefully fabricated placed table cloths that were made available for attendees to enjoy.

The event started with Riverside Indian School Color Guard marching with respective flags in hand to the beat of the drums and flag songs. The loudness of the ceremony songs marked the beginning of the night's festivities in honoring the graduates. With education at the forefront of a hopeful future of tribal leaders, leaders within the community also had words of their own to share.

"This is a joyous occasion, we're here tonight to honor and celebrate those of you who put many long hours and nights, had your parents support you and take you places. Some of you are finishing college, you're entering a different stage in your life where you're



Allen Sioux, El Reno High School student, receives a long line of congratulatory handshakes at the C&A Higher Education Banquet. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

now going to have to work, look for jobs, support yourself, pay for your bills, all those fun things.. The rest of you who are now going to college, it's going to be a different stage for you, it's going to be many long hours, it's a lot of hard work and nobody says you have to get through college in four years. If I can tell you one word to remember and to live by, it's preparation, prepare yourself, remember what you're going to do, watch your schedules, there's a lot of things that happen in your life through college and if you're not prepared, you may not get to that other level of this graduating class, so as you go forward, enjoy yourself," Cheyenne & Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana, said.

Through words of encourage and advice, emphasizing education as an opportunity to experience new possibilities and endure chances of a brighter



Natane Pelkey, Watonga High School student, receives a Pendleton blanket and certificate in recognition for being on track to graduate.

future was the highlight of the night. "You have people behind you and one thing you don't understand is your children are going to come up and say 'can I do this' and you're going to say I did it and you can do it. But you know if you hadn't of done it, you wouldn't have made it as easy for your children to do it. You get an education, you get a good job and be able to take your kids places when they ask and you say yeah, because it was my turn to get an education, I got it, so yeah we can do these

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OCIE honors high academic achievers across the state

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

Across Tribal backgrounds and regions, education in various Native communities plays a particular significant role. When one performs outstandingly in the academic field, achieving high honors is a way of influencing the community's younger generation in a rippling effect.

On April 26 the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE) held their 38th annual 2018 Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society (OISHS) induction ceremony at the Choctaw Hotel Resort and Casino in Durant, Okla.

Over 650 attendees filled the banquet room decorated with extravagant tablecloths, fine dining pieces and scrumptious dishes pleasing to the eye.

The induction ceremony attendees were treated to a friendly hospitality meal provided by the hotel and were able to enjoy the entertainment, Chickasaw's Children's Choir and Youth Ensemble.

The Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society recognizes native students across Oklahoma, in high school or college, who have maintained a grade point average of 3.9. Native students from different backgrounds joined on that particular night to be honored for their



Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal youth inductees for the 2018 Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society included Amaya Bert, Abrianna Prairie Chief, Charlee Bushyhead and Bobbi Bontone. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

outstanding academic performance. Lucyann Harjo, OCIE president, said over 1500 nomination applications were received and only 1298 could be accepted. It was the most inductees OCIE has recognized in one night. "It's celebrating the high achievements of our native kids from all across the state. We're always wanting to promote and recognize achieving native students because it's a goal of ours to demonstrate to our younger generations the role models, what our high achieving kids are doing, making great things

happen for our nations and these are a lot of the leaders that we want to celebrate and recognize so that the younger generations will be able to see that. Just know that there are kids out performing others and we want them to be one of those kids one day," Harjo said.

Beaming a strong sense of pride for education within native communities, the focus of the night concentrated on the importance of honoring future leaders.

"Our tribes hold education as a pri-

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El Reno woman killed in accident on the Kilpatrick Turnpike

(EL RENO, OK) Donna J. Rush, 65, was pronounced dead at 10:50 p.m., May 1 at the scene of an accident which occurred near Council Road on the Kilpatrick Turnpike.

Reports from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Rush was traveling west in a 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt when it was struck from behind. The driver of the 2000 Porsche that collided with her vehicle, OHP said, was Arthur Wesley Straehla III. The report said he is 34 and lives in Edmond. Straehla reportedly refused any treatment at the scene of the accident.

The OHP report said an odor of alcohol was detected on him and officers reported slurred speech.

An OHP spokeswoman said Straehla was not arrested, but the investigation is far from over. A forensic team, described as "homicide investigators" will be inspecting the vehicles involved in the accident.

The spokeswoman said Straehla "invoked" his Fifth Amendment rights at the scene and refused to give any information, other than his driver's license to the troopers working the accident.

Rush was a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and was employed with Indian Health Services at their El Reno location.

(Update: On May 7 Straehla was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, manslaughter in the first degree and reckless driving. It was reported Straehla hit Rush traveling at over 140 mph.)

About Donna Rush:

Donna was born June 22, 1952, in Pawnee. She was raised at Red Rock where she graduated from Red Rock High School in 1970. While attending high school she was a member of FHA and 4-H, was Homecoming Queen, Carnival Queen, Winter Queen and a Red Rock Rocket cheerleader.

Her education included attending Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kan., receiving her diploma in practical nursing and an associate degree in liberal arts and also attending North Dakota State University.

Donna was a member of Sacred Heart Church. Before converting to Catholicism, she was a member of the Otoe Indian Baptist Church,



Donna Rush

where she was baptized on Easter Sunday in 1959, and the El Reno Indian Baptist Church.

On July 14, 1971, she married Donald Zane Rush Sr. at Fort Yates, N.D., and they had three children, Donald Jr., Chance and Effie, and two adopted sons, Carmello and James.

For the last 20 years Donna made her home in El Reno and worked as a nurse for the Indian Health Services.

Donna shared that her lifetime accomplishments were working in the medical health field 40-plus years, working for her tribe, raising five children who loved me and made me strong, living life simply and practically, helping others to love, care and enjoy life and becoming a grandmother.

She loved being a Christian and desired to have a clear mind, pure heart and devout soul. She said her favorite things to do were worship, honor and glorify God through Jesus Christ my Savior, visit my children and grandchildren and watch the morning sunrise and evening sunset.

Donna is survived by her children, Donald Zane Rush Jr., Chance Lee Rush, Effie Lorie Rush Babcock, Carmello John Reveles and James DeRoin Reveles; companion, Joe Perez; brothers, Steve Cline, George Cline, Jimmy Dale Cline, Frank Carson, Michael Sweezy and Charles Sweezy; sisters, Addie Jo Childs Tohee and Ellen Sweezy; and 24 grandchildren.

Her parents, Merle Everett Sweezy and Flora Frances Luna; twin brother, Ronald Sweezy; and infant twin brothers preceded her in death.

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Special Session of legislature passes all items on agenda

Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana called the fourth Public Hearing/ Special Session of the Seventh Legislature on May 8 at the Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla.

On the agenda were originally eight items as follows:

A Resolution approving a contract for Supreme Court Justice Dennis Arrow

A Resolution approving a contract for Supreme Court Justice Lindsay G. Robertson

A Resolution approving a contract for Supreme Court Justice Ryland Rivas Sr.

A Resolution approving the creation of a Department of Business

A Resolution approving the creation of a Department of Transportation

A Resolution approving the creation of a Department of Labor

A Resolution to amend Resolution #7L-SS-2018-0027-005 A Resolution to authorize Governor Wassana to execute certain contracts.

A Resolution to grant the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Concho Agency authority to execute certain Oil and Gas Lease contracts, dry land farming and grazing lease contracts, grant-of-easement and seismic permits on behalf of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, to commit Tribal interests escheated to them via the American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIP-RA) of 2006 and the Land Buy Back Program for Tribal Nations.

A Resolution to approve OG&E easement for the Concho Head Start Project

A Resolution authorizing Governor Wassana to sign the Cooperative Agreement

between the Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Plains Regional Office and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes for Wildland Fire Management.

For the 10 a.m. Public Hearing to discuss the above agenda items, all legislators were present except Arapaho District 4 Legislator Winslow Sankey. However for the 2 p.m. voting Special Session, all eight legislators were present.

The first three items dealing with the contracts of Supreme Court Justices Arrow, Robertson and Rivas, the legislature asked that a specific end date be implemented into the actual contract. The contracts for each justice would commence Jan. 1, 2018 and be for a four year term, ending Dec. 31, 2021. The first three agenda items passed unanimously, 8 for, 0 against.

For agenda item four, Creation of a Department of Business, item five, Creation of a Department of Transportation and item six, Creation of a Department of Labor, Economic Development Director Nathan Hart, Transportation Director Angela Blind and ETA Director Irwin Pahmahmie presented presentations to the legislature. The overall benefits for the creation of three new departments would mean more eligibility for grant funding, more accountability / maintaining tribally owned vehicles, providing more services to tribal citizens in the ways of services, and eventually creation of jobs as the tribes expand. All three directors agreed to meet with tribal communities to better explain the benefits of the new creation of departments and answer questions from tribal citizens.

According to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’

2006 Constitution, pg. 12, Article VII Executive Branch, Section 1(c). Composition, it reads in part, *“and any additional Departments created by law subject to the approval of the Tribal Council.”*

It was acknowledge by all present, the new departments would be subject to approval by the Tribal Council. After discussion items 4-6 were unanimously passed with a vote of 8 for, 0 against.

Item number seven in essence authorizes the Governor to execute certain classes of contracts without further intervention of the Legislature, however, an amendment to the original Resolution #7L-SS-2018-0227-005 would include restrictions on the waiver of sovereign immunity.

Item number seven passed unanimously, 8 for, 0 against.

Item number eight on the agenda was withdrawn by the Governor’s office.

Item number nine basically gives OG&E permission for an easement in order to begin the new Concho Head Start building project. The item passed unanimously, 8 for, 0 against.

Item number 10 would be an agreement between the BIA Southern Plains Office and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Wildland Fire Management to reimburse the tribes for use of any tribally owned equipment and/or man hours. For instance, the recent Rhea fire in Western, Oklahoma, the tribes could have been reimbursed for use of any equipment, and man power used to assist during the fire if this agreements has been put into place. Sheldon Sankey, BIA, presented information to the legislature. Item number 10 passed unanimously with a vote of 8 for, 0 against.

Native Connections, another positive step Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are taking in preventive initiatives

Rosemary Stephens, *Editor-in-Chief*

May 11-15 is designated as National Prevention week. Whether it is alcohol prevention awareness, drug abuse prevention awareness or suicide prevention awareness, all three are important initiatives for tribes in Indian Country.

It seemed a perfect time to announce the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Partners for Success, newest grant, Native Connections.

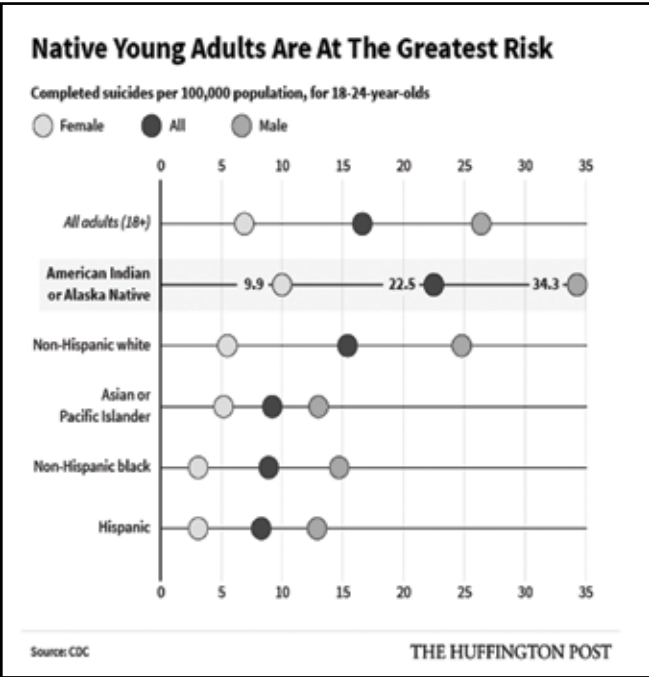
Native Connections is a five-year grant program that helps American Indian and Alaska Native communities identify and address the behavioral health needs of Native youth, specifically in areas of reducing suicidal behavior, substance abuse and misuse among the youth up to age 24 and easing the impacts of substance use, mental illness and trauma in tribal communities.

“The first year of the grant, which is where we are right now, we will receive \$75K. After the first year, it will be \$125K per year for the remainder of the grant term,” Connie Yellowman, prevention coordinator said.

Under the Native Connections, the first year will entail community outreaches, conducting interviews to gather information and data.

“Our tag line is Culture is Prevention, keeping the same branding of our Tradition Not Addiction. We have Raquel Ramos who heads up our Partners for Success and I have hired Vida Blackwolfe to lead the Native Connections,” Yellowman said.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) website, nearly 40,000 people in the United States die from suicide annually or to break that down, one person every 13 minutes, exceeding the rate of death from homicide and AIDS combined. Statistics also show more people die by suicide than from automobile accidents. The website goes on to state, “of all the death attributed to suicide in 2013, 78 percent of those are male. In 2013,



the latest year for which data is available, the highest number of suicides among both men and women occurred among those aged 45 to 54. The highest rates of suicides (suicides per 100,000) occurred among men aged 75 and up and among women aged 45 to 54. Suicide was the second leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 24 and for those aged 25 to 34.”

In the start up process of Native Connections there will be three different processes, community readiness, community analysis and community assessment.

“Each one will determine which age group we will be reaching out to. The first one, community readiness is self-explanatory, making sure the community is ready to recognize there is a problem or make them aware that information will be coming out regarding suicide prevention awareness. The Native Connections is about behavior change and behavioral awareness,” Ramos said. “In the assessment phase, since it is a youth grant, then we will be asking different age groups. Focus groups are really huge when it comes to youth because they are open ended questions and not specifically geared towards the youth.”

In 2015 the Huffington Post published, **Native Connections** / pg.7

PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA TO: ALL CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBAL MEMBERS (18 YEARS AND OLDER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 9TH, 2018) Special Tribal Council Meeting 10 a.m., Saturday June 9, 2018 Concho Community Center, Concho, Okla.

In Accordance with the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Article V. Section 3. (b). *Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred fifty Members of the Tribes. All requests for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council shall call the Special Tribal Council Meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be indicated in the request for the Special Meeting and*

no other business shall be conducted at the Special Meeting.

The following resolution has been accepted by the Office of the Tribal Council Branch for the Special Tribal Council Meeting at Concho Community Building, Concho, Oklahoma, in accordance with the tribes’ constitution.

The purpose of this meeting shall be to vote on the following resolutions:

A removal policy for the Tribal Council Coordinator

Breakfast will be served.

Any resolution is available to the public.

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 9TH, 2018 @ 10:00 am
Concho Community Hall, Concho, OK

RESOLUTION NUMBER: _____

DATE POSTED: _____ DATE PUBLISHED: _____
DATE APPROVED: _____

SUBJECT: A policy establishing the removal of the Tribal Council Coordinator

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized Under a Constitution approved by the tribal membership of April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: Article V, sec. 2(a) of the Constitution grants the Tribal Council the power to set policy for the Tribes and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution; and

WHEREAS: Article V, sec 5(b) of the Constitution states the Coordinator shall serve in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Tribal Council.

WHEREAS: Article V, sec 5(d) of the Constitution states the Tribal Council shall have the power to establish its own rules of order and procedure.

WHEREAS: Tribal Council Resolution 100408ATC-001 terms and conditions of employment for the Tribal Council Coordinator states the Tribal Council Coordinator shall be removed only by action of the Tribal Council. No other policy on the removal of the Tribal Council Coordinator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes enacts the following policy on the removal of the Tribal Council Coordinator:

1. Only one removal attempt per 2-year term shall be permitted by the Tribal Council
2. Removal of the Coordinator shall be for good cause beyond a reasonable doubt stated in a resolution seeking to remove the current coordinator
3. Should a coordinator be removed from office the current coordinator will remain in office until a new meeting is called requesting a selection of a Tribal Council. This is not to extend 60 days past the removal. The current coordinator shall set a date not more than 60 days out and go thru the constitutional process to elect a new coordinator for the Tribal Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes approves this policy for removal of their Tribal Council Coordinator.

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Chairman, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
Special Tribal Council Meeting

ATTEST:
Secretary, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma
Special Tribal Council Meeting

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as the Secretary for the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma June 9TH, 2018 Special Tribal Council Meeting do hereby certify that a quorum was present at the duly called Special Tribal Council Meeting held on the _____ day of June 2018, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote:

For: _____ Opposed: _____ Absentee: _____ Not Voting: _____

Secretary

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DEC	\$ 3,074,195.24	\$ -
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ing MMIW within the Cheyenne and Arapaho (C&A) community as the C&A tribes Domestic Violence Program hosted the event.

With the community center fashioned with booths and information on domestic violence programs and other helpful resources aimed around support for MMIW, supporters and community members fashioned in red shirts gathered in attendance to partake in the event.

Pictures, posters and handouts flourished on the tables of booths with resources highlighting victims of domestic violence and those who have gone missing or have been murdered due to homicide. No matter the situation, the goal of the event was certain; raise awareness in the community.

“Our main purpose was to raise awareness that there are native women in Oklahoma that are going missing and murdered. When we first started talking about this, I was talking in my tribal community about it, several responses that I received was, ‘well that’s not happening here,’ and we’re like, ‘yes it is happening here, we’re just not hearing about it because our native people don’t get the coverage that a nontribal person would in mainstream media.’” Karen Kaniatobe, NAAV education coordinator said.

In bringing awareness and spreading the truth behind statistics of native women who have gone missing or have been murdered, true accounts from personal experience were shared among speakers willing to share their story involving loved ones.

Kim Merryman, a member of the Choctaw Nation, grabbed the attention of attendees when she shared her heartfelt story of her daughter, Emily Morgan, who was murdered on Aug. 26, 2016.

“People come to me and tell their stories and one of the things that really got me to

doing this was after Emily was killed I started getting private messages from friends of hers, they would tell me how she empowered them to come out of domestic violence situations and abusive situations and so after she was gone, they would tell me how they needed that voice, it feels like her voice is joined with mine whenever I’m doing something positive for her or sharing her story and it’s very hard but I’m told that the more often I share it the easier it’ll become to be able to share,” Merryman said with a strong sense of pride.

While no one has been held accountable for the death of Morgan, Merryman said they have leading suspects but are still missing critical information.

While missing and murder cases involving native women often go unsolved, families are left pondering on the whereabouts of their loved ones or whether leading evidence linking to homicide cases will ever be revealed to put them at ease.

Zina Deere, sister of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizen, Ida Beard, relies heavily upon the hope that someday someone will come forth with information linked to Beard, who has been missing since June 29, 2015. With no leads or further information obtained since, Beard’s family has not given up on hope.

“We’re never going to give up on her and we hope one day she’ll come home,” Deere said.

The MMIW event sparked an opportunity within the community for family members and supporters to speak on behalf of victims who are still missing or even find closure in telling their stories.

“There’s other people that go through the same thing and you’re not alone. You can talk to anybody that has the same situation or

knows someone who knows what you’re going through and knows how to talk to you. This is an opportunity for us to not let go, but bring some kind of closure, somebody knows something, one day it’ll get to the right person and they have information that will lead us to finding her, it would be amazing to find out where she’s at. Even if she’s dead or alive, we just want to know,” Deere said with a hopeful glare in her eyes.

As the entire room of the community center filled with sympathy and compassion through each of the words of speakers, emotional and physical support grew at hand as participants accompanied advocates and speakers on a memorial and awareness walk. While resources and information on domestic violence and sexual assault were given out, the hope for a brighter future among native communities still paves the way for advocates highlighting awareness.

“I think that it’s very important that the community realize that the number of Native American girls who have either been murdered or missing, are victims of human trafficking or their family has no idea where they’re at, get the word out there so we can spread it and let the community know the need of standing behind the tribal community to support the families and give them understanding as far



as court advocacy, hospital advocacy, anything that we can provide for them to let them know that they’re not in this journey alone,” Charlotte Hudson, Domestic Violence acting coordinator said.

To learn more about domestic violence services contact the Domestic Violence Program, 405-295-1525. For more information on NAAV visit oknaav.org.

Graduation

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things. So good luck to all of you.,” Lt. Gov. Gib Miles said.

The keynote speaker for the banquet was Lucyann Harjo, Coordinator of Indian Education and administrator over Title VI and Johnson O’Malley Programs for Norman Public Schools where approximately 2,049 American Indian students attend.

Taking the mic with a friendly gesture and greeting, Harjo set the tone of the night’s ceremony as she spoke words of wisdom from past experience in her educational journey.

“Today we celebrate your achievement, you’re graduating and that’s so important to recognize the achievement of our kids but it’s also critical to realize that because you are able to graduate there’s always someone or some people, some teachers, who have made an impact, who have touched your life to have guided you, encouraged you and who have this day, this celebration was made possible for you,” Harjo said.

I didn’t think I could do it. I didn’t think they would select me to win this scholarship and so every time I’d cross their paths, there were two coaches that hounded me and one of them said ‘come in here, sit down and just write this scholarship out.’ I did and I actually won the scholarship because someone believed in me,” Harjo explained.

With faith as strong as her pride in education, Harjo left the stage with encouraging thoughts lingering through the minds of many.

“If there’s something I could encourage you with tonight, it’s not to rely on yourself but I find a greater person who can guide, who can help, who can give wisdom and encouragement and that is my Lord and Savior Jesus, everyday I leave my house and I’m blazing down the road and I’m headed to my office, I’m praying that simple prayer everyday.. It is because of him that the Indian Education program is what it is today. It is because of him there are many people trying to help us, it’s his favor, it’s his guidance and when we’re in deep discussions,” Harjo said.

Special recognitions made during the banquet were Hollie Youngbear and Ranny Carpenter, honored educators, Jayci Bear, Calumet High School Valedictorian, Abigail Deardoff, Gore High School Valedictorian and Maria Moore, for receiving a 4.0 gpa her entire masters degree.

Youngbear is the Indian

Counselor at Watonga High School in Watonga, Okla, and who has, through years of work, learned alongside students the Cheyenne language. Youngbear emphasized the need for Cheyenne and Arapaho languages to be taught within schools.

“I’ve been there for 14 years so I’ve learned with the kids, learned the Cheyenne language with the kids, so when the teacher program came up I said well I might as well become a teacher because I’m learning with the kids and I might as well get paid for it. I encourage all you students to learn your language, go to the tribes, they have Cheyenne and Arapaho language classes and just learn your language, we really need teachers in the schools teaching our language,” Youngbear said.

Carpenter, who has received nominations in his profession as a teacher such as Teaching Intern of the Year and Tulsa Teacher of the Year, remarked on the significance of preparation in education.

“To be prepared is a huge thing that helped me get to this point right here, along with my family, friends, the tribe and especially our heritage have really helped me to achieve my goals and complete the same journey that you have just completed. I want to say congratulations to all of you because I know how hard that journey is so enjoy it and when you start your next journey, whether that be college or a professional journey, I want



Lucyann Harjo, keynote speaker, shares past experience of her educational journey and words of encouragement with the soon-to-be student graduates.

you to think about all the people, especially the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, that have gotten you to this point right here,” Carpenter said.

Following recognitions, award presentations continued on in honoring the 2018 graduates with a long line of handshakes, certificates and a Pendleton blanket. Smiles were infectious as each graduate was gifted with hugs, congratulatory wishes and compliments as the banquet came to an end.

The 2018 high school and college graduates will be featured in the June 1 Tribal Tribune Graduation Special Edition.

Tobacco

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nicotine

Lack of significant health benefit from switching to low tar, light, ultra-light cigarettes

Manipulation of cigarette design to increase nicotine levels delivered to smokers

Adverse health effects of exposure to secondhand smoke

Data indicates smoking kills 7,500 Oklahoma adults each year, and one in five children live with secondhand smoke that contributes to asthma and other health problems. The deceitful marketing practices of tobacco companies have long targeted minorities.

Secondhand smoke is the combination of smoke from the burning end of a cigarette and the smoke breathed out by smokers. It contains more than 7,000 chemicals and hundreds are toxic and about 70 can cause cancer.

Oklahoma now ranks

40th among all states for adult smoking, a significant improvement from previous year rankings of 46th. This improved ranking is a result of Oklahoma’s smoking percentage dropping to 21% in 2014, which a new historic low rate for Oklahoma.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ HED-MPOWER program aims to decrease secondhand smoke exposure, promote tobacco cessation, build tobacco prevention capacity, and develop culturally appropriate health communications to counter the tobacco industry influence while also promoting physical activity.

Find out how tobacco companies have to pay up and own the truth by visiting stopswithme.com or for more information on Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ tobacco prevention, please contact Darrel James, Prevention Specialist at 405-422-7676.



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BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Understanding and Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty
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The 2018 Native Broadcast Summit
May 22-24, 2018 at the Wild Horse Pass Casino & Hotel in Chandler, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

AMERIND Risk and National American Indian Housing Council Convention & Tradeshow
May 30-June 1, 2018 at the Marquis San Diego Marina in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

The 12th annual Native American Economic Development Conference
June 4-5, 2018 at Disney’s Grand Hotel & Spa in Anaheim, Calif. For more in-

formation visit www.native-nationevents.org.

The seventh annual Native American Housing Conference
June 4-5, 2018 at Disney’s Grand Hotel & Spa in Anaheim, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.native-nationevents.org.

Native American Healthcare Conference
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ney’s Grand Hotel & Spa in Anaheim, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.native-nationevents.org.

Amending and Updating Tribal Enrollment Requirements
June 18-20, 2018 at the Flamingo Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Management and Control of Tribal Assets and Property
June 26-27, 2018 at the Flamingo Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The National UNITY Conference - Finding Wellness & Healing Within Our Cultures
July 6-10, 2018 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colo. For more

information or to register visit www.unityinc.org.

National Institute for Native Leadership in Higher Education 2018 Summer Institute
July 25-27, 2018 at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo. For more information or to register visit www.depts.unco.edu/ninlhe.com.

Election Commission announces candidates and election dates

Arapaho District 1 Election Commission Seat

(CONCHO, OK) – The candidates to fill the vacancy for the Arapaho District 1 Election Commission Seat are:

Debra Woolworth of Watonga, Okla., and Ray Mosqueda of Canton, Okla.

In accordance with Article IX, Section 9 of the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, these candidates will not have a Primary Election, but will go straight to a General Election to be held on June 5, 2018.

The Polling Sites will be at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Community Centers located in Watonga, Okla., and Canton, Okla.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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mary focus and we invest so much in our children hoping that they too will make a stand and change the dynamics of tribal politics or tribal government and become leaders and it all starts with how well the education process of our kids in Oklahoma is and how well we prepare and train them and so we obviously want to see our tribes prosper and it all comes back to their education and it’s just an important focus of ours,” Harjo said.

As the night continued, faces across the room lit up with joy as each inductee was guided by applause and made their way across the stage to receive their certificate. OCIE also provided graduation cords for the first time ever for senior inductees to wear at their graduation ceremonies.

Ask A Lawyer



Pictured l-r: General Counsel Hershel Gorham, Deputy General Counsel Antonio Church, Legal Aid Attorney Kimberly Anthony and Attorney General Albert Ghezzi. (Courtesy photo)

Legal Counsel for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma sponsored an “ASK A LAWYER” event May 3 at the Tribal Headquarters in Concho, Okla.

The event was open to tribal citizens in recognition of the 67th annual Oklahoma Law Day.

Attorneys throughout the state, including the tribes’ own legal counsel, offered free legal advice for one day to anyone who had questions regarding a variety of legal issues.

The event was successful with several participating in person as well as calling and emailing their questions.

Counsel who provided free consultations were General Counsel Hershel Gorham, Deputy General Counsel Antonio Church, Legal Aid Attorney Kimberly Anthony and Attorney General Albert Ghezzi.

(*PLEASE NOTE: Tribal Citizens in need of legal representation should contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Legal Aid Attorney Kimberly Anthony at 405-422-7663. Please keep in mind services are limited.

Office of Tribal Attorney for the Executive Branch cannot provide legal representation to tribal citizens.)



Paul Fuentes, probation officer, holds scissors poised to cut the ribbon, surrounded by Tribal Court staff, judges and guests, marking the official grand opening of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Justice Center in Concho, Okla. (Photos / Rosemary Stephens)

Justice center

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9,296 square foot facility began in February 2017 and was completed in March 2018. The total cost of the project was upwards of 3.5 million dollars.

“There certainly would not have been the progress there has been if not for my boss Mr. Paul Fuentes. He has worked for the tribes since 2008 and has brought much needed growth and consistency to our people. Although his primary title was probation officer, he has assumed many roles and responsibilities and he never boasts about any of the things he has accomplished for the tribes,” Theresa Faris, SORNA technical assistant said.

Faris listed off some of Fuentes’s accomplishments, which include the development of a tribal sex offenders registry, the establishment of a healing to wellness court, coordinator

and a bailiff.

“He has been recruited by the National Criminal Justice and Technology and Training Center, and the Dept. of Justice’s SMART office to train other tribes because they are so pleased with our work here in the SORNA program. He literally travels nation wide to help other tribes implement their program and bring their status up to the level the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have been able to accomplish, and I am really proud of him for that,” Faris said.

Fuentes has already been working on Phase II of the justice center project, sending over the grant application for a new Social Services building as part of the Tribal Justice Center.

Following more guest speakers, the ribbon was cut, giving guests the opportunity to tour the new facility.



Wooden benches in the waiting area of the Tribal Justice Center are crafted from cedar trees that had to be cut down for the justice center project. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

It was a night full of pride as many families and friends hugged their beloved inductee as they were honored.

Harjo said for the future, she hopes OCIE can encourage students to be more involved in events.

“The challenge bowl is coming around, the conference is coming around, the legislative day is coming around and I think their voices need to be heard and more of our kids stand up and make a difference, as far as what happens at the state capitol, it’s so important and how we prepare, educate and get our kids involved is pretty important so I hope we do a better job this coming year in doing that,” Harjo said.

For more information on OISHS or to submit a nomination application visit www.oklahoma-ocie.org.



Jayci Bear, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal youth, receives her graduation cord from Lucyann Harjo, OCIE president. This is the first year OCIE provided graduation cords as part of the induction ceremony.



Congratulations to the Canadian County Elementary School Honor Society Students 2017-2018 from Darlington School.

Pictured l-r: Cionna Garcia (8th Grade - 4.0 GPA), Jacob Long (8th Grade - 4.0 GPA), Angel Guzman (7th Grade), Javier Baxcajay (7th Grade), Wichahpi Cook (7th Grade - 4.0 GPA), Tori Hollis (7th Grade) and Samyra Hunter (7th Grade). (Photos / Wanda Martin)

How About These Kids?

Darlington April Students of the Month

Top row l-r: Julia Long (5th Grade), Paige Primeaux (8th Grade) and Pauline Black-Harmon (6th Grade)

Middle row l-r: Ryleigh Burns (3rd Grade), Taryn Mayes (2nd Grade), Blake Lamebull (4th Grade) and Javier Baxcajay (7th Grade)

Bottom row l-r: Elrond Burns (1st Grade), Kylie Young (Pre-K), Ashlynn Spain (Kindergarten) and Josey Rittenhouse (Pre-K).



With honor and gratitude

WE REMEMBER

Memorial Day Service

DATE: 24 MAY 2018

TIME: 1130hrs

LOCATION: Concho, OK at the Community Hall

The Program will begin at the Flag Poles with the Raising of the Flags, 21 Gun Salute & TAPS

MC: Russell Willey

INVOCATION: Tribal Veteran

DRUM GROUP: Medicine River

Honor/Color Guard: Buddy Bond Color Guard

OPENING REMARKS: Gov. Reggie Wassana

GUEST SPEAKER: Gerald Panana

LUNCH: Provided by the Executive Office Catered by Ranch House Cafe

GUEST SPEAKER: Harvey Pratt NMAI Presentation

CLOSING REMARKS: OVA Office

Tribal Transit available: 580-331-2600

(Veterans ride Free for this event on any of four fixed routes)

If there is a funeral, the event will be held in the NAC Building

Battling breast cancer, insurance with the power of prayer

Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

This is a story of courage, faith and love. The courage of one woman’s battle to overcome breast cancer, the faith she maintained throughout every moment of everyday and the love that carried her when she was unable to walk alone. The love of her family, her friends and total strangers who came to know Hauli Gray through Social Media and local news broadcasts.

Hauli’s story of being diagnosed with breast cancer is not a new story. Many women, young and old, are diagnosed everyday in this country with breast cancer. What is unique and uplifting about Hauli’s story ... is Hauli. From her steadfast faith in God, her upbeat attitude in the face of excruciating pain and side effects from chemotherapy to her beaming love for her husband, Cecil, her two children, Glory and Tahlo, and every one she meets along her path.

She gave each of us a rare gift when Hauli allowed us to walk with her through a live Facebook video journal of her journey beginning with her very first chemo treatment. Strange as that may sound, gift, Hauli gave each of us the rare gift of looking inside someone’s life battling to overcome breast cancer, the feelings and emotions surrounding that battle, to having to fight her insurance company for the right to have the best recommended treatment for her long term health.

Life couldn’t have been more perfect for 32 year-old Hauli last summer. Happily married to the man of her dreams, a beautiful 4 year-old daughter and a husky handsome 2 year-old son. She worked at a job she loved working with Native youth, and was even doing some modeling for a new apparel line called L.A. Deer Apparel. As the saying goes, it was the calm before the storm.

“Back in June my son turned 2 and we were in the weaning process, and July, August comes around and we both noticed something was different about my left breast and my husband said you need to go to the doctor and get that checked out,” Hauli said.

Hauli made her appointment with her OB GYN and was surprised when she didn’t say anything about the lump in her left breast.

“So a week goes by, then two weeks and I notice a spot appears on my skin above the lump, like an old bruise or something. I called my doctor and they said we are referring you to OU Breast Health Network,” Hauli said.

That was in September 2017 and from then on she said she has seen so many doctors, had ultrasounds, mammograms, and a biopsy performed. By this time September had quickly slipped away and in October, two days after Hauli’s biopsy the doctor called saying words no woman ever wants to hear, “You have breast cancer.”

With tears welling up in Hauli’s eyes, she said the first thing that came to her mind was she still breastfeeding her son when she had breast cancer.

“The second thing I thought about was can my daughter get it.”

So began Hauli’s battle ... the chemotherapy treatments, severe side effects, excruciating headaches, body aches, many tears shed, many prayers said as she walked through each day holding tight to her faith in God, her family and her friends.

Knowing she would begin to lose her beautiful long dark brown hair, Hauli decided to lose her hair on her own terms ... and that’s exactly what she did, hosted a ‘shave my head’ gathering with some of her closest friends and family. Each person taking a turn clipping a piece of her hair and finally shaving her head.

It was just another example of Hauli’s positive proactive approach for victory over cancer.

After 16 weeks of chemo and a mastectomy, Hauli was to begin treatment six weeks after her surgery. The treatment recommended specifically for her case by her doctor was proton therapy due to the close proximity of Hauli’s heart and lungs to the area to be treated with radiation, conventional radiation treatment could and would affect her other organs long term.

“With proton we can go straight in, get to the lymph nodes with the radiation and stop it before it gets to the heart,” Dr. Gary Larson of ProCure Proton Therapy Center said.

“There are just certain circumstances where there really isn’t any good way to do this than to use proton therapy.”

But her insurance company, Blue Cross / Blue Shield (BCBS) of Oklahoma said no. Not once, but twice. In an attempt to appeal to BCBS to change their denial decision for a third time, Hauli and her husband went to the media.

“Not only am I fighting breast cancer, we are also in a fight with our insurance. I don’t want any further troubles as I get older,” Hauli struggled to speak through her tears during the press conference. “I don’t want problems that traditional radiation can cause, to my heart, to my lungs, and that’s what I am afraid of. If this is the safest way then that’s what I want to go with. A long time ago it used to be about surviving cancer, now it’s life after cancer. Now I am thinking what kind of life am I going to have after this is over.”

All the while days were slipping by as Hauli and her husband appealed BCBS’s decision and Hauli needed to begin treatment six weeks after her mastectomy and that date was already here.

“Not only am I fighting breast cancer, fighting, you know, with my life right now, we’re also in a fight with our insurance. I lost a breast, that’s a part of me that’s gone forever and I’m trying to get over that. You almost want to feel shame because it was like you were whole and now you’re not,” Hauli said.

While everyone waited for BCBS’s third decision, it finally came. Denied.



Hauli Gray’s husband, Cecil helps position her hair before their press conference with local news stations at ProCure Proton Therapy Center in Oklahoma City. (Photo / Rosemary Stephens)



Hauli reads to her 2 year-old son Tahlo.



Hauli Sioux Gray meets each day armed with prayer, faith and a smile upon her face. (Photo courtesy of Cecil Gray)

With no other choice Hauli and her husband turned to Indian Health Services (IHS) as their secondary insurance and was waiting on a decision from them ... when a miracle happened.

ProCure Proton Therapy Center announced it would cover the entire cost of Hauli’s treatment, regardless of the decision from IHS.

A lucky break? Some might say so, but for Hauli and Cecil whose faith in God and prayer are unwavering ... the answer is a miracle.



Thomas Ware, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Tradition Not Addiction program presents Darlington School with a foam board poster of Darlington Boy’s State Championship poster.

Tradition Not Addiction conducts after school classes at Darlington.

The program focuses on prevention of underage drinking and non-medical use of prescription medication for youth ages 12-25.

(Photos / Wanda Martin)



CHEYENNE / ARAPAHO COLOR & HONOR GUARD



MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE TO VETERANS

THE C&A HONOR/COLOR GUARD WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME

- Warrior Societies to offer prayer before each Salute Ceremony
- Veterans to participate during the Honor Salute
- Families of Veterans
- War Mother Societies: We remember you this day as well

THE FOLLOWING CEMETERIES ON MONDAY MAY 28, 2018

TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

SEILING	8:00 AM	GREENFIELD	1:45 PM
CANTONMENT	9:00 AM	THOMAS	2:45 PM
CANTON CORP OF ENG.	9:30 AM	DEER CREEK	3:30 PM
CANTON N. SIDE OF CHURCH	10:00 AM	COLONY	4:30 PM
WATONGA	11:00 AM	CLINTON (SOUTH)	5:15 PM
KINGFISHER	11:45 AM	CLINTON	5:35 PM
CONCHO	12:30 PM	HAMMON	6:30 PM
GEARY	1:15 PM		

Tribes’ ETA Program honored at annual NINAETC Conference

(CONCHO, OK) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Employment and Training Administration (ETA) attended the 39th National Indian and Native American Employment (NINAETC) and P.L. Law 102-477 Training in Marks-ville, LA April 9-13.

“Together Achieving Balance” was the theme for the conference. The NINAETC/477 conference provides training for Native American programs operating the Department of Labor’s Workforce In-novations Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 166 or Pub-lic Law 102-477. The train-ing sessions are designed to address issues, solutions, as well as sharing innovative practices related to employ-ment and training. Grantees get the opportunity to share challenges, successes, and voice their concerns relating to Native Communities.

This was not the first time the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes were represented at the conference in Louisiana, ETA Director Erwin Pah-

mahmie Jr., recalls speaking during the “remembrance” ceremony in 2012.

Ms. Ella Spottedbird was one of the individuals hon-ored in 2012’s remembrance and Pahlmahmie shared about his journey and how much people like Ms. Spot-tedbird made a difference in sharing joys and the strug-gles of life.

The ETA Program was honored as one of the four programs that exempli-fied outstanding leadership among the grantee commu-nity. The award represents the program’s success in providing services, follow-ing guidelines, and achiev-ing goals mandated in the program plan.

“It truly was a humbling time for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to be rec-ognized and many congratu-lations were expressed by the Division of Indian and Native American Programs (DINAP) Division Chief, Athena Brown and Feder-al Project Officer, Jennifer Whitmore.”

Additionally, Pahlmahmie



was elected as the co-chair to represent the section 166 Grantee Community. The 40th National Conference will be held in Durant, Okla., at the Choctaw Nation’s Ca-sino Resort in April 2019. The Cheyenne and Arapa-ho Tribes ETA Program’s success and leadership will continue to benefit the Na-tive community at the local, regional and national levels.

Native Connections

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“A new report by the CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics highlights what Native American health ex-perts have long known. Sui-cide among Native youth is a crisis, and one that is not receiving the attention it needs.” The article went on to state, “Suicide looks very different in Native com-munities than it does in the general population. Nation-ally suicide tends to skew middle-aged (and white) but among Native Americans, 40 percent of those who die by suicide are between the ages of 15 and 24. And among the young adults ages 18 to 24, Native Americans have high-er rates of suicide than any other ethnicity and higher than the general population.”

“Communities have been quiet on the best kept secret everybody knows about be-cause you don’t hear it or see it on the news. The idea of not my town, not my com-munity, certainly not my tribe and not my family, my child, all these taboos within Na-tive communities ... we have to be able to speak about it,” Ramos said. “Breaking those barriers by being culturally competent and not sensation-alize will be important.”

If you or someone you know needs help call 800-273-08255 for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

ELK CITY INDIAN

BAPTIST CHURCH
916 W. 7TH ELK CITY, OKLAHOMA

-CAMP MEETING-

MAY 30TH - JUNE 2ND, 2018

SPECIAL GUEST:
Theo Nez

MUSIC BY: *Joann Storm-Taylor*

SERVICES: 2PM & 7PM

BREAKFAST: 9AM
& SUPPER: 5PM

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Pictured (l): Theo Nez, a Navajo from Farmington, N.M., had overdosed on drugs and was dead a total of four hours but the prayers of his wife brought him back, according to this testimony he had gone to hell and the devil showed him a pit that was dug for him but Jesus heard his prayers and brought him back. He was also given a new heart, hear his powerful testimony at our camp meeting.

Pictured (r): Joann Storm-Taylor is an Indigenous artist who sings gospel songs from Alberta, Canada.

New Mexico Bound

Courtesy photos

Gov. Reggie Wassana and Lt. Gov. Gib Miles hosted an out-of-state meet and greet with Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens in the Albuquerque, N.M. area on May 25.

Gov. Wassana gave a presentation on upcoming projects and progress the tribes have made during the first three months in office.

Lt. Gov. Miles shared his vision for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people,

while John Youngbull, CEO of Lucky Star Casino briefed the crowd on casino operations; also stating the Wassana Administration has the largest revenue turn around in the history of Tribal Gaming

Hershel Gorham, Office of Tribal At-torney gave a report of the tribes’ prog-ress in administrations.

Thank you to the tribal members who came out to share a meal with the Gov-ernor, Lt. Governor and executive staff.

Burger Day

Above: Tribal youth Elijah Tall-bear won the Burger Eating Contest by eating 10 fried burgers in 10 min-utes! (Photos / Clara Bushyhead)

Above: Cheyenne & Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana, Lt. Gov. Gib Miles and Lucky Star CEO John Youngbull partic-ipated in the cooking and serving of the Biggest Onion Burger in the world!

Left: City of El Reno Mayor Matt White visits with John Youngbull.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

helps those in need to pay their cooling bills through energy assistance grants. Who is eligible? Homeowners and renters who are responsible for their heating/cooling bills, have low or fixed income and a member of any federally recognized tribe are eligible.

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EATING

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As warm weather is approaching and our families are outdoors in the heat we need to remember to stay hydrated.

Proper hydration is one of the most important aspects of physical activity. Drinking the right amount of fluids before, after and during is vital in providing your body the fluids it needs to perform properly.

Your hydration goal should be to minimize dehydration without over-drinking. Each persons hydration needs are different. How can you tell if you are hydrated or dehydrated? When you go to the bathroom first thing in the morning, what color is your urine? Straw or lemonade color urine is a sign of good hydration. Dark colored like the color of apple juice, indicates dehydration.

Dehydration can occur in virtually every physical activity scenario and it doesn’t have to be hot. Dehydration results when athletes fail to adequately replace fluids lost through sweating. Dehydration that exceeds 2% body weight loss can harm exercise performance and is why athletes are advised to stay hydrated before, during and after exercise. Even when you swim you can become dehydrated.

Be alert of the conditions that increase your fluid loss through your sweat such as air temperature- the higher the temperatures, the greater your sweat losses; intensity- the harder you work out the more you perspire; body size and gender- larger people sweat more and men generally sweat more than women; duration- the longer

Hydrate the Right Way

Tara Conway, MS, RD, LD, CDE

C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

you work out the more fluid loss you have;fitness- well-trained athletes sweat more than less fit individuals.

Be aware of the early warning signs of dehydration thirst, flushed skin, premature fatigue, increased body temperature, faster breathing and pulse rate, increased perception of effort (having to try harder) and decreased exercise capacity. The later signs of dehydration include dizziness, increased weakness, and labored breathing with exercise.

Remember to replace fluids during exercise to promote adequate hydration. Drink water rather than pouring it over your head. Drinking is the only way to rehydrate and cool your body from the inside out. Sports drinks are more appropriate than water for athletes engaged in moderate to high intensity exercise that last an hour or longer. Rehydrate after exercise by drinking enough fluid to replace fluid losses during exercise.

NYPD camp is June 11-15, 2018. We have not received four applications and may have those spots available for youth ages 8-12. Please contact the DWP for further information. All campers will need to report to the Diabetes Program June 5 and June 8, 2018 from 1-3 p.m.

For more information and tips on wellness contact Tara Conway @ Diabetes Wellness Program 405-422-7685/1800247-4612 ext. 27685 or tconway@c-a-tribes.org.

Sources: www.eatright.org/
fitness/sports-and-performance/hydrate-right/hydrate-right

Bringing back

fresh veggies

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



Blaine Patton, Greenhouse Project coordinator checks on the growth of recently planted vegetables in Watonga, Okla. (Photos / Rosemary Stephens)

With the coming of spring in Oklahoma come freshly planted vegetable gardens. In a couple of months the fruit of all the tilling, fertilizing, planting, watering and care gone into planting will be evident as each plant begins to produce. And if Blaine Patton had his way everyone would grow enough vegetables to feed their entire family ... and their neighbors.

Patton took over the Greenhouse Project as coordinator in March 2018. With his tech savvy drone capturing aerial photos, as well as his videos, he is bringing a lot more awareness through Social Media of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Greenhouse Project.

“Our greenhouse was destroyed in November 2017 by some really high Oklahoma winds, but we just submitted paperwork to reapply for the USDA’s grant we used to operate under, the ‘What’s on My Plate,” Patton said. “My drone can capture aerial photos and I am trying to increase our numbers through Facebook and in turn we can hopefully qualify for larger grant funding.”

Touring the garden areas Patton, and his assistant Estevan Reyes have been busy getting potatoes, onions, peas, tomatoes, radishes and carrots in the ground. Right around the corner is squash, cucumbers, cantaloupes, watermelon, and let’s not forget pumpkins.

“My daughter Daisy, whose 8, loves to harvest pumpkins every year to donate to all of her classmates. My other daughter, Kalypso, who is 5 loves flowers,” Patton said pointing to a picture of his two daughters on his phone showing off their pumpkins.

Patton is planting four 25 foot by 55 foot garden beds in Watonga, an 80 foot by 45 foot in Clinton, as well as a site at the Clinton Head Start with 13 head start students actively involved with the planting and care, and three beds in Concho that are 25 foot by 50 foot.

“The grant is designed

to grow vegetables and to educate the community on how to grow healthy food and recipes for preparing the food that you grown. I will take part in the Food Distribution’s Food Demos and sometimes make healthy shakes made from everything we’ve grown,” Patton said.

Patton said he hopes the grant goes through for the tribes to purchase an even larger green house, so even during the winter months he can continue to teach tribal citizens the art of growing their own food, some tips to ensure healthy plants, and some things not to do.



Daisy Doctor, 8 (r) and Kalypso Doctor, 5 show off their home grown pumpkins. Daisy donates pumpkins every year to her entire class. (Courtesy photo)

The Greenhouse Project operates under the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Food Distribution Program in Watonga, Okla.

Invitation to Tribal Education Programs/Departments

The Oklahoma Native All State Association would like to invite tribal education departments to participate in the annual All-State games June 15-16, as part of a community outreach.

We would like for departments to provide information and resources to tribal citizens through a booth display during the awards ceremony and/or at the Bacone Palmer Center Gym.

This event will be a great opportunity to meet Native students and their families from across the state who have achieved significant levels of accomplishment in athletic endeavors. The association would ask the education departments provide some giveaway items to be awarded throughout the day in lieu of booth rental.

Please respond at your convenience as to your willingness to participate in this unique event celebrating Native athletes.

For more information contact Jacob Tsotigh at 405.301.4844 or by email, jtsotigh@niea.org.

Powwows & Events

CALENDAR

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Environmental Program E.O.C Meeting

11 a.m. -1 p.m. Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Native American Church building in Concho, Okla. Public is welcomed to attend. Potluck lunch will be served. For more information call 405-422-7431 or 405-422-7410.

Graduation Dance honoring Desiree and Kai Hamilton

May 20, 2018 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 3 p.m., meal at 5 p.m.

MC Willie Bullcoming, AD Billy Youngbird, HS Frank Mosqueda, HLD Karen Little Coyote, HMD Kendricks Sleeper, HLGD Nina Reed, HBD Merlin Big Medicine, Honored Elder Viola Hatch and Co-Host Redmoon Gourd Clan.

For more information call 405-365-5123.

Community Baby Event

5-7 p.m. May 22, 2018 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Memorial Day Commemoration

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2018.

This program will begin at the Flag Poles with the Raising of the Flags, 21 Gun Salute and TAPS.

Lunch will be provided by the Executive Office, catered by the Ranch House Cafe.

Please note all veterans ride free to this event on any of the four fixed Transportation routes. To arrange transportation call the Tribal Transit at 580-331-2600.

2018 Oklahoma State Handgame Tournament

9:30 a.m., May 26, 2018 at Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 12 p.m. Lunch served at noon. Teams must be 18 years or older. Entry fee-\$250. First place \$4,000+trophy, second place \$2,000+trophy and third place \$1,000+trophy.

For more information contact Charlotte at 405-479-5971.

Oklahoma Indian Nation Princess Coronation Dance

May 26, 2018 at the Darlington School. Supper at 5 p.m. with gourd dance to follow. Crowning of the 2018 Incoming Royalty Senior Miss Mya Guzman, Junior Miss DoreneAllyn WhiteHorse and Little Miss Arial Roy.

Honoring the 2017 Outgoing Royalty, Senior Miss Morningstar Hoffman, Junior Miss Christiana Derenzo and Tiny Tot Mahlea Warrior.

MC Alan Fletcher, HS Redstone Singers, HM Fred Mosqueda, HL Sarah Orange, HB Bryce Longknife (10), HG Annabella Ferrell (8) and AD James Reveles.

The 46th annual Red Moon Powwow

May 26-28, 2018 at the Hammon Powwow grounds in Hammon, Okla.

Flags to be flown, May 26 Freeman Hawk Sr., U.S. Navy, Korean War, May 27 Diron LoneElk, U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam War and May 28 Irvin ‘Toby’ Goodblanket, U.S. Army. The 2018 Red Moon Powwow Princess is Beatriz Martinez

Grand Entry nightly at 7 p.m.

Head Staff: MCs Asa Littlebird and Alan Fletcher, HS Creg Hart and O.T. Sankey, HMD Isaac Rhoads, HLD Janet Bullcoming, Host RedMoon Gourd Clan, ADs Bart Williamson and Billy Youngbird, Honored Elder Lucy Hoffman Snyder, Honored Veteran Jennifer Hart. (See flyer in this issue for more details).

Elk City Indian Baptist Church Camp Meeting

May 30 - June 2, 2018 at the Elk City Indian Baptist Church, 916 W. 7th Street in Elk City, Okla.

Services daily 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Breakfast served at 9 a.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Special guest Theo Nez. Music by Joann Storm Taylor. For more information contact Pastor Delfred ‘Bunny’ Whitecrow at 580-799-3980.



Tommy Beart-rack, Economic Development uses one of the program's newly equipped watering trucks to soak freshly laid sod along Black Kettle Blvd., in Concho, Okla.



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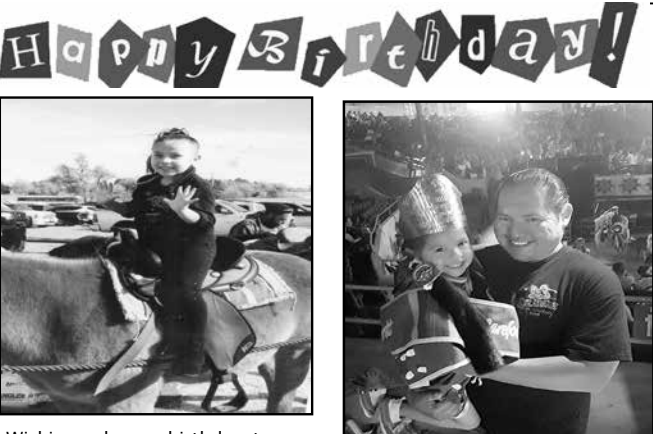
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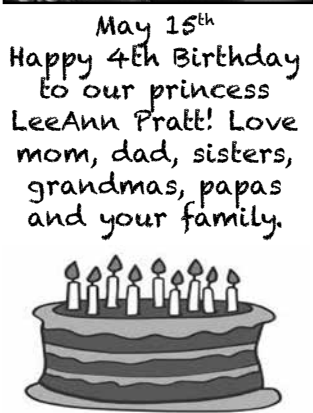
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Wishing a happy birthday to my beautiful daughter Annabella Ferrell on May 27th. You're my little angel, you truly are a blessing and a gift from God. I thank him every morning for making you. You're always on my mind and in my prayers. I hope you get everything you want on your special day. I'll be home soon to see you. Your daddy, Apollo Ferrell loves you always, forever and a day. Be good.



Congratulations to Adrian Perez! We're all so proud of you!
"The Tassel was worth the Hassel"
From The De Leon-Ruiz Family

THANK YOU

The 2018 NAC Commemoration Planning Committee would like to extend their thanks to the following that made the April 14 fund raiser dance a success. Thanks goes to the Head Staff, Willie BullComing, Ernest Toppah, Kenneth Pewo, Karen Yeahquo, Kendrick Sweezy, Billy Youngbird, Sac & Fox NAC chapter and their families for donations.

We also extend our thanks for those helping with donations, food, cakes, raffle items and ticket sales, Thelma Whitebird, Wilma and Merle BigMedicine, Wendy Haag, Angie Sweezy, Heather Sweezy, Heartsill Sweezy, Malcolm Whitebird, Silas Pedro, Carolyn Levi, Mike Whitebird, Fred Sweezy and most of all Karen Miles and her granddaughters for helping in selling tickets for raffles. We would to extend a special thanks to Toni Pawnee, daughter and grandchildren in donating cakes for our cakewalk and dinner. Thanks goes out to the Culture and Heritage staff that assisted us for this event. We would like to thank the singers, gourd dancers and others that were in attendance. Thanks for buying tickets for raffle items and cake walks. All of you made our fund raiser a success and enjoyed the songs from the singers. We, again, witnessed the good feeling among all that attended. The Committee would like to thank the Red Moon Service Club for the gift and monetary donations. Our fund raiser at Apache, Okla., was a success, thanking all those who helped with the food and raffle items, Angie Sweezy, Shalah Miller, Phyllis Narcomey, Sherrie Buchanan, Harveta BigBow-Sheridan, Apache NAC chapter, Oklahoma City Powwow Club, Max Bear, Larry Monossey, Tomasita Littlecrow and Heartsill Sweezy. We will continue with our fund raising for the 100 Year Commemoration of the Native American Church, which will be held Oct. 9-10, 2018. So again, thanks.

Eloise Rice, Treasurer and Annette Arkeketa-Rendon



Porfirio Dean Washa, Jr.
Aug. 27, 1957
May 2, 2018



Mary Gertrude Snodgrass
Jan. 21, 1938
May 3, 2018

Wake services were held May 6, 2018 at Weatherford Indian Baptist Church in Weatherford, Okla. Funeral services were held May 7 at the same venue. Interment followed at Chief Black Short Nose Cemetery.

Wake services were held May 9, 2018 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held May 10 at the same venue. Interment followed at Geary Sunset Cemetery.



Alfred Dale Sweezy was born June 17, 1967, to Fredrick Lee and Wilma Jean (Lonelodge) Sweezy in Clinton, Okla. He passed away, Sunday, May 6 in Oklahoma City at the age of 50. Alfred grew up in Greenfield, Okla. and attended Greenfield schools. He lived most of his adult life in Oklahoma City. Alfred loved hunting, fishing and beading. He mostly loved being around his friends and family. Survivors include son Elvin Lee Berryhill of Mt.

View, Okla., two grandchildren, Naycee and Jayson Berryhill, siblings Carmen Sweezy, Robert Sweezy, Fredrick Sweezy, Anthony Sweezy, and Sylvia Sweezy, uncles, Gary Dawes and Steve Dawes as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Alfred was preceded in death by his parents Fredrick and Wilma Sweezy, grandparents, sisters, Brenda Kay Sweezy and Wanda Bird, brother, Bob Sankey and aunt Verla Dawes.

Wake services were held May 10 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Funeral services were held May 11 at the First Baptist Church in Geary, Okla., followed by a burial at the Clinton Cemetery in Clinton, Okla.



Congratulations Marlena Garcia on your 8th grade graduation from Lame Deer Junior High School. We love you and are so proud of you. Love your family



"When girls are educated, their countries become stronger and more prosperous" - Michelle Obama
Darlington Kindergarten Graduate 2018
Congratulations Nàhtona, we are so proud of you!
Né-méhotátse Aashari Solola Rose!
From: Mom, Son, and all your family!

It's just before sunrise, as I look up at the pale morning sky I see whisps of clouds. Long slender almost transparent clouds, all in a row. As I stare at them they look like feathers, a row of feathers in the sky. While looking at the white and blue feathers lined across the clear morning sky, my heart begins to feel happy and proud. I know it's a sign, a sign to let us know that we still belong here and that our purpose here goes on. My people, sometimes we lose ourselves in the confusion of this strange world. Sometimes our people feel bad about themselves, they think of themselves as failures when society looks on them as failures, this makes them feel even worse. Alas my people, take heart be proud of who you are and feel good about yourselves. For we are a unique people, we are the people of ancient customs and cultures, children of nature, brothers to the animals and keepers of the land. Though we be forced to live in this strange world of many cultures and many beliefs yet we are here. No my people, we are not here to measure up to what other people think or expect of us. Or though we are a part of this new world, still we are Indians, and our worth and values must be judged as such. We will be failures if we lose our identity as a people. Yes we must exist, but we must remain who we are. We must never forget that we are the people of mother earth, and not the people of the hurried world in which we are forced to live. For as long as we are true to ourselves and proud of who we are, our existence has meaning and our purpose here continues on, as must we!

Donovan 91'

THANK YOU

The family of Yvonne Wilson wish to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the many kind people, relatives, friends and neighbors that helped us through a very tough time. Our family was humbled and very grateful for all the prayers and many deeds of kindness, sympathy, and comforting words. We're very appreciative of having our Burial Program and the excellent services provided by Lori Brooks and her staff. Thank you to the ministers, Gerald Panana and George Akeen and for all of those that sang songs and spoke well of our loved one. It was especially meaningful for all the people who took time out of their lives to be with us at the wake and funeral services. We pray that God watches over you and blesses your families with good health and happiness throughout your life.

Sincerely, Robert Wilson's family



To the Editor:

This announcement is the fruit of a grandfather's love for his grandson. In 2015 Phil Saal took temporary guardianship of his grandson Breyden, and over the next year he was able to obtain legal guardianship of Breyden. He spent hours acquiring all of Breyden's legal documents for identification. Unfortunately, last year Breyden's grandpa got very ill and he went home to his maker on December 4, 2017. Breyden is planning on joining the military after graduation. The Tribune was a help in getting Phil to the necessary agencies to achieve all that Phil did for Breyden. Thank you. Jan Saal, wife of Phil Saal.

Sylva Lavato
Dec. 24, 1951
April 30, 2018

Wake services were held May 4, 2018 at the Berry Bell & Hall Chapel in Fallbrook, Calif. A graveside funeral was held May 5 at Pala Cemetery.



Donna J. Sweezy Rush
June 22, 1952
May 1, 2018

An all-night wake service was held May 4, 2018 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held May 5 at the same venue. Interment followed at Concho Indian Cemetery.



Gary Leon Capture, Jr.
Sept. 14, 1972
April 22, 2018

An all-night wake service was held April 29, 2018 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held April 30 at the same venue. Interment followed at Concho Indian Cemetery.



Photo taken in 1890
Employees at the Cheyenne Indian School
The three Chiefs are school inspectors who came once a month to visit the school and to report to the parents concerning their children. A.H. Viets was school superintendent who later went to Santa Fe, N.M.
Submitted by Shirley Williams

The Western Plains Weatherford Genealogical Society will hold their regular meeting May 21st, 7 pm, at the Western Oklahoma Historical Center, Inc., 520 West Main in the Cedar Schoolhouse. Annual election of officers is on the agenda.

Dr. W. Edward Rolison will present his new book "Route 66 Dream Castle: Hotel Calmez and Builder Claude Calmes". Dr. Rolison and Carol Duncan have done extensive research for the book in Oklahoma history and newspapers of the time the hotel was in operation. Dr. Rolison received his PhD at the University of Missouri in Political Science. He taught at SWOSU from 1966 to 2001.

Copies of the book should 580-445-8404 be available for sale.

This meeting is for all genealogists and family history buffs in Custer and surrounding counties. Contact: LAURA MCCORMICK, 580-445-8404.



**CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO
HEAD START
CONCHO/CLINTON/CANTON**

"INITIAL SELECTIONS"

**FOR 2018-2019 school
year WILL BE MADE ON
JUNE 26 & 27, 2018**

* For more information or an application, please call Benita Bear @ 405-422-7632 or email @ bbear@c-a-tribes.org

Department of Housing
Waiting List Report
Mutual Help Program

The following applicants need to complete a 2018 UPDATE FORM by May 31st.

If an update form is not received by this date, they will be removed from the Mutual-Help waiting list for FAILURE TO UPDATE NO EXCEPTIONS!!

For questions or more information please contact Eileen Salcido at 580-331-2400. Sheri Horn Jerrie Whitebuffalo LaTisha Gibson Kendrick Sweezy Jose Mosqueda Lindsey Gould David Bearshield Wilma Tapaha Carol Wheeler Soloman Pedro Barry Ashcraft Elliot Lanham

JUNE OUTREACH

Lawton
Friday, June 15, 2018
1 p.m.- 3 p.m.
Lawton Indian Hospital
1515 NE Lawrie Tatum Road
Lawton, OK

Tulsa
Friday, June 22, 2018
12 p.m.- 3 p.m.
Zarrow Regional Library
2224 W. 52st Street
Tulsa, OK

FOOD, UTILITY, RENT, MEDICAL/ICU, FUNERAL, TRIBAL TRANSIT BUS PASSES

The community outreaches are meant to serve C & A Tribal member in the outlying communities that are not able to make it to either the Concho or Clinton offices. All guidelines stand as when applying in office, so all documentation must still be provided.

HOPE 405-422-7580
Elder Care 405-422-7411

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Thursday, May 24, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please call for details Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. You must have an appointment to see an attorney. If you are unable to make your appointment, please call Tracy @ 405-943-6457.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver’s license and a copy of CDIB (if applicable) to Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or email atisdale@c-a-tribes.org.

Arapaho Cultural Specialist
C&A Language & Culture Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must be insurable for government fleet insurance. High School graduate or equivalent. Five years of experience in Arapaho traditional activities and project management experience. Supervisory experience mat substitute for educational requirements. Familiar with the culture, history and traditions of the Arapaho. Must be familiar with the C&A former reservation and service area. Must demonstrate professional conduct. Must be available to work nights and weekends as required by planned activities. Must have good writing, communicative skills and organizational skills with attention to detail.

SALARY: Negotiable

THPO
Language & Culture Program
Closing: Until filled

Qualifications:

Prefer bachelor’s degree in Anthropology, Architectural History, Art History, Historic Preservation or closely related field. Equivalent combination of education, training and experience will be considered. Knowledge of principles and practices of program management, procurement, purchasing and contracting activities. Knowledge of the review process under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996 (NHPA). Possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license, must be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne Arapaho member preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Caseworker
Indian Child Welfare
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Prefer Bachelor’s degree in social work or related field; or an equivalent combination of education and one year of related experience. Knowledge of Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. Ability to work flexible hours, weekends, holidays and after 5 p.m. Must have knowledge of crisis theory and interventions. Understand program’s goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Have basic knowledge of early childhood education, child welfare casework, child abuse and neglect indicators. Posses communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and Non-Indian communities, agencies and the general public. Maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters protected by the Privacy Act. OSBI and criminal background check required. Must possess an Oklahoma driver’s license to operate government owned vehicle. Knowledge of C&A/Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele. Must complete OKDHS Criminal History Review and supplemental application.

SALARY: Negotiable

NOTICE OF HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal offices will be closed on Monday May 28, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day. All offices will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday May 29.

Transit Drive II – FT
Tribal Transit Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Must possess CPR and First Aid Certification or be willing to attend various training programs to obtain certification. Must pass pre-employment drug screening process and be subject to random drug testing. Should be able to lift, at a minimum, 50 lbs. with no physical barriers from doing so. Must possess the ability to communicate effectively to patrons and superiors any findings, incidents, activities and daily responsibilities. Must possess a high school diploma and possible completion of a commercial driving raining program and/or defensive driving program. Must have an accept able driving record and if selected for the position, must provide a current Motor Vehicle Report (MVR) from the Sate Department of Public Safety.

SALARY: Negotiable

Arapaho Project Manager
C&A Language & Culture Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Associates degree from an accredited college. Five years of experience in Cheyenne traditional activities and project management. Supervisory experience may substitute for educational requirements. Familiar with the culture, history and traditions of the Arapaho. Must be familiar with the C&A former reservation and service area. Must demonstrate professional conduct. Must have valid Oklahoma’s driver’s license. Cheyenne preference. Must be available to work nights and weekends as required by planned activities. Must have good writing and communicative skills.

SALARY: Negotiable

Family Service Coordinator
C&A Head Start
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

BA degree, credential or certification in social work, human services, family services, counseling or a related field. A minimum of three years teaching experience in early childhood program. Computer experience a must. Knowledge of Head Start Performance Standards. Ability to clearly articulate the program’s goals and philosophy and the role of the early childhood development and the family & community content areas. Leadership ability in planning, organizing, supervising and implementing program design.

SALARY: Negotiable

Director
C&A Language & Culture Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor’s degree in business or Native American Studies preferred. 10 years of experience in C&A traditional activities. Seven years of verifiable supervisory experience. Strong management, supervisory, writing and communication skills. Supervisory experience may substitute for educational requirements. Familiar with the C&A culture, history traditions, former reservation and service area. Must demonstrate professional conduct. Must have valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Cheyenne Coordinator
C&A Language & Culture Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor’s degree in Native American Studies or related field preferred. 10 years of experience in Cheyenne traditional activities. 5 years of verifiable supervisory experience. Strong communication and writing skills. Traditional and supervisory experience may substitute for educational requirements. Thoroughly familiar with the culture, history and traditions of the Cheyenne. Must be familiar with the C&A former reservation and service area. Must demonstrate professional conduct. Must have valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Director
Tribal Security
Closing: May 22, 2018

Qualifications:

Associates or bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice, Management or Business or closely related degree. Be familiar with concepts, practices and procedures of tribal security, with a minimum of five years experience in security and/or law enforcement. Must have valid Oklahoma state driver’s license and reliable transportation. Must provide a clean Motor Vehicle Report. Possess security supervisory skills, be willing to work flexible hours including nights, weekends and on call. Must have security training C.L.E.E.T. phase I and II and Use of Force, with ability to complete phase IV training. Must pass pre-hire drug screen and submit to random drug testing. Must pass background check and meet the physical requirements associated with position. Native American preference. All qualified persons welcomed to apply.

SALARY: Negotiable

Director
Communications/Information Technology
Closing: May 22, 2018

Qualifications:

Bachelor’s degree in computer science or related field or experience. Minimum of five years of established leadership experience effectively managing an IT environment. Strong verbal and written communication skills. Microsoft Windows certifications. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Cheyenne Cultural Specialist
C&A Language & Culture Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must be insurable for government fleet insurance. High school graduate or equivalent. Five years of experience in Cheyenne traditional activities and project management experience. Supervisory experience may substitute for educational requirements. Familiar with the culture, history, and traditions of the Arapaho. Must know and be familiar with the C&A former reservation and service area. Must be able to demonstrate professional conduct. Must be available to work nights and weekends required by planned activities. Must have good writing, communicative skills and organizational skills with attention to detail.

SALARY: Negotiable

Arapaho Coordinator
C&A Language & Culture Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor’s Degree in Native American studies or related field. 10 years of experience in Arapaho traditional activities. Strong communication and writing skills. Five years of supervisory experience. Supervisory experience may substitute for educational requirements. Familiar with the culture, history and traditions of the Arapaho. Must be familiar with the C&A former reservation and service area. Must demonstrate professional conduct. Must have valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must be insurable for government fleet insurance. Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Director
Personnel
Closing: May 22

Qualifications:

Must possess a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in personnel administration, business administration or related field. Must have minimum three-year’s experience in personnel/human resource related field. Work experience may substitute for some formal college level education. Have ability to supervise activities for assigned staff. Successful completion of employee background investigation and adjudication training. Must pass background investigation. Strong verbal, written communication and organizational skills with ability to multi-task effectively. Must relate to Indian and non-Indian communities. Must have Oklahoma driver’s license. Cheyenne Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Cheyenne Project Manager
C&A Language & Culture Program
Closing: Until filled

Qualifications:

Associates degree from an accredited college. Five years of experience in Cheyenne traditional activities and project management experience. Supervisory experience may substitute for educational requirements. Familiar with the culture, history and traditions of the Cheyenne. Must know and be familiar with the C&A former reservation and service area. Must demonstrate professional conduct. Must have valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne preference. Be available to work nights and weekends as required by planned activities. Must have good writing and communicative skills.

SALARY: Negotiable

Language Coordinator
C&A Language & Culture Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor’s degree in Education Native American Studies, or related field preferred. Fluent speaker of language preferred, but not necessary. Managerial, organizational, planning and writing skills a must. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills required. Knowledge of C&A history, culture, philosophy. Must have valid Oklahoma driver’s license and be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne Arapaho preference.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE TRIAL COURT
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GHERRI BENALLY
vs.
EDWARD ADAIR
RODERICK BARKER

Case No: CIV-2018-55

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: EDWARD ADAIR (Address Unknown)
RODERICK BARKER (Address Unknown)

You are hereby notified that GHERRI BENALLY has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody, that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Court room of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 109 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 30TH day of MAY, 2018 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said should remains in effect.

Dated this 2nd day of MAY, 2018.

Donnae' Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Gherri Benally

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In The Matter Of The Dissolution Of Marriage Of:
TEWA LEIGH FLYINGOUT
and
JAMIE TYREL FLYINGOUT

Petitioner,
Respondent,

Case No: JFD-2018-0011

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: JAMIE TYREL FLYINGOUT (Address Unknown)

You are hereby notified that TEWA LEIGH FLYINGOUT, has filed a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage on 3rd day of MAY, 2018 and that said case is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 100 West Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 15TH day of AUGUST, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

Dated this 3RD day of MAY, 2018.

by: [Signature]
Lorens Whitman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
M.G.
DOB: 12/07/16

Minor Child,

Case No. PG-2018-16

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: CAMERON GOULD (Address Unknown)

You are hereby notified that NICOLE BLACK has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of the minor child, M.G. DOB: 12/07/16 and that said petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Court room of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 100 West Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 16TH day of MAY, 2018 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear.

Dated this 9TH day of MAY, 2018.

By: [Signature]
Donnae' Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

2018 CEREMONY DATES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

Supplemental assistance for eligible participants
Applications Available at the Culture & Heritage Program or call 405-422-7433.

SOUTHERN ARAPAHO CEREMONIES-GREENFIELD, OK
APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 17
June 4, Monday through June 10, Sunday.

SOUTHERN CHEYENNE CEREMONIES-SEILING-HAM-MON-CONCHO
SEILING: APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 7th
June 16
Arrow Keeper moves in June 27
Chiefs
June 22, 23 & 24
Arrow Ceremony

SEILING-HAM-MON-CONCHO
APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 14th
June 25
Kit Fox/Dog Soldier
June 26
Bow String/Elk Horns
June 28
Lone Tipi
June 29, 30 & July 1
Sundance

NORTHERN ARAPAHO CEREMONIES WYOMING
APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 28th
July 13th –July 22nd

Lead Receptionist/Mail Clerk
Personnel Dept.
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

High school diploma or G.E.D. certificate. Ability to pass drug screening. Knowledge of general office practices and procedures. Skills in greeting and working with the public. Skills in operating telephone switchboard and must have dependable transportation. Must be able to pass background investigation, have a good disposition, extreme patience, professionalism and confidentiality is a must. Cheyenne Arapaho first preference or Native American preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Coordinator
Title VI Elderly Program/Elderly Nutrition
Closing: May 22, 2018

Qualifications:

High school graduate or possess a GED certification. Experience in the administration of federally funded programs may substitute for education. Associates degree is preferred. Strong verbal and written communication skills. Knowledge of Older Americans Act Title VI and Section 3.11. Knowledge of Nutrition Services Incentive Program. Must have valid Oklahoma driver’s license and be insurable. Knowledge of the area and the people. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

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ATHLETES SPOTLIGHT

Kai Hamilton, Miami High School

Interview by Latoya Lonelodge

Born in Oklahoma City and raised at intervening times between El Reno and Miami, Okla., Kai Hamilton, 18, has worked hard all the way up to his senior year to make his presence known on the basketball court. With kindness and softness in his voice, Kai remarks on his final experiences on the court. Standing 5'11, Kai is a power/small forward for the Miami Wardogs varsity basketball team.

When did you first begin playing and how?

I began playing basketball in the 6h grade because I heard an announcement of basketball tryouts happening and it all started with my coach walking to the gym and telling us all to step down and he would say tell me the reason why you're playing basketball and my reason was because of my family. I assume we had a lot of athletes in my family line so I thought playing basketball, I would fit in just right.

What is it about the sport that you love the best?

I love the game of basketball, the thrill, knowing that everything can change by one play, the excitement you get from the crowd, the energy that can build up until the end, the feeling of winning, the sorrow from losing, but learning from that and getting better. Pretty much everything about basketball I love.

What has been your biggest accomplishment in the sport so far?

I've had a couple, the biggest one is my senior year I have made Seneca Valley All-Conference and I have made the Grand Cherokee All-Star game. My previous ones when I was a sophomore and that's when my abilities of handling the ball and knowing the game of basketball is when the varsity coach went to some of my JV games and he saw that I was ready to move up to varsity.

What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?

My biggest accomplish-

ment in the classroom is getting my homework and everything done at school. I've never been the person to have anything to do at home, I have home to relax, school is a place where you have to get your work done and get everything right because doing everything right in the classroom will help you go for a better and successful future.

What is your GPA (if known)?

3.5
What goals have you set for yourself in sports, school?

The goal that I had was I'd like to make varsity, I did have a goal to make All-Conference in the beginning of this year because I thought I could peak and be that guy. For the future, I have no idea, I am going to college but not for basketball. I don't know if I'll try out for basketball or any sports but I know in the free time I have I'd like to go out on the court anytime with friends just to pick up a ball. For school, the biggest one is graduating and I know to some people that's not the biggest thing because you still have college but just from growing up, I had issues I had to go through, the experiences of high school and life, it feels great to get the first milestone out of the way.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

I always have a chip on my shoulder that I know I should always be the best that I can be, the nicest person I could be, always put the utmost effort in front of you, never settle in, always put in the most effort you can because if you don't you'll never be satisfied with the results. The biggest person that has helped me influence that is my mom, I've grown up watching her go through so much and work her tail off to give so much to me and my brother throughout high school, sports and everything.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?

The most exciting game was against Verdigris and it was a regular season home game, the gym was fairly packed, the home side was good, the away side was packed and the game was awful in the beginning. We did not have a good start, we barely hit 20 points, they were almost to the 40's and it didn't look good. But as soon as we went to the locker room our coach gave us a talk, he told us that we could win this, he knew that we could take this game back if we just did everything right. After halftime, we went out there and put everything on the line, everyone did their part of doing everything right, diving on the floor, making an extra pass, making the easy bucket. We came back and we won that game in overtime.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice?

It's from my band director, Ms. Harris, we have this little analogy that after a performance no matter what the performance is in the concert or marching band performance, she would give us a gummy bear and she says take a bite of the gummy bear of what you thought you did right and how much energy and effort you put in and if you have any left, that means you didn't give everything that you could have possibly given. If you didn't eat the whole gummy bear you did not give the full amount of effort that you could've put out there.

Do you have a saying or motto that you live your life by?

Live everyday, take it step by step, one at a time, it's always good to live in the moment.

Who or what inspires you the most?

My grandparents and my mom for sure.

What does your routine workout consist of to stay fit for your sport? How often?

A lot of conditioning because the game of basketball can be quick and if you're

not fit to go up and down the court multiple times for 32 minutes, you can't keep up and you have to be benched so you have to have good conditioning and good upper body strength, work out, eat right, don't drink pop during the season at all, drink water, everything you can do right for your body so you can be well prepared for any scenario in the season. Back in season it would be everyday.

What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport?

Timing yourself, my coach would always take the team out to the tracks and he would say group one you have to run from this cone to that cone on the opposite side of the track field and you have 30 seconds to do it, if you can't beat it you have to run it again until you beat that time. Or if you ran a mile, the first time you run it in the beginning of off-season, that would be your time and if you didn't beat your mile time you would have to run an extra mile so just having to push and know that there's a goal that I put myself in and I have to get past that to be satisfied with myself.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game?

Before I liked my fruit, I'd always eat a banana, apples here and there or go get a smoothie.

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

The only person who has been there for me my entire life would have to be my mom, she'd always be there no matter what.

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?

I'm just an average everyday teenager, I go home and do whatever chores I had to do, go to my room and kick back on the TV and play video games. Being in band



was a nice gig to do, it gives you an extra thing to have in life to have experience and do new things, I played the trombone.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

I like a majority of hip-hop and rap

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?

I'm very much into fashion.

Were you ever bullied in school? What steps do you feel should be taken to protect those being bullied in schools today?

I have no clear memory, I pretty much got a long with everyone, I never did anything to have it be brought upon me. Have the courage and dignity to stand up and put someone in their place if they're acting wrong or just protect those who are being put in the wrong scenario because people push over anyone and people stand by and watch rather than help them, to me it's just having a strong mind and strong voice.

How do you combat drug & alcohol use by peer pressure?

You just have to know that your actions will have consequences, good or bad. If you did this one night with your friends and you have a good time and have fun knowing that you could possibly do something stupid that would ruin your life that night, or the next day, that would always have me to not do anything.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

It would have to be judgment, there's people judging each other and looking at each other and just thinking the first thing that comes to their mind of who they are or what they do rather than just taking the time just to go talk

and know that person rather than just saying the bad or good that they think about and spread it.

What would be a dream come true for you in your life?

I'm sad my dream did not come true, it was to go to college for basketball but the one beside that is completing college. I very much like to have the dream job where you have good pay, you have good stable hours and you can just go home and live life right.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

Russell Westbrook

Which team is your favorite team?

Oklahoma City Thunder

What are your immediate plans after graduating high school?

Get a summer job, collect money because college isn't going to be cheap. I will be attending Missouri Southern State University, my idea of what college is going to be for would be business.

What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?

Always do the right thing, always be kind to everyone, always know that things aren't going to go easy in life or nothing will be perfect. You're going to have to work hard to get what you want, be what you want to be and have what you want to have. Life is not an easy smooth walk in the park, it's tough, it's awful at times but you got to have the strength and courage to move past that and top it and move on. Gotta always be kind, be smart, be strong because life ain't easy.

Kai's mom is Sonia Renee Laird. His grandparents are Lemont Laird and Rebecca Hawkins. He has one sibling, Laforce Sage Hamilton, 20.



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