

**Spreading Joy**

For the entire month of December, the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' employees gave a weekly donation of money and toys to help tribal families have the merriest holiday possible. Volunteers delivered filled-to-the-brim baskets to families around the area, while some, like the Red Hat family, made the drive to Concho to visit with friends and pick up their presents. Pictured l-r: Nellie, Shiloh, Ella Turley and Bethany Red Hat from Enid, Okla.

(Photo by Shaida Tabrizi)

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## Toy drive teaches kids spirit of giving

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

From 'Dear Santa' lists to the elf on the shelf to staking out the newest toy releases, many parents spend countless hours making Christmas special for their children. Yet one family of four children has turned the attention from their own wish for presents to helping those in need.

Their names are Piper (8), Sophia (6), Reuben (4) and Aaron Yeahquo (2) and their father Tim works for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program at the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal complex in Concho, Okla. Yeahquo took the tribes' annual employee holiday toy drive as an opportunity to teach his children the true spirit of giving.

"We always try to give back or do something for someone else less fortunate or who may not have as much as us. But this year we wanted to incorporate them more into the process. Instead of just getting for Christmas, we don't want that to be oh it's time to get, get, get," Yeahquo said. "This year I kind of talked to them and said 'Hey, we have this thing at work and it's a good opportunity for us. What if you four, this year we have money set aside for your presents, what if instead of you getting a toy, you take \$10 of the money we were going to use for you and you use it to buy something for someone else?' And they



The Yeahquo family spent Christmas helping others by donating several toys to the C&A tribes' employee toy drive. Pictured l-r: Tim, Sophia, Reuben, Natalie, Aaron and Piper Yeahquo. (Photo by Shaida Tabrizi)

got really excited about it and said they definitely wanted to do it."

Yeahquo and his wife Natalie took the kids to pick out toys from a store, letting each one pay with money from their own wallets and were blown away by how well they did.

"It was almost like going into the store and saying 'okay you can pick out things!' but then like 'you understand this is for other kids right?' I was a little worried," Natalie Yeahquo said laughing. "But they all did really good. I've been really impressed talking to Reuben. To me it seems like he's picked up really easily on, you know, that we give because we had the greatest given to us which was Jesus. A few times

just randomly he's come up to me and just started talking about that so that's been cool to see."

The girls, Piper and Sophia, took their time picking out ball sets, dolls and a musical jewelry box hoping to make other little girls happy with their presents. They've even been sharing their unique holiday experience with other kids at school.

"Whether you have a lot, whether you have a little, we want to show them to choose to be a blessing and to help someone. We don't have a super lot either, but with what we have we want to use that to help people," Yeahquo said. "Hopefully I want them to learn that and instill that in their hearts and we'll make a tradition of it."



Natalie Yeahquo and her two daughters Sophia (l) and Piper (r) give a big smile as they donate toys to the Christmas toy drive, happy to give presents to children in need. (Courtesy photo)

## The defense won't rest New C&A Legal Aid Program objects to jailing Indians

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

Meet the new face of the law in Cheyenne and Arapaho country, Don Mason Jr.

Mason, a member of the Delaware and Cherokee tribes, set up shop at the tribal headquarters in Concho, Okla. as director of the new Legal Aid Program (LAP), ready to provide legal council and representation to those in need.

Originally from Tulsa, Mason has served as a public defender for the Pawnee Nation and as chief justice of the Delaware tribe and says that he especially likes working for Indian tribes.

"I see a lot of problems in Indian Country. Anything I can do to help Indians fix some of their problems or help them have a better life then it's fulfilling to me," Mason said. "I'm Indian, so it's good to help other Indians."

Mason will be working in the legislative wing of the tribe's Education Building along with attorney Kim Anthony. The LAP team will predominantly focus on criminal law cases.

"We're going to be doing misdemeanor cases and some selected felony cases but we're undecided on what felony cases we may take," Mason said. "Primarily I think what we'll prob-



Legal Aid Program Director Don Mason Jr. will hit the ground running representing C&A tribal members in court and offering legal counsel. (Photo by Shaida Tabrizi)

ably be doing is DUI, drug offenses, alcohol offenses, traffic offenses, things of that nature."

According to Mason, representation in state and city courts will began first in Canadian and Custer County but will spread out to surrounding counties like Oklahoma and possibly Cleveland. In addition to legal counsel, the team hopes to help with the underlying problems which led some into their legal trouble.

"There's usually an underlying problem. So, we want to help them address the underlying problem and the legal problem. Nowadays, practicing law has so much to do with that right there. Helping your client access services so they can dig themselves out of their legal problem," Mason said. "We want to keep Indians out of jail so they can keep their jobs and keep their families together. Because it doesn't accomplish anything by them going to jail and then they lose their family and lose their job."

For more information, call Don Mason Jr. at 405-422-7664.

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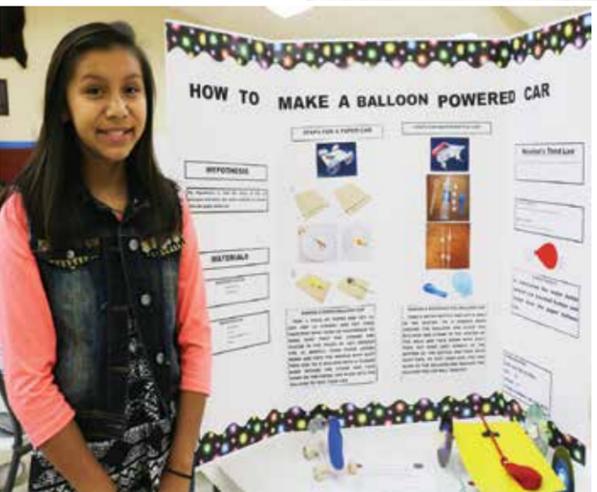
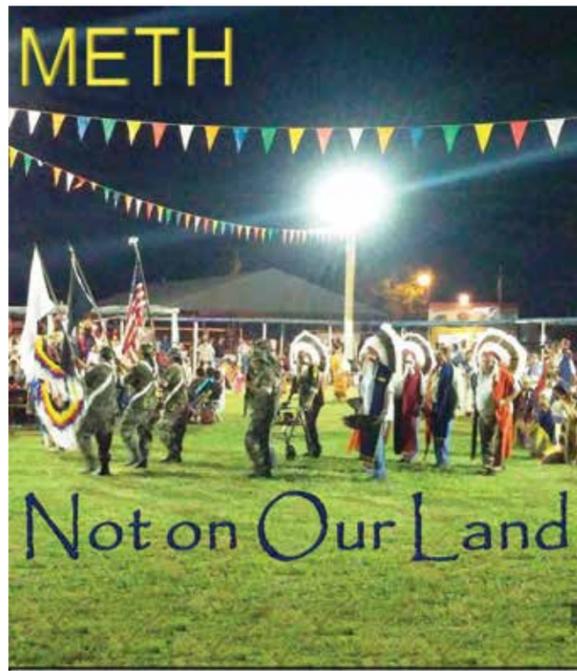
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## Two special meetings of the Tribal Council

*One meeting affirms 2016 budget, second meeting gets postponed due to winter storm*

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Two special Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Council meetings were scheduled to be held Dec. 12, 2015 and Dec. 29, 2015.

The first meeting's agenda held Dec. 12 in Clinton, Okla., was to approve or disapprove the 2016 Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes operating budget.

The Tribal Council voted to approve the 2016 Budget with a vote of 153 for, 9 against, 12 abstaining and 1 not voting.

The second meeting's agenda scheduled to be held Dec. 29 in Concho, Okla., was to approve the Tribal

Trust Accounting Lawsuit (Nez Perce, et. al. v Jewell, No. 06-CV-2239-TFH in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia). However due to a winter storm that hit the state of Oklahoma on Sunday, Dec. 27 and lasted several days, the meeting was postponed until 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016.

In 2012 the Tribal Council had previously voted to approve an almost \$8.4 million settlement in the Nez Perce lawsuit but due to unknown circumstances, the settlement agreement was never completed.

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# Southern Cheyenne plan visit with Northern band

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

In August of 2012, a small group of Southern Cheyenne tribal members arrived at their destination after a 1,400 mile path leading them to a meeting with the Northern and Southern Cheyenne bands. Margaret Behan, spiritual elder and member of the International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, traveled with horseback riders, healers and earth educators to journey from Oklahoma to Montana, literally following the footsteps of those who participated in the Cheyenne Exodus of 1878.

As if that wasn't enough, the Southern Cheyenne are now planning a visit, inviting those in the Northern Cheyenne band to Clinton, Okla. to talk with and learn from their southern cousins.

In late Dec. 2015, Behan traveled from Lame Deer, Mont. to Concho, Okla. with her assistant Dawn Yellow Horn of the Bigfoot tribe to begin preparations for the Northern/Southern Cheyenne meeting.

"The way I'm looking at it is that the Northern Cheyenne will come here to Oklahoma to dance with the Southern Cheyenne and sort of explain how the Southern Cheyenne do the gourd dance," Behan said, adding that there would also be an Open Mic feature of the event for all to discuss their genealogy and family history. "When they bring their families together we can learn more about the language and we will learn more about our culture."

Behan plans to involve the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Language Department and the Culture & Heritage Program to help make the event as special as possible.

"I want them to be able to express their family, who they are, their identity," Behan said. "It's really exciting. It's right here, I can just imagine how it's going to look. When the Cheyenne hear about this, they're going to say 'Oh wow, that's about me. I'm going to find out my genealogy.'"

The event will take place April 25-30, 2016. For more information, contact Margaret Behan at 406-477-6223 or gettay55@yahoo.com. Information can also be found at www.cheyenneelderscouncil.org.



Spiritual elder Margaret Behan and assistant Dawn Yellow Horn traveled to Concho, Okla. to help plan a meeting between the Southern and Northern Cheyenne bands.

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Gillis, Jennifer Rebecca	5/5/70	1/6/15
Sutton, William Ray	12/21/40	1/10/15
Walker, Lelia D	6/21/47	1/11/15
Littleman, Ada	1/13/40	1/15/15
White, Thamar Anna	6/3/17	1/16/15
Lame Bear, Mary	7/4/52	1/17/15
Whiteman, Gerald Gene	1/16/67	1/23/15
White, Marshall Terrance	9/25/73	1/25/15
Antelope, Nina	10/22/20	1/28/15
Parton, Dwight Dixon	12/5/52	2/1/15
Tahdooahnippah, Patricia L.	4/21/47	2/2/15
Whiteman, Stephanie Florence	1/15/83	2/4/15
Herrod, Nancy Ann	8/5/40	2/5/15
Lone Elk, Carolyn	2/10/52	2/17/15
Stoneroad, Solomon	3/19/31	2/22/15
Akeen, Mitchell Glen	3/19/70	2/25/15
Awaida, Linda Joyce	2/8/53	2/25/15
Loneman, Donnie Ray	1/5/56	2/26/15
Old Crow, Gaylon Kelly	5/13/75	2/27/15
Swallow, James Walter	4/12/39	3/2/15
Riggles, Patricia Ann	4/18/59	3/3/15
Rogers, Leta Ann	10/9/44	3/5/15
Campbell, Loyd Allen	5/1/33	3/5/15
Beard, Frances	1/11/28	3/6/15
Wood, Dorothy	1/31/30	3/6/15
Hawk, Catherine Frances	7/1/62	3/8/15
Gonzalez, Aaliyah Sky	3/9/15	3/9/15
Wood, Myrtle Kelly	5/14/21	3/16/15
Blackwolf Jr., Garland Lane	3/5/77	3/24/15
White Skunk, Edward Dunn	8/28/56	3/24/15
Limpy, Jeremy Allen	11/14/86	3/24/15
Little Thunder, Angel Capri	3/29/15	3/29/15
Botts, Jace Matthew	10/20/14	3/31/15
Thunderbull, Alberta Gladys	3/18/43	4/2/15
Romans, Linda Kay	1/29/53	4/6/15
Howlingwolf, Belinda Sue	2/7/71	4/9/15
Orange Sr., Rayburn Joe	2/12/56	4/9/15
Spotted Corn Jr., Donald P	4/14/54	4/10/15
Yellow Eagle Sr., Robert Darrell	12/25/61	4/12/15
Howlingcrane, Jeanette Riggs	4/25/72	4/15/15
Sankey, Easton Carlton	4/20/15	4/20/15
Wrspir, Deborah Dawn	6/17/60	4/23/15
Black Owl Sr., William Edward	3/24/56	4/23/15
Yellow Eyes, Charles L.	3/10/54	4/25/15
Ellis, Henrietta V.	8/15/31	4/26/15
Sankey, Crawford	5/30/75	4/26/15
White Tail, Annette Lois	4/26/60	4/29/15
Roman Nose, Dante Hat-Anew Wayne	2/14/02	5/3/15
Hawk, Travis Vaughn	2/19/78	5/4/15
Red Hat, Emma Anna	6/20/28	5/6/15
Chamberlin, Anderson Carl	11/21/18	5/9/15
White, Matthew Charles	5/5/71	5/12/15
Primeaux, Burgess Fred	3/12/72	5/15/15
Rutledge, Emerson Gene	4/15/56	5/15/15
Campbell, Frank Nelson	7/24/64	5/17/15
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Riggs, Victor Allen	11/30/60	6/5/15
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Sleeper Sr., Angelo	5/7/46	6/9/15
Bearhead, Arnold Keith	6/28/52	6/18/15
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Blackwolf, Alana Deene	10/26/51	6/28/15
Hamilton, William Charles	9/26/44	7/1/15
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Cruz, Elsie Marie	11/29/58	7/12/15
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Fisher Jr., Langburn	5/25/47	7/19/15
Black, Michael L.	6/8/62	7/24/15
Molina, William Clark	1/23/41	7/25/15
Bear, Theresa Gail	11/21/39	7/26/15
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Goss, Randolph Gerald	3/20/47	8/3/15
Spangler, Shinar Lee	9/6/76	8/5/15
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Lerma, Lu Alice	2/2/51	11/2/15
Red Nose, Reba Joyce	11/2/60	11/8/15
Gould, Amy	12/12/84	11/10/15
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Bringing Good, Mary Jane	1/31/70	11/18/15
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# MCN adopts free press legislation for Mvskoke Media

(NORMAN, OK) The Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN) added free press protections for the tribe's media division, Mvskoke Media, with the passage of a free press act.

The MCN National Council passed NCA 15-218 by a unanimous vote of 14-0 during the Sept. 26 meeting at the tribal headquarters in Okmulgee, Okla. MCN Principal Chief George Tiger signed the legislation into law Oct. 8.

The council cited access to information and a need for an independent media with stronger objective reporting by the tribe's media department as findings of support for the amendment.

Reps. Thomas Yahola, Pete Beaver, Johnnie Greene, David Nichols, Dode Barnett, Joyce Deere, Frank Coachman, Mark Randolph, Lucian Tiger, David Hill, Robert Hufft, James Jennings and Adam Jones co-sponsored the legislation.

The department includes a semi-monthly newspaper, weekly radio and television broadcasts and graphic design and printing services.

Mvskoke Media was previously organized under the tribe's executive branch.

Sterling Cosper, editor of the tribe's official newspaper, the Muscogee Nation News, said the passage of the act is a positive first step toward an independent press.

"Officially confirming the fourth estate to the framework of our government is an imperative exercise in tribal sovereignty and self-governance," he said. "We intend to perpetuate this exercise by immediately utilizing the protective provisions of this bill to fulfill its purpose of bringing fair and balanced accounts of MCN affairs to the citizens."

Jason Salsman was named interim manager of the department earlier this year. He is also the multimedia producer and

host of Native News Today, the only all-Native news format currently airing on network television in the state of Oklahoma.

"The citizens will get timely, pertinent news from credible journalists with excellent sources and documentation to back their work," Salsman said. "The fact that the fourth largest tribe in America will fund a department to be the watchdog sends a clear, concise message that transparent government is a top priority. My hope is that many others will do the same."

The amendment established an independent three-member editorial board, which oversees Mvskoke Media, without influence from the tribal government.

The executive branch, legislative branch and Mvskoke Media are each responsible for nominating one member to the newly established three-person editorial board. Each member will serve a three-year term.

Travis Snell and Rebecca Landsberry were confirmed as board members by tribal resolution Oct. 31 during the MCN National Council quarterly session.

As of press time, a third member has not yet been nominated.

Snell is a member of the Cherokee Nation and serves as the associate editor of the Cherokee Phoenix, the oldest Native American newspaper. The Phoenix is one of a handful of tribal media outlets with free press protections currently in place. He is a longtime member of the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA).

NAJA is a nonprofit organization educating and connecting its membership through programs that promote diversity and defend challenges to free press, speech and expression. NAJA currently has more than 500 members across the U.S. and Canada covering Native communities through local, trib-

al and mainstream media.

Landsberry is a Muscogee (Creek) citizen and former editor of the Muscogee Nation News. She is the current NAJA interim executive director and treasurer for the Native Health News Alliance.

Landsberry says freedom of the press empowers tribes. "It is essential for these journalists covering stories in Native America to have autonomy and the means to hold those in power accountable to the citizens," she said. "This historic act will continue to strengthen tribal sovereignty and is a tremendous accomplishment for NAJA members there in Mvskoke Media, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian Country."

Cosper said the next step will be to add a freedom of information act (FOIA).

"We encourage citizens and officials alike to strengthen our role in the checks and balances system by supporting the passage of a FOIA, which will provide attributive documentation for the content of our coverage," Cosper said.

Cosper said the department aims to ask for citizen input with adding free press language directly into the MCN Constitution, in addition to the new code of law.

"Through this, citizens would vote to add us as a functioning body of the foundational document for MCN government with their approval being the only means to reverse it," Cosper said.

MCN is the fourth largest Native American tribe in the U.S., and includes more than 79,000 citizens across the globe. It is the third tribe in the state of Oklahoma to enact free press protections, following the Osage Nation's passage of the Independent Press Act in 2008 and the Cherokee Nation's Independent Press Amendment in 2009.

# Remembering the life and legacy of John Trudell

John Trudell, noted activist, poet and Native thinker, walked on this morning after a lengthy bout with cancer. His family included some of his last messages to Indian country in a press release. Among them: "I want people to remember me as they remember me."

John Trudell was a Santee Dakota activist, artist, actor, and poet, who led a life dedicated to indigenous human rights, land and language issues. He helped spark a spoken word movement that is a continuation of Native American oral traditions. He walked on December 8 at the age of 69.

Born on Feb. 15, 1946 in Omaha, he spent his early years living on the Santee Reservation in northern Nebraska. His father was Santee and his mother was of Mexican Indian heritage. He had a normal life until his mother died at age 6, and the new rock and roll music resonated with him from ages 9-12. He said high school was not good for him and would enlist in the U.S. Navy from 1963 until 1967, to get away. He married Fenicia "Lou" Ordonez in 1968 in California, briefly attended college, thinking he would go into radio and broadcasting.

Everything changed in 1969 when Native American students and organizers, Trudell among them, occupied Alcatraz Island from Nov. 20, 1969 to June 11, 1970. That group became "Indians of All Tribes," and they issued the manifesto, We Hold the Rock, and eventually the book,

*Alcatraz is Not an Island*. The Alcatraz Occupation became an incubator for the nascent Native American rights movement, including the American Indian Movement (AIM) in Minneapolis. The legal basis for this occupation was the Treaty of Fort Laramie of 1868, which said that any abandoned federal property would revert to the Indian Nations. This treaty's legality would also inspire many more actions across Indian country. Trudell has always maintained that all these political actions were not just moral, ethical issues but were legal issues, according to Native treaty rights and federal trust responsibilities.

Trudell used his broadcasting experience on the airwaves of "Radio Free Alcatraz" (a clip from the program can be heard on the 2005 documentary Trudell). His marriage would end during this period as he became a leading Native spokesman attracting national attention. The negotiations over Alcatraz, the proposed Indian Center and the occupation itself fell apart in 1971, but so many names of Native activists, organizers, artists, writers and actors from that time would become prominent in the ensuing struggles, movement and documentation.

Events would cascade from actions related to the Raymond Yellow Thunder beating in 1972, to the nationally organized cross-country caravan Trail of Broken Treaties in 1972 that ended with the occupation of the Bureau of Indian Af-

fairs building in Washington, D.C. and the issuance of The 20 Points Manifesto. The scattering of activists after the BIA take-over led to AIM actions at the Custer County Courthouse, followed by the 1973 Liberation/Occupation of Wounded Knee village by AIM and the Oglala Sioux Civil Rights Organization. In 1973, Trudell became the national spokesperson for AIM, a position that he held until 1979.

Everybody seemed to have a personal relationship with Trudell, even if you met him only once. Some folks who never met him still have that same feeling that he knew their story because they could hear it resonate in his songs, poetry and movies. While poetry editor at Akwesasne Notes, I reviewed Trudell's first poetry chapbook, "Living in Reality: Songs Called Poems" (1982). It was a simple chapbook produced straight from "Indian country," on Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis. My review basically stated, don't worry that it didn't sound like "modern" poetry, Trudell had found a voice and had tapped into the collective consciousness; that no matter how well this collection of poems sold, Trudell's voice would be big, listened to and embraced. What he had to say was

that good, it was that needed. Nowadays we must come up with descriptions TO define his voice and presence, words like empowering, authentic, intelligent, inspirational and necessary. He believed in the Spoken Word, that it had power. He didn't think we should call our music and poetry "political or protest," as those were labels from those in control. He called them cultural realities and artistic statements: "We are speaking our truth, bringing our energy. Music is its own energy, it's good and positive in strengthening our communities."

The FBI agreed. In the documentary *Trudell* by Heather Rae (2005), they quote an FBI memo early on, "He is extremely eloquent, therefore extremely dangerous." They compiled a 17,000-page dossier See **Trudell** pg. 6

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on him, one of the longest in its history. Trudell said in the documentary, *Incident at Oglala*, "All I did was talk, and they cracked down hard just for that." Trudell was referring to a pivotal and cataclysmic moment in his life: the deaths of his wife Tina, their children Ricarda Star, Sunshine Karma, Eli Changing Sun, unborn son Josiah Hawk, and Tina's mother Leah Hicks-Manning, in a suspicious fire in their parents' house in February 1979 at the Duck Valley Reservation, Nevada. Trudell burned an American flag in protest on the steps of the FBI building in Washington, D.C., within 24 hours of the house fire. His family was known to have local enemies in law enforcement, but they could not prove it was arson even after the private investigator he hired said that the official version was practically impossible.

The period that followed brought most people to identify with the poet, artist and thinker called John Trudell. It is interesting to note that some dubbed him an ex-activist but that is one of those labels he criticized, and he would actually go on to influence another generation of activists and ordinary people. Many artists now use the phrase "Art Saved Me," and it had to be something like that for Trudell, because after the tragedy he was compelled to write poetry. He said it just came to him, like Tina was talking to him and he was just "following the lines."

"I didn't even know what reality was... then these lines came into my head and something said don't stop writing. I started to write my lines, they're called poems but in reality they are lines for me to hold onto, my hanging-on lines, it was real to me, it was a parting gift from Tina. Whatever happens just follow the writing and I might be able to find some kind of center. Whatever my future is... to see how long I get to participate... she gave me the lines to follow... so I won't fall completely... that feeling of falling apart, it doesn't go away." — John Trudell, from the 2005 Heather Rae documentary, *Trudell*.

He issued the chapbook, *Living in Reality* in 1982. That same year he began recording his poetry to traditional Native music by talking his friend Quiltman into backing him on drum and vocals. In 1983, he released his debut album *Tribal Voice* on his own Peace Company label. His relationship with Jackson Browne led him to other supporters like Kris Kristofferson, Bonnie Raitt, Indigo Girls, John Fogerty, Willie Nelson and Bob Dylan. Legendary Kiowa guitarist, Jesse Ed Davis came up to him in 1986 and said, "I can turn your poems into songs." They recorded three albums during this time. *AKA Graffiti Man* was released in 1986, dubbed the best album of the year by Bob Dylan, followed by *But This Isn't El Salvador* and *Heart Jump Bouquet*, both in 1987.

In 1988, Jesse Ed Davis passed away due to heroin addiction. Trudell was stunned. However, he was able to connect with other performers who kept him out there on stage, like Midnight Oil's From Diesel and Dust tour and Peter Gabriel's WOMAD tour. That era is known for the breakthrough of contemporary Native music, yet its main performers, Buddy Red Bow, Jim Pepper and Jesse Ed Davis all died at the height of their popularity due to ailments such as alcoholism and drug addiction. Trudell, however, followed more along the path of Floyd Red Crow Westerman, who walked on in 2007 after a slow deterioration of health.

Trudell's spoken word and music catalog is formidable. The title track of *Fables and Other Realities* (1991) jumps at the listener from the speaker and screen thanks to Trudell's urgent, rhythmical delivery, a style he would use in future songs and videos. It actually prefigures NDN rap and hip-hop beats. The album kicked off a good collaboration period with Mark Shark and other musicians. *AKA Graffiti Man* from 1992 was remixed as a best of compilation in 1992 to critical acclaim, as was *Johnny Damas & Me* in 1994, which continued the positive reception. Trudell

embarked on another pivotal period when he started up his Bad Dog touring band in 1999. He always said he wanted to bring Bad Dog everywhere with him from then on, but most times people were happy just to hear him speak. He and the band produced Blue Indians that year winning NAMMY awards; 1999 also brought international attention with *Stickman: Poems, Lyrics, Talks* edited by Paola Iglori. Further success in 2001 came with *Bone Days*, which was produced by actress Angelina Jolie. Trudell and Bad Dog would release *Madness And The Moremes*, a double album in 2007, and *Crazier Than Hell* in 2010.

JT — DNA (Descendant Now Ancestor), 2001, is all spoken word, no music, and represents his more popular speeches and themes. He repeats some of those themes, and adds newer Bad Dog lyrics, in his most recent, *Through the Dust*, 2014, which features the ambient beats of Swiss producer, Kwest. There's also the rare CD/vinyl, *John Trudell & Bad Dog — Live à Fip*, a live album recorded in Paris, France in 2005 that now sells for \$70. In 1992, he also released *Children of the Earth: Child's Voice*. Trudell was partnered with Marcheline Bertrand, Angelina Jolie's mother, as she dealt with cancer, which she succumbed to in 2007. Marcheline and Angelina also executive produced the 2005 documentary with Heather Rae as well.

Trudell's movie career also created a new generation of fans with feature films like *Thunderheart*, a 1992 Hollywood thriller by director Michael Apted, who also swung a documentary film into the deal, *Incident at Oglala*, produced/narrated by Robert Redford. He was also in the 1998 seminal Native-made film, *Smoke Signals*, written by Sherman Alexie and directed by Chris Eyre. His great line in the film is, "It's a good day to be indigenous," in which he is again back to NDN radio roots as DJ Randy Peone of K-REZ. He was also in the Steven Seagal thriller, *On Deadly Ground*, and played Coyote in Hallmark's made for TV movie, *Dreamkeeper*. Inci-

dent at Oglala and Trudell were important projects that helped to develop Redford's Sundance Institute's Native American Program, as overseen by Bird Runningwater.

Controversy occurred in 2004 when Trudell testified at the trial of AIM members, Arlo Looking Cloud and John Graham, who were sentenced to life imprisonment for the kidnapping and murder of Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash. Trudell was boycotted by Native students in Vancouver, British Columbia, and criticized by AIM hardliners. Trudell said it was a confidential matter involving Looking Cloud relieving his conscience and Trudell only talked about it after it was revealed in media accounts.

In constant demand as a speaker, presenter or commentator, he and his fans preferred to post speeches and videos on his website, Facebook or YouTube. His lengthy illness became generally known, and one may assume he was involved in medical marijuana therapy given videos for songs like *Wildseed*, *Grassfire* and various Bad Dog concerts and interviews. He has several children, as he has said, "spread around the country so they will always be safe." His daughters Sage, Song and Star are featured in the 2005 documentary and his daughter Tara and her sisters were at Alcatraz. His youngest boy, Cetan, lives in San Francisco. He was very private about his family life and had managers screening all of his business and social media.

His last big media success was the book, *Lines from a Mined Mind: The Words of John Trudell*, a collection of 25 years of poetry, lyrics and essays from Fulcrum Publishing, 2008. This collection is a tribute to the man, his legend and legacy. We all felt we knew him. He shared pain, courage, insight and wisdom with all of us. He felt he could mix thoughts, poetry, music and human energy to create... Power. Human Being Power. Some felt him a prophet like Bob Marley, but John also said he was a happy soldier in Elvis Presley's Army.

## What you should know about Hepatitis C

### CSU's formation of dedicated Hepatitis C Team

(CLINTON, OK) The Clinton Indian Health Center (CIHC) has formed a dedicated Hepatitis C Team to treat and care for our patients with Hepatitis C. Hepatitis means "inflammation of the liver." There are several different viruses causing Hepatitis, including: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

Hepatitis A is a virus often spread through food, and most people are able to clear this virus on their own. Hepatitis B & C are "blood-borne" viruses, which means people may catch them through exposure to infected blood. Vaccines are available for Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B, which most people now get as children. However, there is not yet a vaccine for Hepatitis C.

About 25 percent (one out of four) of people who catch Hepatitis C fight the virus off on their own. For the remaining 75 percent of people who catch Hepatitis C, the virus stays in their system developing into "Chronic Hepatitis C." People with Chronic Hepatitis C develop scarring of the liver, which can lead to liver disease, liver failure and liver cancer. Chronic Hepatitis C is the most common reason for people to get liver transplants in the United States. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), about 15,000 people die each year from Hepatitis C.

A person may be infected with Hepatitis C years without ever feeling sick. The virus can silently cause liver damage, all while the infected person feels perfectly fine. The good news is Hepatitis C may be screened for through a simple blood test, and there

are new treatments available making it possible for more people than ever before to be totally cured.

The CDC recommends for the following people to be screened for the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV):

Anybody born between 1945-1965

Anybody who has ever used injected drugs — even if it was just once, or a long time ago

People who received clotting factors made before 1987

People who have been on dialysis

People with abnormal liver function tests over a long period of time with no explanation

People infected with HIV

People who have had blood transfusions or organ transplants, especially before 1992

Healthcare workers who may have had blood-borne pathogen exposure

Children born to mothers with HCV

In the recent past, treatment for Hepatitis C involved multiple infusions, sometimes for over a year. Cure rates were not very good (less than 50 percent), and side effects were often grueling. But now, with the new medications available, most people with Hepatitis C can be treated with pills instead of shots. Treatment usually only takes 12 weeks, and the side effects are much less serious. Best of all, for most kinds of Hepatitis C, cure rates are over now over 90 percent.

If you are interested in being screened or treated for Hepatitis C, please ask your nurse or doctor for more information.

## Letter to the Editor ...

### A Country in Crisis

Mass killings have become an epidemic chaos that plagues and sweeps across our nation. It sickens me to think that this continuing violence of mass killings committed by these perpetrators is thought to be their means of resolving their frustrations. When did our social structure become so heartless and our democratic processes become so corrupt that there are those who come to believe that the only effective alternative is to unleash a torrent of violence as a means for change?

America has become like the Israel in the time of Isaiah: "How terrible! Israel is a nation of sin, a people loaded down with guilt, a group of children doing evil, children who are full of evil." Isa. 1:4. "Your rulers are rebels and friends of thieves. They all accept money for doing wrong, and they are paid to cheat people. They don't seek justice for the orphans or listen to the widows needs. So the Lord God All-Powerful, the Mighty One of Israel says: "You, my enemies, will not cause me any more trouble. I will pay you back for what you did." Isa. 23-24.

I fail to see how killing people at a Planned Parent clinic for whatever cause can be productive to that cause or be seen as a victory. What spurs a person to kill senselessly at a community college and what overwhelming hatred drives a person to kill innocent people in a church. It goes on and on. The outcome of all this wanton violence is that it fosters a preju-

dicial mood in the politicians we elect, the police we count on to protect us and in a majority of the people. I wonder if I'm not alone in sensing that a mood of ill will toward one's fellow man prevails in this country.

That is why I am troubled by the position taken by presidential candidates like Trump and Cruz who espouse a database of all Muslims which is similar to the forced marking and identification of the Jews by the Nazis in WWII. That will only give support to our true enemies for more violence like what took place in France and Africa. A stance that Trump and Cruz advocate rallies the users of violence in seeing their cause as justified since in their eyes they are the oppressed. We must not give the enemy a good cause to commit what they will see as good violence.

At the heart of all these mass killings that we've witnessed lately is the urgent need for stricter gun control. And we should support a political candidate that is for this issue and oppose any that does not see the rationality in it.

Violence in America and in the world has become an epidemic and its victims are the innocents that it targets and in its wake those that will not take a stance to end this madness with the voice they possess. We as a God-fearing people must strive to redeem our humanity by working for reform in our society and in our government.

David Kaw  
Lake Jackson, Texas



# EATING healthy for DIABETES

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# Events & Powwows CALENDAR

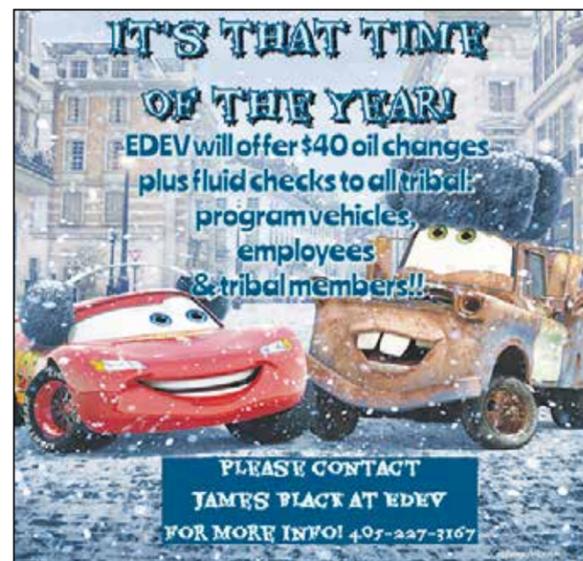
### LIHEAP Community Outreach Meetings

11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Jan. 5 Clinton Community Center, Jan. 7 Hammon Community Center, Jan. 12 Canton Community Center, Jan. 14 Watonga Community Center, Feb. 10 Seiling Community Center, Feb. 16 Woodward Public Library and Feb. 18, Kingfisher Memorial Library.

Portable floor heaters and blankets will be distributed to those who qualify, first come first served. Remember to bring proof of income for all household members 18 years and older, CDIBs for household members and a copy of utility bill. For more information call 405-422-7476.

### The ninth annual Doyle Lonelodge Memorial Basketball Tournament

Jan. 30-31, 2016 at the Clinton R.E.Sp.E.C.T. gym in Clinton, Okla. Deadline to register is 5 p.m., Jan. 26, 2016. All teams must consist of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members 18 years or older. For more information or to register call 405-422-7570.



Triglycerides matter. Why? Most importantly, high levels of fat in the blood in the form of triglycerides can increase your risk for heart disease. Luckily, the same dietary recommendations that are advised for a number of other conditions, such as losing weight and lowering blood cholesterol, can also help lower triglycerides. When excess calories are eaten, triglycerides are formed and stored for the body to use at a later time. Think of it as stocking up your pantry for an ice storm when you can't go get food. However, some people have triglyceride levels that increase their risk of heart disease. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), a normal triglyceride level is below 150 mg/dL and a level above 200 mg/dL is high. For

many, a healthy level can be achieved through lifestyle changes such as following a heart-healthy diet, losing weight and increasing physical activity.

### A Heart-Healthy Eating Plan

Your healthy eating plan should be moderate in carbohydrate foods such as whole-grain breads, cereals and pasta. Limit foods with added sugars such as desserts, baked goods and sugar-sweetened beverages (i.e. fruit juices, soda, teas, Gatorade, etc.). Try substituting with calorie-free beverages and choosing smaller portions of candy and desserts.

Additional recommendations from the AHA include following a Mediterranean-style diet by eating more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and seafood while limiting saturated

fat, trans fat, added sugars and alcohol. This eating pattern includes a moderate amount of healthy monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats found in oils such as canola and olive oils.

According to the *Dietary Guidelines*, Americans need to eat more seafood to help prevent heart disease. Seafood has a range of nutrients and is high in omega-3 fatty acids. It is easy to get enough omega-3 fatty acids by eating fish regularly. Just two servings of seafood per week (about eight ounces total) will provide the recommended amount of omega-3 fatty acids. Seafood high in omega-3 fatty acids include salmon, Atlantic herring, Atlantic mackerel, farmed rainbow trout, white tuna and halibut. Note: Pregnant and nursing women and young children should avoid shark,

swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish, which contain high levels of mercury. Albacore tuna has more mercury than canned light tuna, and should be limited to no more than six ounces per week.

### Omega-3 Supplements

High doses of supplemental omega-3 fatty acids have been shown to lower triglycerides in patients with high triglycerides (greater than 200 mg/dL). However, this should only be done under the advice and supervision of a doctor. If your triglyceride level is above 150 mg/dL, discuss lifestyle changes and the potential advantage of taking supplements with your doctor and registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN). An RDN can help develop a healthy eating plan that meets your personal health needs and lifestyle.

# CSU's Public Health Nursing recognized for "Best Practice"

CSU exceeding national average for teen HPV vaccination rates

The CSU's Public Health Nursing (PHN) Department has been nationally recognized as accomplishing a "Best Practice" for increasing Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunization rates amongst the teens within our service unit.

The HPV vaccine is administered prior to potential exposure to the HPV virus. The vaccine is a three dose series starting at age 11, then given over a span of six months. Females have opportunity for vaccination until age 26, and males until age 21.

The HPV vaccine protects both females and males from HPV contracted via sexual activity in nearly all sexually active people at some point in their life. While most cases resolve, persistent HPV infections can lead to warts or "papillomas" of the genitalia. There are over 150 HPV viruses and 40 of these types may place both males and females at risk for genital warts and certain types of cancers.

"In March of 2014, the PHN Department got together to review how they would be able to increase HPV immunization rates in CSU," said Bonnie Kraft, director of PHN. "We reviewed teen data recorded in our community through CSU health records, county health departments, private providers, and the state department of health's Oklahoma State Immunization Information System."

PHN provided education to the medical and nursing staff, reviewed monthly missed opportunities, mailed letters, made home visits and phone calls to the parents and/or guardians of each eligible teen due for vaccine. Teen immunization clinics were held at each facility and these efforts continue on.

Teen HPV immunization rates amongst our 13 to 17 year olds have increased from just above 40 percent in 2013 to over 86 percent in 2015. CSU is far exceeding the national average for teen HPV vaccination rates.

In 2014, the national average was at 60 percent for the first dose of HPV and 39 percent for the third dose of HPV. The CSU was at 86.5 percent for the first dose and at 51 percent for the third.

According to the CDC, clinical trials have shown the HPV vaccine provides close to 100 percent protection against pre-cancers and genital warts. Since the vaccine was first recommended in 2006, there has been a 56 percent reduction in HPV infections among teen girls and fewer teens are getting genital warts.

For more information on HPV or the HPV vaccine, contact the PHN Department at:

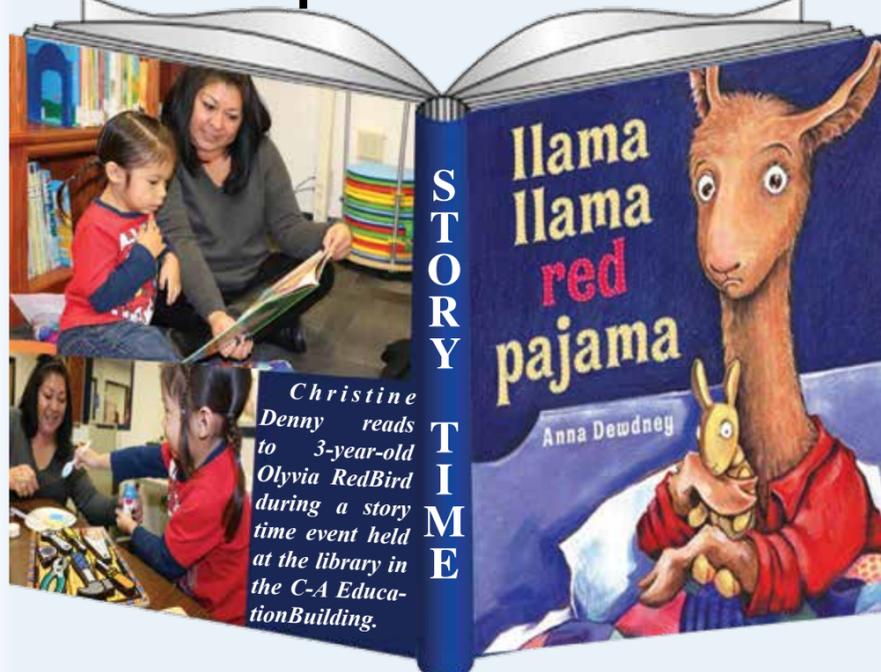
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and tribal partners.

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## Once Upon a Time ...



Reading Christmas stories and decorating Christmas cookies are as much a part of Christmas as Santa and his reindeer are.

Christine Denny, librarian at the Cheyenne & Arapaho Library hosted a small cozy

story time, reading Llama Llama, Red Pajama to 3 year old Olyvia RedBird on Dec. 17 topping it off with cookie decorating fun using creamy white frosting and glimmering blue crystals on top.

Food Distribution Program ~ January 2016						
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1/2 onion  
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2 c. water  
4 c. chicken broth  
4 c. milk  
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1-15 ounce jar cheese whiz  
4 cups mild cheddar cheese (more or less depending on how cheesy you want it)  
2 cans white potatoes (optional)

Cook onion in butter until tender. Add chicken broth, water, milk, and potatoes if you desire. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium, and add Worcestershire sauce, cheese whiz, and cheddar cheese. Stir until completely melted. Sprinkle with flour for a thicker soup and sprinkle cheese on top. Serve hot.

## Cheddar Cheese Soup

1/2 cup onion  
1/2 cup butter  
2 cups water  
4 cups chicken broth  
4 cups milk  
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1-15 oz. jar of cheese whiz  
4 cups mild shredded cheddar cheese  
2 cans white potatoes (optional)

Cook onion in butter until tender.  
Add chicken broth, water, milk and potatoes (if desired).  
Bring to a boil, reduce to medium heat and add Worcestershire sauce, cheese whiz and cheddar cheese. Stir until completely melted. Sprinkle with flour for a thicker soup and sprinkle cheese on top. Serve hot.





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**Veterans Service Office Director - Concho Closing: Until Filled**

**Qualifications:**  
This position requires a responsible and reliable individual who is able to work independently with little supervision and make decisions concerning the organization of records and files. Incumbent should be able to follow directions, communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Some knowledge of maps, plans and other data related to construction will be beneficial but not required. Have some knowledge in realty terminology, oil and gas and leasing desired but not required, familiar with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal lands. Hold a bachelor's degree or master's degree in areas relative to land management, some college and/or related work experience or equivalent. Work experience of five years or more in any of the following areas is preferred: Oil & Gas Landman, Land Management & Real Estate, Energy, Natural Resource, Title & Abstract or Tribal Land Management. Must have knowledge in the operation of various office machines. Must have knowledge of Hearth Act. Computer skills and knowledge of Word, Excel, Access and other various applications. Ability to communicate and relate to Indian and non-Indian communities. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver's license. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference. **SALARY:** Negotiable

**Qualifications:**  
Associates degree or certificate in landscaping, gardening or horticulture preferred. Must be able to pass background investigation. Knowledge and experience in the area of gardening and greenhouses. Knowledge of traditional Native foods and cultivation of foods. Ability to research and implement healthy and organic gardening methods. Two years supervisory experience. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Ability to communicate proficiently both orally and written. Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs. Knowledge of financial reporting/budgets. Display a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments in a timely manner. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference. **SALARY:** Negotiable

**Qualifications:**  
High school graduate or GED. Must be able to do moderate to heavy lifting. Must pass a physical examination. Must have demonstrated ability to operate PC Computer. Oklahoma CDL preferred, forklift operator's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho Preference. **SALARY:** Negotiable

**Qualifications:**  
Citizenship and right to work in the United States. Must be a veteran, having separated under honorable conditions from any branch of the U.S. armed forces after having served active duty for at least 181 consecutive days, or by reason of disability incurred while serving on active duty. A bachelor's degree is desirable. One to two years of related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. **SALARY:** Negotiable

## Family Reunion Notice

Honoring our mothers: Kathryn Nibbs Bullcoming, Frances Nibbs Russell, Ida Nibbs Williams

These three beautiful sisters were always together. They had a lot of love and respect for each other. They endured many hard times in their lives and to raise their children in a good way. They walked the spirit road one at a time. Now they are gone. We've carried on with our lives, but we here because of them. We need to come back together as a family and to remember our mothers. To pay our respect to these three beautiful mothers and grandmothers. I know they will be there at our gathering in spirit, to see how far we've gone without them. At this writing, I am doing my best to map out a plan for all of us to come together. When all this is planned I will put it in the *C&A Tribal Tribune*. Any input would help right now. I can be reached at 580-216-3558 or 425-622-8650 and I'm also on Facebook. Ah-ho!  
Your family member, LeeAnna Mousetrail Russell Moses

**Holiday Closure**  
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**Lio Lee Rutledge**  
Nov. 19, 1980  
Dec. 4, 2015



**Wesley Ray Zotigh Sr.**  
Sept. 23, 1959  
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A wake service for Lio Lee Rutledge was held on Dec. 10, 2015 at the Berry-Bell & Hall Mortuary in Fallbrook, Calif. A graveside service was held on Dec. 11 at the Pala Indian Cemetery.

A wake service for Wesley Ray Zotigh Sr. was held on Dec. 10, 2015 at the Hammon Community Building in Hammon, Okla. A funeral service was held on Dec. 11 at the Hammon High School Auditorium followed by an interment at the Hammon Indian Mennonite Cemetery in Hammon, Okla.

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To my youngest baby girl,  
Donna Lee Sage  
Dec. 29, 2015  
You are becoming such a beautiful young lady!  
Love Mom, Anna Kaye & your sisters, Rachel, Rosey, Regina, McKinley & baby niece Leeanna



Happy 16th Birthday to Matthew Guzman  
You are becoming a young man.  
We love you and wish you a blessed year to come.  
From your mom, lil sis Mya & bro Mason!

Would like to wish my baby girls Cordelia and Dalena a happy 9th and 8th Birthday!  
I pray God continues to bless and watch over you! I love and miss you!  
Have a wonderful day babies!  
Love, momma Nova!



**Happy Belated 14th Birthday**  
To my son,  
**Louis Lipton Shawnee**  
**Dec. 7, 2001**  
Love, your dad **Herbert Leon Shawnee**



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# Washburn leaving DOI post

## Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn to Conclude Successful Tenure at Interior, Return to Teaching

(WASHINGTON) U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell has announced that Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn, after more than three years of leadership, will conclude his service to the Department and will return to the faculty of the University of New Mexico School of Law in January. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Lawrence "Larry" Roberts will lead Indian Affairs for the remainder of the Obama Administration.

"Kevin is a tireless change agent for Indian Country and true partner in our efforts to chart a brighter future for tribal communities through self-determination and self-governance," Secretary Jewell said. "He is a thoughtful leader who provided a steady hand to modernize Indian Affairs to better serve tribes, which will be felt by generations to come in tribal communities across the country. It has been an honor to call him a colleague and friend, and I thank him for his selfless service."

"The opportunity to serve Indian Country under the leadership of President Obama and Secretary Jewell, and with my colleagues in Indian Affairs at Interior, has been the highest privilege of my life," Washburn said. "I have seen a level of trust develop with tribes in the nation-to-nation relationship under President Obama that has not existed in more than 200 years of federal-tribal policy. It has been a very special time. I appreciate Secretary Jewell for leading with her heart and conscience on Native issues and encouraging the entire federal government to live up to its trust responsibility to tribes."

Following Washburn's departure, Roberts will serve as Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in January. Roberts is a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and has served in leadership at Interior since 2012. He previously served as General Counsel of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

"Larry has been centrally involved in virtually every one of the Department's accomplishments in Indian Country the last three years and has been instrumental in developing a strong Indian Affairs team to carry the President's work to the end of the Administration," said

Jewell. "With Larry's leadership, I am confident we will continue the strong momentum rooted in tribal self-determination and self-governance that Kevin has helped reignite."

Assistant Secretary Washburn advanced the Administration's commitment to tribal self-determination, including addressing past disputes through the Ramah settlement, improving the federal acknowledgement process, updating right-of-way regulations, and the land-into-trust process. Washburn has been fighting for mandatory funding for self-determination contract support costs. Washburn has also prioritized investment in the next generation of Indian Country, working with his colleagues at the Bureau of Indian Education to improve and transform the agency to better serve American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

Particularly meaningful to Washburn, the Department, under his guidance, has energetically executed the President's strategy to restore tribal homelands. Shortly after he took office, Washburn improved federal land-into-trust policy with the so-called "Patch



Patch" regulatory fix and helped reverse longstanding policy against federal trust lands in Alaska. He also worked to implement the HEARTH Act, minimize state taxation of business activity on Indian reservations and helped establish the Land Buy Back Program which, in only two years of active land purchases, has invested nearly \$730 million in Indian Country to restore nearly 1.5 million acres of land to Indian tribes.

Working with Indian Country and the U.S. Department of Justice, Wash-

burn also helped implement the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2013, which now includes protections for Native American women, and he helped to implement the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, which he had helped write as a law professor.

Washburn also oversaw the establishment of the White House Council on Native American Affairs. The Council is succeeding in producing better coordination across the federal government in services to Indian Country. With his

team, Washburn also helped coordinate four of the seven annual White House Tribal Nations Conferences.

Washburn is the longest serving Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs since Ada Deer, who served from 1993 to 1997. Washburn succeeded Larry Echohawk who served nearly three years from May of 2009 through April of 2012.

During his time at the Department, Washburn has been on leave from the University of New Mexico, where he served as the dean of the School of Law.

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