

## Trump advisors aim to privatize oil-rich Indian reservations

By Valerie Volcovici

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Native American reservations cover just 2 percent of the United States, but they may contain about a fifth of the nation's oil and gas, along with vast coal reserves.

Now, a group of advisors to President-elect Donald Trump on Native American issues wants to free those resources from what they call a suffocating federal bureaucracy that holds title to 56 million acres of tribal lands, two chairmen of the coalition told Reuters in ex-

clusive interviews.

The group proposes to put those lands into private ownership - a politically explosive idea that could upend more than century of policy designed to preserve Indian tribes on U.S.-owned reservations, which are governed by tribal leaders as sovereign nations.

The tribes have rights to use the land, but they do not own it. They can drill it and reap the profits, but only under regulations that are far more burdensome than those ap-

plied to private property.

"We should take tribal land away from public treatment," said Markwayne Mullin, a Republican U.S. Representative from Oklahoma and a Cherokee tribe member who is co-chairing Trump's Native American Affairs Coalition. "As long as we can do it without unintended consequences, I think we will have broad support around Indian country."

Trump's transition team did not respond to multiple requests for

comment.

The plan dovetails with Trump's larger aim of slashing regulation to boost energy production. It could deeply divide Native American leaders, who hold a range of opinions on the proper balance between development and conservation.

The proposed path to deregulated drilling - privatizing reservations - could prove even more divisive. Many Native Americans view such efforts as a violation of tribal self-determination and culture.

"Our spiritual leaders are opposed to the privatization of our lands, which means the commoditization of the nature, water, air we hold sacred," said Tom Goldtooth, a member of both the Navajo and the Dakota tribes who runs the Indigenous Environmental Network. "Privatization has been the goal since colonization - to strip Native Nations of their sovereignty."

Reservations governed by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs are intended  
*See Indian land pg. 6*

## Dakota Access Pipeline to be rerouted



Fireworks fill the night sky above Ogeton Camp as activists celebrate after learning an easement had been denied for the Dakota Access Pipeline near the edge of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation on Dec. 4, 2016 outside Cannon Ball, N.D. (Photo by Scott Olson/Getty Images)

By Caroline Kenny, Gregory Krieg, Sara Sidner and Max Blau, CNN

(Near Cannon Ball, North Dakota) Celebrations, tears of joy, chanting and drumming rang out among thousands of protesters at the Standing Rock site after the Army Corp of Engineers announced it will look for an alternate route for the Dakota Access Pipeline to cross under Lake Oahe in North Dakota.

For months, members of the Sioux tribe and their supporters have camped out, fighting the pipeline they say could be hazardous and damage the water supply of their

reservation nearby.

"People have said that this is a make it or a break it, and I guess we made it," Chief Arvol Looking Horse, Keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe, announced to a cheering crowd of protesters.

Dakota Access Pipeline victory

Tribal leaders worry the decision to change direction may not be permanent, especially with the incoming Trump administration, as well backers of the pipeline seeking to push the project ahead.

Grassroots activists, who have turned the protest site into a mini-city, prepared to

withstand freezing temperatures during what was expected to be an even lengthier standoff, were cautious about the scope and durability of their victory.

Dakota Access Pipeline: What's at stake?

"I'm really happy that I'm here to witness it and celebrate with a lot of my elders and the youth, but I think that we also need to keep in mind that we need to be ready to keep going," said protester Morning Star Angeline Chippewa-Freeland.

"We are asking our supporters to keep up the pressure, because while President

*See Pipeline pg. 9*

## Election Commission Issues announcement on Arapaho District 3 recall petition

(CONCHO, OK) The recall petition on Arapaho District 3 (A3) Legislator Patrick Spottedwolf was not returned to the Election Commission office as scheduled for Dec. 9, 2016.

The Election Commission issues the following findings in accordance therewith:

Petitioner Patricia Smothers submitted the \$100 fee to begin the recall process on June 20, 2016.

Petitioner Patricia Smothers posted notice of her intent to pursue a petition on June 20, 2016. By law, said notice is required to be posted for a 20-day notice period.

At the close of the notice period, a Petition was prepared by the Election Commission and released to the Petitioner.

The Petition was due back in the Election Commission's office by close of business on Dec. 9, 2016, but was not turned in.

Due to the failure to return the Petition, the Petition to recall A3 legislator has failed.

These findings satisfy the requirements set forth under Article VI, Section 6.6 (B) of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Election Law.



Troy Fairbanks, right, of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, holds back tears as he hugs a friend after hearing the US Army Corps of Engineers will no longer grant access to the Dakota Access Pipeline to put their pipe line on the boundary of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. (Photo by Helen Richardson, Denver Post)



## Lucky Star Casinos presents Office of Veterans Affairs with check

All five Lucky Star Casinos hosted a Veteran's Drive promotion Nov. 1-10, 2016, collecting \$5 donations and in return patrons received \$10 in free play. During this 10 day promo-

tion, the casinos collected \$37,784.83.

The funds were then donated to the Office Veterans' Affairs to assist with its program and services to tribal veterans.

Pictured l-r: Cheyenne & Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton, Office of Veterans Affairs Director Russell Willey, Lucky Star Casino Assistant General Manager Tracer Hamilton and Cheyenne & Arapaho Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey. (Courtesy photo)

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# USDA expands farm loans for Native Americans farming and ranching on Tribal land

## Department Awards First Loan Under Highly Fractionated Indian Land Program

(LAS VEGAS, NV) Agriculture Under Secretary Michael T. Scuse announced Dec. 6 that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved and obligated the first loan under the Highly Fractionated Indian Land Loan program (HFIL). The program, made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides revolving loan funds to qualified intermediary lenders, allowing qualified tribes and individuals the ability to purchase tribal farmland that has multiple owners. Scuse made the announcement during the Intertribal Agriculture Council Membership meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

"This program was created to address a longstanding barrier to agricultural financing in Indian Country," said Scuse. "Working with intermediary lenders, the program allows USDA to help increase the availability of farm loans to Native Americans who want to start or expand a farming or ranching operation on Indian lands."

The first recipient, the Native American Community Development Corporation Financial Services, Inc. (NACDCFS) of Browning, Mont., will lend funds directly to tribal members through a \$10 million intermediary HFIL loan from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). NACDCFS addresses critical needs in Native American communities related to the growth of family assets, supports economic development, and enhances the quality of life for communities and residents located on or near Montana's seven Indian reservations. NACDCFS provides one-on-one technical assistance to Native American entrepreneurs and agricultural producers. NACDCFS is a 501(c) (3), certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), through the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Under the 1887 Dawes Act, Indian reservation land was divided and allotted to individual tribal members such that with the passing of each generation, title ownership was divided and parceled among heirs, while the land was not. As a result, hundreds or thousands of individuals, resulting in what is known as "highly fractionated Indian land", could today

own land once owned by a single person. In many instances, landowners are unknown or cannot be located, which complicates the coordination of ownership or prevents the use of the property altogether. There are more than 245,000 owners of three million fractionated land interests, spanning approximately 150 Indian reservations.

Under HFIL, tribes and tribal members can submit an application directly to an intermediary lender. To participate, USDA must first approve intermediary lenders. The lenders may be private and tribal nonprofit corporations, public agencies, Indian tribes or lenders subject to federal or state regulation (such as a credit union or other financial institution). FSA will lend to the intermediary, which will relend to the applicant. The intermediary lender also will administer the loan for the applicant.

For more information on the program, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans) or contact the local FSA county office. To find the local FSA office, visit [www.offices.usda.gov](http://www.offices.usda.gov).

Over the past eight years, USDA has taken big, bold steps to forge a new era for civil rights and ensure all Americans who come to USDA for help are treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Through coordinated outreach and consistent engagement, USDA is forming new partnerships in diverse communities and regaining trust where it was once lost. Learn more about our progress during the Obama Administration to increase access to opportunity for all Americans, and to create a more equal and inclusive USDA in Chapter 8 of our yearlong results project: The People's Department: A New Era for Civil Rights at USDA.

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# Arapaho author releases first book, *Peyote: The Divine Flower of Life*

Submitted article  
Abraham Pedro

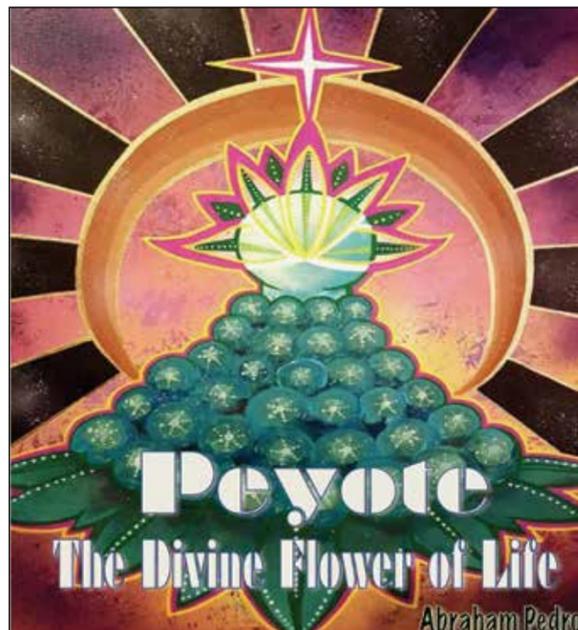


that our Indian people can kick start the revolution of clean energy, clean food, clean water, for all of life, forever, for everyone. We are closest to the root source and we have a lot to teach the rest of humanity how to live. I do not believe our Indian ways were made to die but to stand strong forever. That is why I wrote this book.

I got the chance to go to the finest educational institutions in my life, graduating from the University of Oklahoma with my Anthropology degree essentially to study life and humanity. I have always felt like I am an alien that does not belong anywhere, and this is okay. From the verge of all cultures, I wrote this book because I felt there is this space that is not recognized yet in the White world. And basically I feel strongly that our Indigenous teachings hold the crown jewels of all information processes. Our people are really smart how they wrap our traditional information into the sacred ways we live. And they made it so strong that it is the keys to totally transforming the world in the future the way we know it. We have been fighting this parasitic energy that came to our continent a few hundred years back, and I am ready for this disease to leave the earth and leave all peoples. I believe in the power of this Holy medicine.

Growing up, I have always seen a swirl of events, and cultural gifts that our people hold by the very way our traditional people live their lives. Our teachings are spiritual gold and everyone knows it, none can claim this gift but us. Coming from a biracial household, I got to see all sides of both of these cultures. Getting a chance to also grow up in the largely White controlled space of southern California also taught me the disparity between these cultures. *Peyote: The Divine Flower of Life* is

my life's work. This book is all of the best ways I could find to get a really cool conversation started in the space alongside the road of cultures. That is what this book is. It is a conversation. And I hope it is auspicious. I hope it makes you think. Most non-Native people that are not associated with our tribe are going to assume that this is just another book of dirty Native Sacred secrets pandered to the outside White world. They may buy this book hoping they can become authentic and they cannot. I also hope that the tribal community, and the peyote community, when they open this book, I want them to think at the end of reading it ... well you will see.



to truly raise our voice now more than ever. There is no way to steal a person's culture, especially one as powerful as our people, because it is real. Nobody can emulate it or copy it because it comes from the heart, from the soul of the tribe itself. That is why nobody can steal our culture, and sharing strengthens it. That is why our culture will survive Babylon because our people were really smart in how they encoded things in our traditional beliefs and our ways. That is what this book is about, is how powerful medicine truly is. Beyond labels, beyond anything that seeks to divide us from one another. Because it never was about white or black or race. It is about humanity's future survival, and what would it look like if we had our land back, and our sovereignty.

Excerpt from pg. 60, *Peyote: The Divine Flower of Life*

"I have heard different people talk about their corresponding beliefs when they come to the peyote tipi. I have talked with Buddhists, Rabbis, Catholics, Islamists, Mexicans, and heard many differing stories and viewpoints of what the medicine See **Book** pg. 6

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# Lets Read

## Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' library hold its first reading challenge through myON Project

(CONCHO, OK) myON reader is an award-winning personalized literacy solution that provides students and their families with access to a growing collection of enhanced digital books. The myON reader platform promotes reading growth for every child by personalizing the reading experience based on the child's interests and their reading level. Children have access to thousands of books to use at home, at school and in the community.

The project was launched in August 2016 with 135 head start children participating in the pilot program. Children are given their own usernames and passwords to give them access to their own personalized library. Once children are logged in, data is collected for each session to track each child's progress. Children can log into desktop computers and personal devices including iPads and smart phones.

The reading challenge was over the Thanksgiving break. Christine Denny, Library Media Specialist, vis-

ited with schools to inform parents of the program and show them how to log into the site and download the app to their devices. Children were encouraged to read over the break for prizes.

Prizes were awarded to the school that read the most books, the classroom that read the most books and the child who read the most books. The challenge began on Nov. 20 and ended on Nov. 26. Over the course of the week 163 books were read and children spent over 24



Concho Head Start, as a group, read 86 books and received an ice cream party on Dec. 8.

Macen Moore, 4 won a \$15 Wal-Mart gift card for reading the most books. Macen read 56 books.

The next reading challenge will be coming up soon and more prizes will be awarded.

To learn more about the myON Reading Project contact Christine Denny at 405-422-7638.

# A Cheyenne Christmas at Red Moon 1950

By Marjorye Savage Heeney

Submitted by Rosanna WhiteSkunk Jessepe, Mayetta, Kansas

What could be more wonderful to a child than a wagon ride to the Cheyenne Indian camp? This was the offer made to me each Saturday by John and Maggie Elk River Hansel. They'd drive up behind our store where, it seemed, hundres of wagons were tied while the owners were buying provisions for the coming week.

While John worked to make the horses comfortable for their wait, Maggie tried earnestly to talk to me, but could manage only her Cheyenne language. When John's chores were finished, he'd tell me in English of the glorious life they could offer me if I'd just go home with them and live at the camp.

John, in his ten-gallon hat decorated with a small band and a colorful feather was all a real live Indian should be. He was full of stories that brought giggles from his wonderful squaw as he interpreted our conversation.

John died suddenly and left Maggie alone with no one to keep our conversations and dreams alive. Emery and Jenny Chips did help us. Through them, she told me that since I would never come to live with her, she would like for me to share in their Christmas Eve celebration.

What a setting! Ben Whiteshield's camp north of Hammon was flooded with Indians who slowly assembled in a large wooden structure which they used as a community building. As we entered through the only door, my eyes were filled with the beauty of the tree standing at the end of the hall. Stately, but simple, it stood with few presents on it. The Coleman lanterns flickered and sputtered overhead, casting their special shadows of wonder on the evergreen.

The walls were lined with 2 x 12 timbers reinforced with tree stumps to seat the Indians. A stove near the back not only warmed the building, but filled the room with the

pungent odors of burning wood. Nearby the large drum waited. All was ready. The squaws sat comfortably with blankets firmly gripped around their shoulders. Babies nursed unaware of the going ons and children seated on the floor near their mothers seemed extra special. The 8:30 starting time passed with the kindly explanation that "it's Indian time." At 10 p.m. Lewis Littleman called all to order and announced that Chief Ben Whiteshield would make a few remarks. Continuing in English he admonished that all must listen, whether interested or not. Following Ben's remarks in his Native tongue, an old squaw stepped to the middle of the floor and grasping her blanket under her nose, changed a mournful song. Although I couldn't understand the words, it must have been some sort of lamentation.

The four drummers entered from the darkness. Each took up an eight-inch stick padded with cloth or hide. Slowly they dropped cross-legged to the floor to form a circle around the drum. Roy Hamilton started the slow beat singing solo and with each measure the tempo and volume increased. Arthur Kauley, Lewis Littleman and another drummer filled the room with their rhythmic beat and a cadenced "ya-ya-ya-ya-ya."

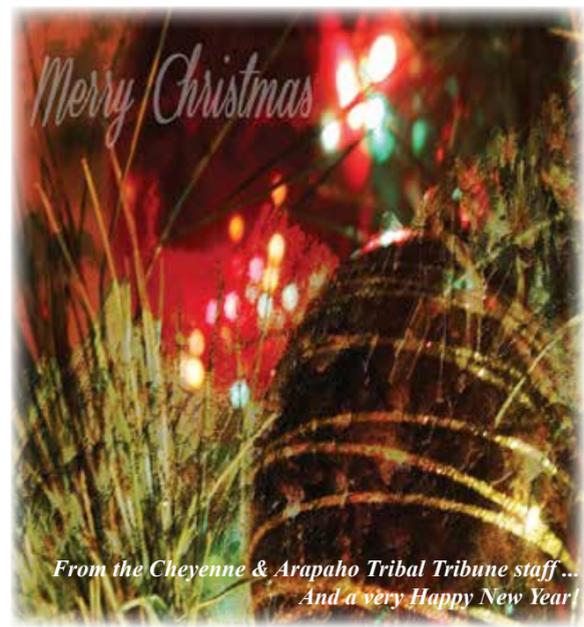
The featured dancer in full regalia entered with bells jingling. The beauty of his feathered headdress, the ornate designs on his loincloth and moccasins, the beautifully tanned buckskin and the precision and grace of the dances would have found favor with the Christ child.

The beat and chants of the tireless drummers filled the hall with enchantment. After a while several girls with splendidly colorful shawls draped about their shoulders formed a large circle in the middle of the floor and did a delicate form of a round dance. Margaret Hamilton with her daughters Lucille, Mary and Daisy, Inez Kauley, Mary White Skunk, Flossie Prairie-Chief, Blanch Whiteshield, Minnie Miles, Helen Standingwater, Emil Miles family and the Fingernail family, along with some white friends, Francis and Jean Ackley and Mrs. N.B. Parks, joined the ring, and with straight faces they silently shuffled until the last beat.

From the sidelines, the angelic face of my friend Maggie reflected her pleasure at my presence as she watched pensively. Henry Elk River, with braids hanging from beneath his Stetson, backed closer to the fire to warm his aging back. Deafy, a mute, the son of Heap-a-Crow (chief of the Cheyenne tribe that camped east of the Whiteshield's) with his daughter Inez, watched with solemnity. Levi Chips clowned at every opportunity. Rim Turtle sat erect on the board as if astride a handsome pony.

The beat of the drummers slowed. The gifts, all modest, were distributed. Maggie pulled her blanket tightly about her shoulders and together we walked slowly from the hall. Our Indian Christmas together had ended.

Marjorye Savage Heeney lived in Hammon/Red Moon community, Okla. where her parents owned a trading post. Marjorie's mother, Mary Mabrey Savage was the first woman to graduate from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the dorm, Savage Hall is named in her honor. Marjorye has lived in Topeka, Kansas for 60 years and is now 93 years old.



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## Concho Child Development Center

I want musical baby walker for Christmas.

Love, Riley F.

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I want super girl & trolls for Christmas.

Love, Breanna G.

I want musical toys for Christmas

Love, Patricia E.

I want a baby doll & carrier for Christmas.

Love, Serena S.

I want peppa pig & a baby doll for Christmas.

Love, LeeAnn P.

I want a baby doll & stroller for Christmas.

Love, Joely Y.

I want a paw patrol toy & cars for Christmas.

Love, ReyNoah E.

I want trains & a drum for Christmas.

Love, Aizen H.

I want cars, trains, & books for Christmas.

Love, Tahlo G.

I want a coloring set & Frozen for Christmas.

Love, Aniah N.

I want a microphone & an Elsa doll for Christmas.

Love, Violet RN.

I want coloring books & princess heels for Christmas.

Love, Arrelyn M.

I want a baby doll & purse for Christmas.

Love, Jennie P.

I want a nerf gun and shoes for Christmas.

Love, Mahli A.

I want an activity cube & cars for Christmas.

Love, Jett D.

I want my little pony toys for Christmas.

Love, Glory G.

I want a princess dress & a baby doll for Christmas.

Love, Raelynn G.

I want ninja turtles & spider man for Christmas.

Love, Macen M.

I want a basketball for Christmas.

Love, Brett B.

I want superman & a basketball for Christmas.

Love, Alex H.



## Concho Head Start

I want a new phone, new clothes, new earrings and lipstick

Michelle H.

I want cowboy boots, Hat and rope

Alex H.

I want a Elsa box

Amaziah M.

I want a Barbie Dream house and Barbie doll

Tahnee B.

I want a microphone, Mickey Clubhouse toy

Violet R

I want a Barbie house/ Barbie car

Justice M.

I want a dirt bike, mini bike

Mason B.

I want a My Little Pony

Glory G.

I want Playdough

Johanna N.

I want a magic track and truck

Corbin S.

I want a Skateboard and Bike

Isaiah W.

I want a Arien Castle

Shaleigh O.

I want a telephone and drum

Tina G.

I want a Ariel from Mermaid

Amariah B.

I want a big house

Nevaeh P.

I want a Barbie house and Barbie

Serenity L.

I want a motor cycle/ remote car

Zay' Vion B.

I want a Playdough, Shopkins, and baby life

Havynn S.

I want a horse, princess Barbie house

Breanna G.

I want a Ariel from Mermaid

Amariah B.

I want a Playdough and monsters

Kamrynn S.

I want a mouse and bike

Kierah T.

I want a Shimer Shine Jeanie

Michele F.

I want a doll house and paint

Yasmina S.

I want a car

Christopher M.



## Concho Head Start Continued..

I want a t-Rex toy and motorcycles

Blue Sky WC

I want a helicopter and airplane

Michael C.

I want a horsie and baby doll

Lycan S.

I want a Baby doll, baby doll crib

Kylie Y.

I want a Doll and another doll

Tacianna F.

I want a Ninja Turtle toy

Orion S.

I want a Magic Spell Princess

Caroline S.

I want a Plates and a kitchen set

Georgia J.

I want a doll house, Paw Patrol toys

Julien T.

I want a Doll house

Olivia S.

I want a Princess toy

Nya M.

I want a Blaze truck with blaze

Colton T.

I want an Elsa

Penelope

I want a Turtle and skateboard

Kymani M.

I want a Bomb Pop, Doc McStuffin and Dora toys

Drina W.

I want clothes, books and coloring Books

Silver A.

I want a Batman and Bat Mobile

Macen M.

I want a Batman, Spiderman

Dominick Y.

I want a Christmas toy and a blue toy.

Prince B.

I want a Barbies

Sophia N.

I want a Barbie doll house and Barbie dolls and Pop The Pig

Blakelee P.

I want a Barbie house and Shimmer and shine doll

Savannah C.

I want a skateboard

Nolan S.

I want a Blaze, race-car cookie maker

Ryder S.





### Clinton Head Start

- I want Rocky from paw patrol  
*Ryker R.*
- I want spider man  
*Russell B.*
- I want an Xbox  
*Lorenzo C.*
- I want spider man & paw patrol  
*Damars E.*
- I want a ninja turtle  
*Jakobe W.*
- I want a star wars game  
*Da'marian B.*
- I want a ninja turtle  
*Jaeden T.*
- I want a big ninja turtle  
*William B.*
- I want a barbie dream house & Ariel  
*Danielle F.*
- I want Elsa Doll  
*Nayeli M.*
- I want a phone  
*Brynlee N.*
- I want an Elsa Doll  
*Jailyn T.*
- I want a baby doll  
*Christilene W.*
- I want a princess Ana doll  
*Kyliegh A.*
- I want a barbie doll  
*Selene M.*
- I want a car  
*Morkel B.*
- I want a toy horse  
*Lillian B.*
- I want a barbie  
*Peyton B.*
- I want legos  
*Kraivern B.*
- I want a doll  
*Samia C.*
- I want a car and a swimming suit  
*Andre'a F.*
- I want a car  
*Stacey F.*
- I want a toy  
*Caydence H.*
- I want an airplane  
*Zayden H.*
- I want clothes  
*Catileya H.*
- I want a doll  
*Sophia R.*
- I want a santa claus  
*Brently S.*
- I want a car  
*Zayden S.*
- I want an airplane  
*Phoenix S.*



- I want a monkey toy  
*Damariis T.*
- I want a train and fire truck  
*Tradarius H.*
- I want a race car and a jet pack  
*Izaias W.*
- I want a blue ranger  
*Royce E.*
- I want a bubble gum machine  
*Armani Y.*
- I want a purple ranger  
*Abbygail L.*
- I want a motorcycle  
*Tyree J.*
- I want a Elsa motorcycle  
*Dominique M.*
- I want a Doc Mc Stuffins  
*Caralyn S.*
- I want a yoyo  
*Javier H.*
- I want a pink and yellow ranger  
*Brook S.*
- I want a tablet  
*Lyric D.*
- I want spider man  
*Danaiya A.*
- I want spider man & transformer  
*Beau T B*
- I want a batman  
*Jayden Q.*
- I want cars  
*Benjamin O.*

### Canton Head Start

- I want a big dump truck for Christmas  
*Love Andrew W.*
- I want a princess Elsa for Christmas  
*Love MacKenzie M.*
- I want a boat and a tractor for Christmas  
*Love Payten H.*
- I want new Nike shoes for Christmas  
*Love Adalynn M.*
- I want an Easy Bake Oven for Christmas  
*Love Maileigh M.*
- I want a princess car for Christmas  
*Love Sadi V.*
- I want an Elsa dress for Christmas  
*Love Kathryn I.*
- I want a race car for Christmas  
*Love Indy J.*
- I want a computer for Christmas  
*Love Ella P.*
- I want a tractor for Christmas  
*Love Ryder C.*
- I want a big dump truck Christmas  
*Love Corbin W.*
- I want a dino truck for Christmas  
*Love Elijah F.*

- I want a Wubble Ball for Christmas  
*Love Makylan S.*
- I want a doll for Christmas  
*Love Stormee T.*
- I want a truck for Christmas  
*Love Romeo R.*
- I want a princess doll for Christmas  
*Love Ambrien K.*
- I want a Red Rider BB gun and a dirt bike for Christmas  
*Love Kevin R.*
- I want a nermaid car for Christmas  
*Love Karah K.*
- I want a giant Dino-saur Set for Christmas  
*Love Colt D.*
- I want a turtle for Christmas  
*Love Kayden H.*
- I want a nachine gun for Christmas  
*Love Bryson C.*



- I want a baby doll for Christmas  
*Love MacKenna M.*
- I want a Captain America toy for Christmas  
*Love Ryler J.*
- I want a dinosaur for Christmas  
*Love Stormy H.*
- I want a bracelet for Christmas  
*Love Alyiah H.*
- I want a really fast bike for Christmas  
*Love Kaleb C.*
- I want a 22 BB gun for Christmas  
*Love Brody H.*
- I want a baby doll for Christmas  
*Love Adlie S.*
- I want a rabbit toy for Christmas  
*Love Conner W.*
- I want a princess Elsa for Christmas  
*Love Marley L.*
- I want a baby doll for Christmas  
*Love Amelia R.*



**CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES**

CHR PROGRAM PRESENTS

# WINTER HEALTH FAIR

FOR KIDS

DECEMBER 20th, 21st & 22nd

- \*CRAFTS\*
- \*SPEAKERS\*
- \*PRIZES\*

(20th) FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1505 W ELM STREET  
EL RENO, OK 73036

(21st) WATONGA MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
WATONGA, OK

(22nd) HAMMON COMMUNITY HALL  
HAMMON, OK

11AM - 3PM

GRADES K-8TH  
(GRADES 3RD AND UNDER MUST HAVE ACCOMPANYING ADULT)

## Indian land

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in part to keep Native American lands off the private real estate market, preventing sales to non-Indians. An official at the Bureau of Indian Affairs did not respond to a request for comment.

The legal underpinnings for reservations date to treaties made between 1778 and 1871 to end wars between indigenous Indians and European settlers. Tribal governments decide how land and resources are allotted among tribe members.

Leaders of Trump's coalition did not provide details of how they propose to allocate ownership of the land or mineral rights - or to ensure they remained under Indian control.

One idea is to limit sales to non-Indian buyers, said Ross Swimmer, a co-chair on Trump's advisory coalition and an ex-chief of the Cherokee nation who worked on Indian affairs in the Reagan administration.

"It has to be done with an eye toward protecting sovereignty," he said.

The Trump-appointed coalition's proposal comes against a backdrop of broader environmental tensions on Indian reservations, including protests against a petroleum pipeline by the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and their supporters in North Dakota.

On Sunday, amid rising opposition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Sunday said it had denied a permit for the Dakota Access Pipeline project, citing a need to explore alternate routes.

The Trump transition team has expressed support for the pipeline, however, and his administration could revisit the decision once it takes office in January.

Tribes and their members could potentially reap vast wealth from more easily tapping resources beneath reservations. The Council of Energy Resource Tribes, a tribal energy consortium, estimated in 2009 that Indian energy resources are worth about \$1.5 trillion. In 2008, the Bureau of Indian Affairs testified before Congress that reservations contained about 20 percent of untapped oil and gas reserves in the U.S.

Deregulation could also benefit private oil drillers including Devon Energy Corp, Occidental Petroleum, BP and others that have sought to develop leases on reservations through deals with tribal governments. Those companies did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Trump's transition team commissioned the 27-member Native American Affairs Coalition to draw up a list of proposals to guide his Indian policy on issues ranging from energy to health care and education.

The backgrounds of the coalition's leadership are one sign of its pro-drilling bent. At least three of four chair-level members have links to the oil industry. Mullin received about eight per-

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conjures up for them. One such viewpoint that fascinates me is the idea of apocalypse, and the second coming of Jesus. But, what I learn from the medicine is that these elements of being recorded and misunderstood is that somehow we have collectively given up our power to be guideful of our own inner spiritual journey back to Creator and our own inner power. One of my grandparents chided me, and confided that he had always felt that somehow the second coming of Yeshua is from within, involves everyone awakening, and then having it come from without too as well. It isn't a great "rapture" or anything like that. It is most grounded, it comes from within. Together, once we lose Ego, and devote more to Source energy and higher vibrational consciousness, we may achieve a fully functioning healthy society. This is how powerful these group therapy sessions could be, with the right environment, and influences. Eatingentheogens (Peyote) with each other, collectively we can find completely new alternatives to social paradigms today. We all have the collective empowerment, the leadership to make this manifest in each and every day of our lives. What if we all became spiritually enlightened, and became servants, just like Yeshua? What if there was an army of us? We do not need to build a structure based on forms of control around a ceremony that is and can be totally free flowing. We lost our indigenous teachings along the way because we hold too much belief to what and how we are supposed to be representing instead of actually communing with the Divine. When we take

away our labels ego gives us, and open to the medicine within the tipi, these numerous identity hats lose meaning. What if we take all of these hats off, and present ourselves before the medicine and let it work however it is supposed to work, in the most protected, sanctified, sacred space there is?

When we talk about Babylon, when we talk about Hegemony, it is the sense of people being controlled. The truest sense of spiritual principle I can make out is that the truest rebellion and overthrow of these forces does not involve violence. One cannot defeat another equal negative energy with the same energy, or more of it. This is my truth. Love can conquer all. Seriously, as an experiment, using love to diffuse and direct every situation. I am not saying do nothing. I am saying that the way to defeat hegemony, within and without, is to resonate higher than that energy. This will bring answers. We have the tools of the Creator here through all of the Indigenous sacraments and teachers of our people, who have held these until this point in our human evolution and development. As a species, I want people to come, in the truest spirit and intention, and find ways that culture can change for the better.

There is a story I grew up hearing about from my mom, as a child, that resonated with me throughout life. It was the story of Buddha walking along, comes across two warriors fighting each other. They stop long enough to turn on Buddha, who grabs both weapons and pushes them together. The weapon formed from these two

cent of his campaign funding over the years from energy companies, while co-chair Sharon Clahchischilliage - a Republican New Mexico State Representative and Navajo tribe member - received about 15 percent from energy firms, according to campaign finance disclosures reviewed by Reuters.

Swimmer is a partner at a Native American-focused investment fund that has invested heavily in oil and gas companies, including Energy Transfer Partners - the owner of the pipeline being protested in North Dakota. ETP did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The fourth co-chair, Eddie Tullis, a former chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Alabama, is involved in casino gaming, a major industry on reservations.

Clahchischilliage and Tullis did not respond to requests for comment.

Several tribes, including the Crow Nation in Montana and the Southern Ute in Colorado, have entered into mining and drilling deals that generate much-needed revenue for tribe members and finance health, education and infrastructure projects on their reservations.

But a raft of federal permits are required to lease, mortgage, mine, or drill - a bureaucratic thicket that critics say contributes to higher poverty on reservations.

As U.S. oil and gas drilling boomed over the past decade, tribes struggled to capitalize. A 2015 report from the Government Accountability Office found that poor management by the Bureau of Indian Affairs hindered energy development and resulted in lost revenue for tribes.

"The time it takes to go from lease to production is three times longer on trust lands than on private land," said Mark Fox, chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes in Fort Berthold, North Dakota, which produces about 160,000 barrels of oil per day.

"If privatizing has some kind of a meaning that rights are given to private entities over tribal land, then that is worrying," Fox acknowledged. "But if it has to do with undoing federal burdens that can occur, there might be some justification."

The contending of Native Americans who fear tribal-land privatization cite precedents of lost sovereignty and culture.

The Dawes Act of 1887 offered Indians private lots in exchange for becoming U.S. citizens - resulting in more than 90 million acres passing out of Indian hands between the 1880s and 1930s, said Kevin Washburn, who served as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior from 2012 until he resigned in December 2015.

"Privatization of Indian lands during the 1880s is widely

absolutes formed a weapon perfect from violence, of peace. This technique, in analogy, is the energy behind this mentality of defeating hegemony and imbalance. Only weapons of pure love can eradicate it. For me, this translates into the free energy movement, open sourcing all information, and self-sustainability in all forms. I see this medicine Peyote blessing Buddha grabbing these absolutes, such as Civilization and Nature, and transforming the two. As stewards of Earth, the fastest way possible to halt these forces sure to destroy life itself, it seems like, is to create vessels of well-being amidst civilization itself, recreating how we conceptualize, view and move money, how we view work patterns and general well-being and happiness within society itself.

A man should have time to spend with his children, with his family, to instill good values. Men, and women, if they were made to feel that the basic level of sustenance was met, would have fewer social problems. As we rethink these paradigms entrenched into how we view relationships, nuclear families, and how we interact, we need to be completely honest with ourselves. Imagine a society where we all, collectively magnetize wonderful, spiritual energy into our lives and communities. Everyone has enough. Families live, work, work on their own projects. Education is free, even paid for. A basic right of humanity should be across the board, to have access to clean water, food, basic work, and a place to live. Can we collectively as a society simply rethink patterns of control and manipulation to

find equitable solutions? What if all the money we spend on war efforts, collectively as core countries spent that money on social programs healing situations where there is interethnic conflict? Is there a way to rethink society from a feng shui perspective so that there is considerably less interethnic conflict? I imagine seeing cities rethought of having huge hanging gardens. Traffic and noise at the habitable level is a thing of the past. Across all landscapes could be plants growing, or artwork. People take care of the city instead of spitting on it. There is no pavement jungle. In fact, between houses and shopping centers is waterways crafted holding numerous species of flora and fish innumerable. The sewage is treated by biotechnological green technology. There still is "fast food", but it is healthy for you now.

I sincerely believe that this medicine Peyote and otherentheogenic ceremonies can cure the world. It is time now, to open these doors across all societal boundaries. I hope to encourage more NACs to accept wayward people looking for this medicine, who have also met all the pre-requirements of legitimacy. I hope that this allows numerous people looking for this type of deep abiding spirituality to find it in one form or another."

Pedro's book is now available on Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and also through Lulu.com. You may follow him on social media by using the hashtag #peyote life on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

Pedro will also release an eBook later this month.



viewed as one of the greatest mistakes in federal Indian policy," said Washburn, a citizen of Oklahoma's Chickasaw Nation.

Congress later adopted the so-called "termination" policy in 1953, designed to assimilate Native Americans into U.S. society. Over the next decade, some 2.5 million acres of land were removed from tribal control, and 12,000 Native Americans lost their tribal affiliation.

Mullin and Swimmer said the coalition does not want to repeat past mistakes and will work to preserve tribal control of reservations. They said they also will aim to retain federal support to tribes, which amounts to nearly \$20 billion a year, according to a Department of Interior report in 2013.

Mullin said the finalized proposal could result in Congressional legislation as early as next year.

Washburn said he doubted such a bill could pass, but Gabe Galanda, a Seattle-based lawyer specializing in Indian law, said it could be possible with Republican control of the White House and the U.S. House and Senate.

Legal challenges to such a law could also face less favorable treatment from a U.S. Supreme Court with a conservative majority, he said. Trump will soon have the chance to nominate a Supreme Court justice to replace Antonin Scalia, a conservative member who died earlier this year.

"With this alignment in the White House, Congress and the Supreme Court," he said, "we should be concerned about erosion of self determination, if not a return to termination."

(Additional reporting by Richard Valdmantis; Editing by Richard Valdmantis and Brian Thevenot)

# POWWOWS & EVENTS CALENDAR

### Cheyenne & Arapaho Powwow Labor Day Committee Christmas Dance

1 p.m., Dec. 17 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Honoring all Tribal princesses. Princesses will showcase their talent. Photo opportunity (Santa on site), women's cloth and buckskin contests with other contests to be announced. Arts & crafts vendors only, limited space, call 405-618-7798.

MC Eddie Mahseet, HM Daniel Cloud and R.J. Sweezy, HL Rachele Roman Nose/Cheyenne Princess and Casey Levi/Arapaho Princess, HS Asa Littlebird, ADS Ralph Birdshead and Stephen Maldonado, Honored Vet Ramona Old Bear Welch.

### All Nations Baptist Church Presents 'The New Star'

5 p.m.-7 p.m., Dec. 18 at the Indian Nations Baptist Church in Kingfisher, Okla.

Performed by the All Nations children and youth groups. Special invitation to everyone to attend. Meal served immediately following performance.

### R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program's Snow Day - Snow Tubing

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec. 19 in Bricktown, Oklahoma City. Snow tubing and ice skating for Cheyenne & Arapaho youth in grades 5th through 9th. All participants must

sign up and complete waiver no later than Dec. 16, 2016. For more information call 405-422-7570 or 405-422-7585.

### Cheyenne & Arapaho Community Health Program Presents Winter Health Fair for Kids

11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Dec. 20 at the First Freewill Baptist Church in El Reno, Okla., Dec. 21 at the Watonga Community Center in Watonga, Okla., and Dec. 22 at the

Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla.

Grades kindergarten through 8th.

### Cheyenne District 4 and Arapaho District 4 Christmas Dinner

3 p.m., Sunday Dec. 25 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. Door prizes, toys and candy sacks will be handed out.

### The 16th annual New Year's Eve Sobriety

**Powwow** Dec. 31 at the Student Life Center, Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla.

Gourd dancing begins at 1 p.m., supper break 4:30 p.m., gourd dance 6 p.m. and Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Free to the public.

Registration for all contest dancers will be 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., and all contestants must be in grand entry to compete. For more information contact Lorraine Bosin at 918-639-7999.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Happy Birthday auntie!**  
We love You! from your  
**Tahlequah bunch!**



**Happy Birthday Chloe!**  
Love grandma  
Carol



**Happy Birthday Donna Lee Sage!**  
You are turning 13 years old on Dec. 29th! And you have grown into a very beautiful young lady! We are so proud of you! Love from your family, mom (Anna Kaye), grandma Tisha, uncle Santos and all your sisters, McKinley, Rosey, Regina, Rachel & your lil niece baby Leeanna



December 19  
**Happy Birthday Tacianna!**  
From your grandma, auntie, mom, Jayden, Michelle & Matthew  
We love you with all of our hearts, uncle Ryan

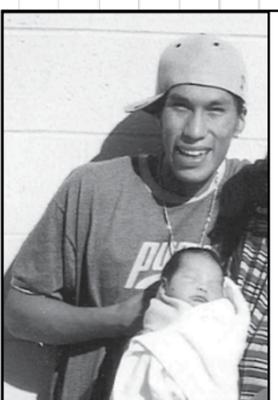
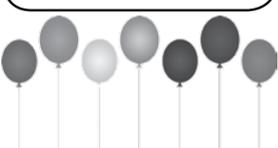
Happy 27th Birthday to Zachary R. Younger on the 20th of December. Although we are separated by many miles and other obstacles, I think about you and miss your beautiful smile everyday. I hope that today you will remember that you are loved and missed very much. Love you always and forever, your mother, Myra.



December 5th  
To my sister Lakesha D. Garcia, Happy Birthday to you sis! I pray for all blessings to come your way. Stay strong in heart & soul. I love you sister & happy b-day & Merry Christmas!  
-Honey Garcia



**Happy Birthday "Layla Mo'Nay Garcia"**  
Dec. 24th is a very special day. It was the day you were born & put into my life. Grew up to be beautiful & strong in all you do! My spirit is forever with you everyday of your life. Have a blessed day & may Maheo bring more years to you! Ur daddy is always thinking of you & loves you so much. Happy birthday my daughter & Merry Christmas-Honey Garcia



"When you Believe beyond what your eyes can see signs from Heaven show up to remind you Love never dies."

**Happy Birthday Son Dec. 26, 1982**

We love you and you are thought of, not only today but every day. We celebrate your life and the 24 years we shared with you. We love you Shannon so very much and I am so very proud to call you my son, my ball player and the one with the BIGGEST heart for everyone else. Your beautiful smile I miss the most, your hugs and your phone calls. I miss you my baby boy Shannon "Duke" Blackwolf.

Love, your mom Vida, dad, grandpa and your children, Rumel, Keira and all your brothers, sisters, your nephew, nieces and all your family from the Havasupai Reservation, the Watahomigies.



**Happy 13th Birthday to my baby girl, Donna Lee Sage!**  
Love you very much, your daddy David Sage



Merry Christmas from the Higher Education Program! Hannah Prairie Chief, Carol Limpy, Wanda Whiteman, Emily Wilson

Merry Christmas to my mom, brothers and Nathaniel. I love and miss yall so much! & Merry Christmas to the Pratts, Charleys, Shawnees and everybody in the Ville of Geary, OK!  
-Gabrielle Hicks



**Merry Christmas to all and a Blessed New Year ahead**



## Thank You Mr. Glen Meriwether

"Deserved Honors"  
The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes recently bestowed the gift of a Pendleton blanket to Mr. Glen Meriwether in honor of his service and devotion to the students (past and present), parents, and staff of Darlington Public School



Meriwether has faithfully given his time and talents for over 30 years to the success and improvement of education.

Pictured l-r: Gov. Eddie Hamilton, Executive Director of Education Carrie Whitlow, Glen Meriwether and Executive Director of Administration Teresa Dorsett.

## In Loving Memory Of Tianna Bree Redman, Hisei Be'eih' Red Woman Sunrise: Aug. 11, 1995 | Sunset: Nov. 11, 2016

Tianna Bree Redman, Hisei Be'eih' (Red Woman), 21, of Ethete, Wyoming, passed away on Nov. 11, 2016. The funeral services were held Nov. 18 at the Elk Redman Complex in Ethete, WY followed by a burial at Sage-Redman Cemetery.

Dealer for the Wind River Casino, where she worked for three years. She had many hobbies which included beading, shopping and fine dining. She also liked cruising and spending time with her friends. She also enjoyed going to powwows and concerts. She loved spending time with her family.

Tianna was born in Denver, Colo. on Aug. 11, 1995. Tianna was our beautiful miracle child and was known and loved by many. There was always a tremendous amount of support for her from the community. She was a Make-a-Wish recipient, where she chose to meet the Denver Nuggets and she visited Disney World.

Tianna is survived by her father Art Hill Jr. of El Reno, Okla., brothers Arthur Ryan Hill of Washington D.C., and Theodore Gilbert Hill of El Reno, Okla. Sisters Paula Jinnet Hill of Washington D.C., and Shakota Rose Juan of Sacaton, Ariz. Her grandmother Barbara Hill of El Reno, Okla. and aunt Mary Daniels of Oklahoma City. Her nephews Mahlon Hill-Curtis, Brandon Daniels, Shane and Tony, nieces Deliyah, Leilani, Angelica and Shannon.

She graduated from Wyoming Indian High School in 2013 as the Salutatorian. In high school, she participated in volleyball and basketball. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. She attended Central Wyoming College, working towards a nursing degree.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather Art Hill Sr., aunt Janelle Sherita Hill, uncle Michael Antone and great-grandfather Claude Hill of Hammon, Okla.

Tianna loved working as a Table Games

## EATING healthy for DIABETES

Tara Conway, MS, RD, LD, CDE  
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

### Tips for Healthy Cooking During the Holidays

Cooking healthier during the holidays takes practice and experimenting. You want your holiday dishes to have the same great taste and also be lower in calories and fat. Here are some simple cooking tips in traditional holiday recipes to make them healthier.

**Mashed Potato-** Use skim milk, chicken broth, garlic or garlic powder and Parmesan cheese instead of whole milk and butter.

**Gravy-** Refrigerate the gravy to harden fat. Skim the fat off. This will save a whopping 56 grams of fat per cup.

**Quick Holiday Nog-** Four bananas, 1-1/2 cups skim milk or soymilk, 1-1/2 cups plain nonfat yogurt, 1/4 teaspoon rum extract and ground nutmeg. Blend all ingredients except nutmeg. Puree until smooth. Top with nutmeg.

**Dressing-** Use a little less bread and add more onions, garlic, celery and vegetables. Add fruits such as cranberries or apples. Moist or flavor with low-fat/low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth and applesauce.

**Desserts-** Make a crust-less pumpkin pie. Substitute two egg white for each whole egg in baked recipes. Replace heavy cream with evaporated skim milk in cheesecakes and cream pies. Top cake with fresh fruit, fruit sauce or a sprinkle of powdered sugar instead of fattening frosting.

**Turkey-** Enjoy delicious, roasted turkey breast without the skin and save 11 grams of saturated fat per three-ounce serving.

Please check out C-A-Radio for more tips on healthy holiday eating.

**Green Bean Casserole-** Cook fresh green beans with chunks of potatoes instead of cream soup. Top with almonds instead of fried onion rings or try making fresh green beans with red potatoes.

For more information and tips on eating contact Tara Conway at Diabetes Wellness Program 405-422-7685 or tconway@c-a-tribes.org.



## CONGRATULATIONS MADDIE THOMPSON

**Student of the Month Southwest Elementary**



We are super proud of you! Keep up the hard work! We love you Maddie-Cakes!! Mom, Sis & Bub

## BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

**Grant Writing/HUD/ NAIHC Training**  
Jan. 17-19, 2017 at the Whitney Peak Hotel in Reno, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.naihc.net.

**Presidential Transition Meeting for the New Administration**  
Jan. 19, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

**Indian Country's Employment Law Update**  
Jan. 24-25, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

**Wellness Strategies for Community Health Representatives**  
Jan. 26-27, 2017 in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

**The 2017 Native Diabetes Prevention Conference**  
Feb. 12-15, 2017 at the Hilton Phoenix/Mesa in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.aaii.edu.

**The 2017 National American Indian Housing Council Legislative Conference**  
March 6-8, 2017 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information or to register visit www.naihc.net.

**Planning and Managing Construction Projects in Indian Country**  
Jan. 18-20, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

**The seventh annual Native American Human Resources Conference**  
Jan. 22-24, 2017 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

**Background Investigations and Vendor Licensing for the Tribal Gaming Operation**  
Jan. 26-27, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

**The 2017 UNITY Mid-Year Conference**  
Feb. 17-20, 2017 at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel & Conference Center in Tempe, Ariz. Cost is \$175. For more information call 480-718-9793 or to register visit www.events@unityinc.org.

**The 2017 National Indian Child Welfare Association's 35th annual Protecting Our Children National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect**  
April 2-5, 2017 in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nicwa.org.

**Federal Bar Association's Indian Law Conference**  
April 6-7, 2017 at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.fedbar.org.

# EMPLOYMENT

**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](mailto:atisdale@c-a-tribes.org).

**Operations & Maint. Housing Authority Closing: Until Filled**

**Transit Driver I/FT-Perm. Tribal Transportation Closing: Until Filled**

**Security Officers FT/PT Concho Closing: Until Filled**

**Project Inspector/FT Tribal Transportation Closing: Until Filled**

**Qualifications:**  
Must have high school diploma or GED certification. Must have at least one-year experience in facility operations and maintenance. Must have valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must be able to comply with Drug Free Workplace Act and applicable tribal policies. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Qualifications:**  
The transit driver must possess or be willing to attend various training programs to gain a CPR and First Aid certification. Transit drivers must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and be subjected to random drug testing. Should be able to prove lifting a minimum of 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. At a minimum, must possess a high school diploma and possible completion of a commercial driving training program and defensive driving program. Experience may be acceptable as an equivalent.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Qualifications:**  
High school diploma or GED certification required. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license and have reliable transportation. Must be 18 years of age. Must be able to attend C.L.E.E.T. classes, Phase I and II and Use of Force training and obtain a C.L.E.E.T. license as required by Oklahoma state law. Must be able to complete C.L.E.E.T Phase IV and the associated MMPI-2 requirement. Must be willing to work flexible hours (on call status) which will include nights, weekends or over time. Or hours assigned during high alert status. Must be computer literate with knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite. Must be able to pass a pre-hire drug screening and submit to random drug testing. Must be able to pass a background check. Must not have any felony convictions, pending charges or high risk misdemeanors such as DUI, DWI, thefts, drugs, sex offenses, domestic violence, crimes of moral turpitude or any other charges as defined by the C.L.E.E.T. licensing requirements. Must be in good physical condition. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have knowledge of safety standards. Native America or Veteran preference, all other qualified persons welcome to apply.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Qualifications:**  
Bachelor's degree in any field of study preferred, however associate degree with at least two years experience in quality control and/or quality assurance acceptable (years of experience may be acceptable to be equivalent to the degree and experience requirements). Minimum of high school diploma or GED certification required. Able to understand AutoCAD Software and/or GPS/GIS software or like software. Demonstrate self-motivation by proving to be reliable and punctual. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding in construction management and compliance. Demonstrate knowledge in understanding construction material testing (CMT) in regards to proctors, density tests for subgrade, aggregate base, and asphalt materials, and sieve analysis for concrete type materials. Demonstrate computer skills and/or knowledge, specifically Microsoft Word, Excel, Access and/or various other applications. Willing and able to attend various training programs to ensure productiveness in duties and responsibilities assigned. Must possess current Oklahoma state driver's license and have reliable transportation. Must have an acceptable driving record and provide a Department of Public Safety (DPS) Motor Vehicle Report (MVR). Must pass pre-hire drug screen/test. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable



## CLASSIFIEDS

Are you a Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal citizen and have a car, home, boat, etc. to sale? List it FREE under our 'Classified' section.

Looking for a home to

rent or have a service to provide? List it FREE in our 'Classified' section.

Send submissions to [rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org) or [llonelodge@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:llonelodge@c-a-tribes.org).

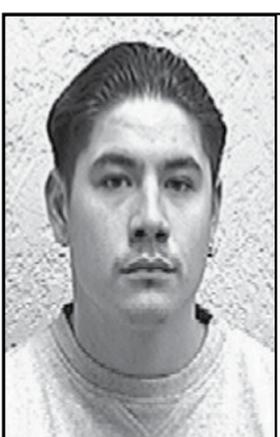
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Georgia Moore McGee Cell 405.215.1072 Salon 405.943.1819

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
The Veterans Affairs Service Office will be hosting a Veterans meeting  
12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Jan. 19, 2017 at the NAC Building in Concho, Okla.  
Discussion of upcoming events and program updates related to the VA, Tribal HUDVASH Homeless program & local SSVF program.  
Light light will be served.  
For more information contact Office of Veterans Affairs Director Russell Willey at 405-422-7724 or 405-248-7520.



**In Loving Memory**  
**Joshua Robert Hammond**  
March 16, 1983  
Nov. 30, 2016  
Joshua Robert Hammond was laid to rest on Monday Dec. 5, 2016 at the University Place Christian Church in Enid, Okla.  
He was the son of Beatrice Anderson and Veloran Bueno, grandson of Lorenzo White Bear-Goodsell and Aurelia Naranajo Goodsell.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Food Distribution Program will be closed from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday Dec. 28, 2016 for staff development. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**LEGAL NOTICES**  
IN THE TRIAL COURT  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES  
P.O. BOX 102  
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022  
In The Matter Of Guardianship Of: )  
K.O., JR. ) Case No. PG-2016-117  
DOB: 11/03/14 )  
Minor Child )  
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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: ASHLEY HUDGINS, (Mother) KYLE ORANGE, SR., (Father)  
You are hereby notified that Brenda Byrd has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship of K.O., Jr. DOB: 11/03/14, minor child on the 27th day of OCTOBER, 2016, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Show Cause Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 15th day of FEBRUARY, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Petition For Guardianship should not be granted.  
Dated this 29th day of November, 2016.  
*Rebekah Trojan*  
Rebekah Trojan, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT  
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA  
P.O. BOX 102  
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022  
REDBIRD HAMMOND )  
vs. ) Case No. JED-2016-136  
MALIKAH WEBSTER )  
Respondent, )  
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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: MALIKAH WEBSTER  
You are hereby notified that REDBIRD HAMMOND has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage and requesting Custody regarding, F.A.H. DOB: 11/09/12 and N.S.H., DOB: 6/08/14 minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 18TH day of JANUARY, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.  
Dated this 29th day of NOVEMBER, 2016.  
*Rebekah Trojan*  
Rebekah Trojan, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA  
P.O. BOX 102  
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022  
In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of: )  
B.S., DOB: 6/19/11 ) Case No. PG-2016-120  
B.S., DOB: 9/05/12 )  
B.S., DOB: 1/06/16 )  
Minor Children Under The Age Of 18 Years )  
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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: CAROL MITCHELL  
You are hereby notified that Carol Standinger has filed in this Court a Petition For Temporary Emergency Guardianship of the persons and/or estates of B.S., DOB: 6/19/11, B.S., DOB: 9/05/12, AND B.S., DOB: 1/06/16, minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 15TH day of FEBRUARY, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.  
Dated this 29th day of NOVEMBER, 2016.  
*Rebekah Trojan*  
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Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

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KRISTI KEITH WOODWALL )  
vs. ) Case No. JED-2016-0142  
NICHOLAS CHRISTOPHER WOODALL )  
Respondent )  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: NICHOLAS CHRISTOPHER WOODALL  
You are hereby notified that KRISTI KEITH WOODALL has filed a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 18TH day of JANUARY, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.  
Dated this 9th day of DECEMBER, 2016.  
*Edwina Whittema*  
Edwina Whittema, Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

**CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Food Distribution Program will be closed from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday Dec. 28, 2016 for staff development. We apologize for any inconvenience.  
**Tax Commission & Treasury Offices CLOSED**  
9:45AM - 5:00PM  
Friday, December 23, 2016  
For our Staff Development Meeting  
We will re open on Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at 8:00AM  
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[eldercare@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:eldercare@c-a-tribes.org)  
**Elder Care Program**  
**2017 Client Service Changes**  
**Effective January 1, 2017**  
**Medical Assistance**  
Office & Hospital visits> Assistance twice yearly, instead of quarterly  
**Dental Assistance**  
Dental> Assistance twice yearly, instead of quarterly  
**Denture Assistance**  
Dentures> No Assistance provided  
**Hearing Aid Assistance**  
Hearing Aid> No Assistance provided  
**Winter Heating & Summer Cooling Assistance**  
Changing from two month's assistance to one month's assistance> decision pending  
All changes become effective January 1, 2017  
These are the only services affected, other services remain the same  
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause  
If you have any questions, please contact our Concho Office  
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# ATHLETES' SPOTLIGHT

Photo & interview  
by Latoya Lonelodge

Born and raised in Geary, Okla., Ross Shawnee, 18, focuses on his last and final year of playing football at the high school level. At 5'9 he is a running back and safety for the Geary Bison football team.

*When did you first begin playing and how?*

I began playing in the 5th grade with my fellow classmates.

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

It's a team effort, it's not a one man job.

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

I have quite a bit. Here in Geary, we're the team that has made it the furthest in the playoffs in Geary history.

*What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?*

Not being on the ineligible list and not failing.

*What is your GPA?*

3.0

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

My goal was to be the best running back in my class. In school, get good grades and go to college. I want to go to OU or UCO.

*What actions are you tak-*

*ing to reach these goals?*

I've been scouted and went to visit schools, I did good on my ACT.

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

The first time we made it to playoffs, we played against Allen my sophomore year.

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

I've always had advice coming left and right, its hard to say. 'The toughest decision is between you and yourself.'

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

Get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

*Who or what inspires you the most?*

My whole family.

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

Lifting, going to practice, putting a little bit of extra time in and running. Helping with other teammates. I work out everyday.

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

That I keep training and keep pushing myself.

*What is your favorite meal before or after a game?*

A bowl of cinnamon toast crunch cereal.

*Who has had the biggest impact on your life?*

My coaches in football.

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

Hanging with friends, I do live in Geary, there's not much to do.

*What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?*

Rap, rock and country.

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

There isn't. I'm pretty humble, I try to be at least. I'm very open with others.

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

Don't grow up and be like them, it doesn't get you anywhere. I don't know how else to say it other than don't be a bully. You aren't made to bully; you're raised to bully.

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

I take it real well, I don't do anything. Just because my whole family does it.

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

Slavery, because it didn't start with us it started with easterners.

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

Make it through college, I want to go for sports, particularly football.

*Who is your favorite athlete of all time?*

Bruce Lee, nobody could



say anything bad about him and the way he lived.

*Which team is your favorite team?*

Dallas Cowboys

*What are your immediate plans after graduating high school?*

Work and save up my money for college.

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

If you have a dream, make it a reality.

*Ross's parents are Mark*

*Coppage and Amelia Shawnee. His grandparents are Therman Ross and Helene Shawnee. Ross has five siblings, Shyla Sanders, 21, John Coppage, 15, Morgan Coppage, 12, Rain Leflore, 10, and Kirsten Coppage, 5.*

## Pipeline

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Obama has granted us a victory today, that victory isn't guaranteed in the next administration," Dallas Goldtooth, lead organizer for the Indigenous Environmental Network, said in a statement. "More threats are likely in the year to come, and we cannot stop until this pipeline is completely and utterly defeated, and our water and climate are safe."

*Why reroute the pipeline?*

The Army Corps of Engineers said it will not grant a permit to allow the proposed pipeline to cross under the lake. Officials said after discussion with the tribe and Dakota Access it became clear that more work had to be done on the project.

Veterans arriving to support Dakota pipeline protesters

"The best way to complete that work responsibly and expeditiously is to explore alternate routes for the pipeline crossing," The corps' assistant secretary for civil works, Jo-Ellen Darcy, said in a statement.

The decision comes three weeks after her office announced it was delaying the decision after protests from the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and its supporters.

Darcy said the consideration of alternative routes would be best accomplished through an environmental impact statement with full public input and analysis, delivering both an immediate reprieve and political statement that could aid in future showdowns with President-elect Donald Trump's incoming administration.

Energy Transfer Partners and Sunoco Logistics Partners, the corporations behind the Dakota Access Pipeline, said in a statement Sunday night they "fully expect to complete construction of the pipeline without any additional rerouting in and around Lake Oahe."

As far as they're concerned, the White House's directive does not change past court decisions to green light the project.

"Nothing this Administration has done today changes that in any way," the company said in a statement.

North Dakota Sen. John Hoeven, a Republican, said last week after a meeting with the transition team that Trump supported completing the 1,172-mile long proposed pipeline, that would transport 470,000 barrels of oil a day across four states. A spokeswoman for Trump did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Sunday's decision.

House Speaker Paul Ryan tweeted his criticism, calling the intervention "big-government decision-making at its worst. I look forward to putting this anti-energy presidency behind us."

North Dakota's sole member in the House of Representatives, Rep. Kevin Cramer, a Republican, pledged to fight on and slammed President Obama.

"I hoped even a lawless President wouldn't continue to ignore the rule of law. However, it was becoming increasingly clear

he was punting this issue down the road," Cramer wrote in a statement. "Today's unfortunate decision sends a very chilling signal to others who want to build infrastructure in this country."

The decision by the Corps of Engineers would be useful in a court challenge, according to Jan Hasselman, an Earthjustice staff attorney representing the Standing Rock Sioux tribe.

"If the incoming administration tries to undo this and jam the pipeline through despite the need for an analysis of alternatives, we will certainly be prepared to challenge that in court," he said. "It's not so simple for one government administration to simply reverse the decisions of the former one."

The Dakota Access Pipeline protest is at a critical point: How we got here

Sen. Bernie Sanders, who actively opposed the pipeline, praised the administration's decision.

"I appreciate very much President Obama listening to the Native American people and millions of others who believe this pipeline should not be built," Sanders, a 2016 Democratic presidential candidate, said in a statement. "In the year 2016, we should not continue to trample on Native American sovereignty. We should not endanger the water supply of millions of people."

May Boeve, the executive director leading environmental action group 350.org, celebrated the decision but also sounded a warning against any future plans to reverse it.

"If Trump tries to go up against the leaders at Standing Rock he'll just end up looking petty and small," she said. "The fight against Dakota Access has fired up a resistance movement that is ready to take on any fossil fuel project the Trump administration tries to approve. On Dakota Access and every other pipeline: If he tries to build it, we will come."

From threat of removal to celebration Earlier this week, North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple ordered the protesters to leave the campsite by Monday, citing the harsh weather conditions as a reason why they needed to decamp. The US Army Corps of Engineers had warned that come Monday, activists who refused to leave the campsite could be arrested, then backtracked, saying the agency had no plans to forcibly remove those who stay.

Instead of backing away, the protesters came out in full force and showed no signs of backing down, even inviting over 2,000 veterans to join their already robust presence. Now with a victory for the Sioux tribe and their supporters, Standing Rock has become a protest symbol.

CNN's Sara Sidner reported from Cannon Ball, North Dakota; Caroline Kenny and Gregory Krieg reported and wrote from Washington, DC. CNN's Barbara Starr, Susanna Capelouto, Kevin Bohn and Max Blau contributed to this report.



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# Tribes' ETA director appointed to national council under Department of Labor

By Rosemary Stephens  
Editor-in-Chief

The U.S. Department of Labor's Native American Employment and Training Council (NAETC) will have a new member beginning January 2017.

Erwin Pahmahmie, Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Employment & Training Administration (ETA) director, was appointed to serve on the council representing Region IV. Region IV encompasses 18 tribes in 11 different mid-western states across the U.S.

The council serves as an advisory committee directly to the Secretary of Labor, consisting of at least 15 council members. Each member is appointed for a term designated by the Secretary of Labor. The council was established as part of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act (WIOA), providing advice on the overall operation and administration of Native American employment and training programs.

Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez wrote to Pahmahmie stating, "We believe your expertise as a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Section 166 Director and your extensive experience in the area of workforce development, policy development and strategic planning will be highly beneficial to the work of the council."

Pahmahmie has worked over 16 years for the tribes in a variety of administrative roles. In 2014 the tribes' merged together the Employment Opportunities and Training Services (EOTS) program and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program into the ETA, and Pahmahmie was named director.

Since then the ETA program has assisted over 400 Native Americans with job training and placements.

"I am honored to be considered a leader among the Native American Community to help address employment and training needs of the people," Pahmahmie said.

Pahmahmie will serve a two-year term and is planning to bring to the table many topics he feels needs to be addressed. One of which is accessibility to applications for assistance through technology for people in rural communities.

"We are in a constant shift right now and the baby boomers are going away and the millennials are coming up, those are people in my age category of around 38. But then we are going into this new group, the youth, who will have technology we can't even imagine right now," he said. "We need technology, like Websites,

apps, for our people so they can access applications online, services and assistance which would eliminate the cost of travel for a lot of our members who can't afford it and time away from their jobs. I would like to see development of apps to alert people when we host job training events and other information."

Pahmahmie, once a participant in the youth summer work program himself knows one person can make a difference and the value of job training and education.

"I was part of this program and worked cleaning. When I was done with the program my supervisor asked me what I had learned, following it with 'now don't tell me you learned how to clean because you already knew how to do that.' I told him I learned that this type of work was needed and people depend on people like us to do a good job ... but I also know that I don't always want to do this kind of job. I want to go out and help people," Pahmahmie said. "He said, 'there you go, go get your education and help your people.' That really stuck with me. It inspired me and motivated me to do just that."

Pahmahmie sees a multitude of needs in Native



Erwin Pahmahmie, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Employment & Training Administration (ETA) Director, was appointed to serve on the national council under the Secretary of Labor providing advice on the overall operation and administration of Native American employment and training programs. (Photo by Rosemary Stephens)

communities ranging from job skills training, obtaining G.E.D. certifications and attaining valid driver's licenses to breaking down distance barriers and increasing service accessibility. One solution Pahmahmie sees is developing, "our own Department of Labor within our tribes. The department would include ETA, Vocational Rehabilitation, Adult Education, Personnel and the Office of Veteran Affairs."

Whatever the challenges, Pahmahmie is ready to find the solutions and take them to the next level. Because of

those leadership skills and his persistence, Cheyenne & Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton credits those attributes to Pahmahmie's selection to the council.

"The tribes are fortunate to have an employee on our staff like Pahmahmie who is passionate and proactive about our workforce. I wish him continued success as he serves the tribes and the Native American Employment and Training Council," Hamilton stated in a press release.

Pahmahmie said he couldn't have accomplished

all the program has done without his dedicated and hardworking staff. Along with a special thank you, he said, to Carol Clay-Levi, Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Employment and Training Program, for nominating him for this position.

"We all work hard to help our people," Pahmahmie said. "We don't want to baby anyone. What we want to do is help them realize that this is life, and having good skills leads to employment and maintaining employment and those skills leads to a good life."

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