Nez Perce 8.3M settlement goes to tribal citizens

By Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

On May 13 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Sixth Legislature convened for their regular monthly meeting in Concho, Okla.

One of the items on their agenda was to appropriate and direct Nez Perce settlement monies to all tribal citizens in the form of a per capita payment, which passed through legislature and was signed into law by Governor Eddie Hamilton the following week.

In 2006 40 tribes, including the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, joined Idaho’s Nez Perce Tribe in filing suit against the U.S. Department of the Interior, alleging a century of mismanaged trust funds and royalties for oil, gas, grazing and timber rights on lands held in common by tribal communities.

According to an article in the High County News, “it was a different battle-front than the better-known class-action lawsuit filed by Montana Blackfeet leader Elouise Cobell, which represents individual Natives whose resources were mismanaged by the agency. The $3.4 billion settlement of the Cobell case authorized by Congress in 2010 was finally resolved after being tangled up in the courts for years, but the resolution of Nez Perce et al. v. Salazar was settled relatively quickly in comparison to Cobell. As the funds began rolling in, however, conflict, not celebration, ensued. Nearly every tribe that had hoped to invest or save or otherwise spend the money was met with resistance from tribal members, who prefer to see it distributed on a per capita basis. Some have used social media to make their point, campaigning on Facebook and Twitter to pressure leaders to “show us the money.”

The original plaintiff in the case, the Nez Perce Tribe, distributed most of the $33.7 million it received to tribal members, but held back $5 million for the National American Rights Fund, which handled the litigation.

Likewise after weeks of discussions and negotiations, the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma will distribute the $8.3 million settlement to all tribal citizens (million of $8) in the form of a per capita payment. The payments were mailed May 31, 2017.

Tribal citizens 18 years and older will also receive their annual Gaming per capita payments in August 2017.

For members who are 17 and under, annual Gaming per capita payments are dispersed into their individual trust accounts.

Remembering fallen heroes on Veteran’s Memorial Day

By Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

During the weekend of Memorial Day, it may be common to hear of big sales occurring across stores, retail shops, car dealerships and more than often some look at Memorial weekend as an extra day off from work.

The reality of Memorial Day is it could have a more sincere meaning for veterans and families who have lost loved ones.

On May 25 the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes held their annual Veteran’s Memorial Day service at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla., commemorating the lives of those who were active in the military.

As military veterans, friends and family gathered to remember those who gave their lives during active duty, the wind caressed the flags flying high above the community center.

The service began with a Memorial drum song and with each beat respective to the many beating hearts present; a life that was once dedicated to the armed forces was remembered.

Through stories and testimonials that were shared during the ceremony, gratitude applied salutes.

“It’s important for us as family and tribal members to remember what all our Veterans have done for us, the Bible has told us that there is no greater love than to give your life for that of another,” by having something green growing on their land as long as possible, ag producers can increase the health of their soil by following winter wheat with some form or mix of cover crops and by improving the health of their pastures.

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Sexual assault victim/survivor leads response and resource team trainings

As she lay sleeping in her bed one night, Terrell turned her face to the left and was confronted by a man who had been watching her for months. The man crept closer to her bed, and Terrell, fearing for her life, screamed for help. The man grabbed her and dragged her to the bathroom. There, he forced himself upon her and raped her. Terrell was terrified. She was left alone with her thoughts, wondering what would happen next.

Terrell continued to experience nightmares and flashbacks for several months after the assault. She was afraid to leave her home and was constantly on guard. She even started to lose trust in people she knew. She was橠再 able to go out in public without feeling like she would be attacked again. Her trust in others was starting to diminish, and she was struggling to cope with the trauma she had experienced.

Terrell was referred to a counselor for therapy, and she began to work through her emotions. She learned to process the trauma she had experienced and started to rebuild her confidence. She was able to start trusting others again and slowly began to step out of her comfort zone.

Terrell became an advocate for sexual assault survivors and started to speak out about her experience. She wanted to help others who might be going through the same thing she did. She started to work with local organizations to raise awareness about sexual assault and to help others who might be going through similar experiences.

Terrell's experience has helped her understand the importance of working as a multi-disciplinary group to better meet the needs of the victims and better meet the needs of the criminal justice system in processing sexual assaults.

“We both need to get the help we need to survive sexual assault,” Terrell said. “Knowing the statistics of this will help you realize that we need to do more. We need to be better in helping victims sur-

Many women and men in their communities are affected by sexual assault. They are the ones who are affected by this on a daily basis. They are the ones who are affected by this on a regular basis.

Terrell said that she is still working through her emotions and that she is still struggling to cope with the trauma she has experienced. She is still trying to rebuild her trust in others and to find a way to move forward with her life.

Terrell is still working with local organizations to raise awareness about sexual assault and to help others who might be going through similar experiences. She is still working to help others understand the importance of working as a multi-disciplinary group to better meet the needs of the victims and better meet the needs of the criminal justice system in processing sexual assaults.

“At the end of the day, we all need to be working together to help others who are going through the same thing I did,” Terrell said. “We need to be working together to make sure that everyone is safe and that no one else has to experience what I did.”

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Youth rally interweaves comedy into alcohol/drug prevention and awareness

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

Combining comedy and education made the authors aim to empower youth to make good decisions about alcohol and drugs and to make positive change in Native communities during National Prevention week. On May 17 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Health (DOH), Tradition Not Tradition Not Prevention week was held the week of May 14. The primary basis for the youth rally was to bring awareness for prevention and positive mental health to the community, particularly targeting Native youth. It’s an evening activity that celebrates the youth, it celebrates prevention and what better way than to be and wit humor," Nicholas Barton, DOH executive director said.

Nicholson said an issue most commonly known throughout communities is lack of communication. "Some kids don’t know how to communicate with their parents and some parents don’t know how to communicate, so there’s a gap between getting things out there which leads to a lot of issues," he said.

With the hope of change for the future, Nicholson hopes his motivational messages serves as a building block and tool for individuals to use in a positive direction but also to help communities create that drive within themselves to be the best they can be. “I see a lot of Indian communities really hurting because of alcohol, because of social media, because of conflict identity, because of mental health, because of dreams and goals. I hope it’s up to you to use that. That’s all I can do and then I walk away and I pray that communities continue to bring in speakers or prac-
tice what I said at home," Nicholson said.

As the evening progressed filled with chuckles and laughter, Nicholson’s enterprising approach brought laughter to a new level as his motivational messages seemed to resonate with each giggle. “I hope they take something that they can use, whether it can be through laughter or whether it be through communication, whatever it may be, if they can use them in their lives and continue to build a good foundation and base that is the best that they can be," Nicholson said.

Kasey Nicholson, Youth Rally Speaker talks to youth about the importance of having dreams and goals. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)
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Online gaming

Memorial

The Iowa Tribe is in the process of applying for a gaming license from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which will allow the website to offer real-money gaming (RMG) to its members. The tribe hopes to obtain the license this summer, tribal spokesperson Sarah Vasevic said.

The tribe's website, Vasevic said, will only offer online games based on real-world outcomes, rather than skill-based gaming. The site will launch once we secure the license, Mc- Condorcet said.

The website is expected to be completed by the end of 2017, according to tribal leaders. The tribe has partnered with two gaming developers to create the site.

The tribe is also working with the National Indian Gaming Commission to ensure that the site complies with all regulations.

Soothe Hill, a member of the Iowa Tribe and a former Army veteran, said, "We do plan to offer online games, but they will be based on random outcomes and not skill. The games will be fair and transparent, and the profits will go back to the tribe and its members."

The tribe is also planning to use the proceeds from the online gaming site to support its cultural and educational programs.

Local Native American leaders are supportive of the tribe's efforts to offer online gaming. "We see this as a way for our youth to stay connected to their culture and traditions," said Chief Officer Tom Johnson. "And it will help support our cultural programs as well."

The tribe has a large online community of members who are interested in online gaming, and they are excited about the potential for the tribe to offer online games.

The tribe is currently in the process of forming a gaming committee to oversee the implementation of the online gaming site.

The tribe is also working with the National Indian Gaming Commission to ensure that the site complies with all regulations. The tribe is expected to launch the site in 2018.

Editorial

My name is Lori Brooks, the Burial Planner for the Iowa Tribe, and I am a member of the Iowa Tribe. I have been working in the funeral industry for over 25 years and have seen many changes in the way we handle burials. One of the biggest changes has been the increase in the use of online burial services.

When someone passes away, their family often wants to do everything they can to honor their loved one. This can be a difficult and emotional time, but I believe that it is important to make sure that the funeral service is as meaningful as possible. That is why I decided to start an online burial service.

When a family contacts me, I will work with them to create a customized burial plan that fits their needs and budget. I will also work with them to ensure that the funeral is conducted in a way that is respectful and meaningful to everyone involved.

I believe that online burials can be a great way to honor the memory of someone who has passed away. If you are interested in learning more about online burial services, please visit our website at www.burialplanner.com.

Letter to the Editor

An amateur is wrecking havoc on the United States government.

Something the voters who elected Donald Trump as President should know is that there was no lack of professional politicians or leaders giving a voice to the concerns of ordinary Americans. In our divided country, many Americans feel that their voices are not being heard.

I have often thought about the need to hate ourselves for the sake of some political power. None whatsoever. I keep thinking about what's 12 and you'd better... In my way, liberal and conservative are both words that need to be heard.

The hatred that we see today, I believe, is based on the need to hate ourselves for the sake of some political power. None whatsoever.

I am a long-time supporter of the Iowa Tribe and I am excited to see what they are doing to support their cultural and educational programs.

I believe that the Iowa Tribe is making a great contribution to the community. I am excited to see what they will do in the future.

Sincerely,

Lori Brooks, Tribal Citizen

Summer Food Service

June 5—July 28, 2017

The 2017 Summer Food Service Program is currently enrolling children and youth in need of nutritious meals. The program is available at various locations throughout the United States, including tribal communities.

The program provides free meals to children and youth ages 18 and under. The meals are served at designated sites, such as schools, community centers, and parks. Children and youth must be present to receive meals.

The program is open to all children and youth, regardless of income. Children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meal programs at school are also eligible for free meals at the Summer Food Service Program.

For more information or to enroll in the program, please visit www.ussda.gov/summerfoodservice.
Congratulations to Tristen Cardwell! Tristen graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with two bachelor degrees. She will be pursuing her master’s degree in Social Work at UCL in the fall on a full scholarship. We want to extend our congratulations to Tristen’s accomplishments. Lots of love and friends.

In Loving Memory of Robert Roy Curtis on May 12, 2017. Robert Roy Curtis enlisted into the U.S. Navy at the age of 19. He was a crew member of the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt serving he participated in seven landings in the Pacific during the war. St. Stationed in Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, Nov. 20, 1944; Kossol, Marshall Islands, Apr. 4, 1944; Saipan, Mariana Islands, June 15, 1944; Guam, July 21, 1944; Peleliu Palau, Nov. 27, 1944; Leyte and Luzon, Philipines Islands, Oct. 10, 1944.

He was honorably discharged on Feb. 15, 1946, with the rank of Seaman Apprentice. Robert then returned to Oklahoma and enlisted in the armed forces only 6 years later at the age of 25. He was being charged with the rank of Sergeant. As his only child, I know that was the happiest time of his life. He was born on Sept. 11, 1944 and died April 9, 1953 at the age of 8. He quite a Warrior. Roberta Jean Curtis, daughter of Robert Roy Curtis and queen to reign over this event. The Oklahoma Indians hand game team, who sponsored this year’s tournament, also voted for a king of the year. We had a wonderful event. The criteria was simple: the 2017 hand game teams list of Ava Benson.

There were two other awards given out. The Best War Bonnet Award was given to Magic and the Best Guesser Award was given to Magic and the Best Guesser Award was given to Magic and the Best Guesser Award was given to Magic and the Best Guesser Award was given to Magic and the Best Guesser Award was given to Magic and the Best Guesser Award was given to Magic.

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Margaret Sue White Bear Shields was born on July 25, 1969 in Clinton, Okla., as John Paul, Kay (Fletcher) White Bear and passed away on May 13, 2017 in Geary, Okla., at the age of 49. Margaret graduated from West View High School in Effete, Wi. She lived in Geary all her life. Margaret loved playing pool, was a Cheyenne Princess, Chiricahua, and Apachia Sundancer, and enjoyed attending powwows. She was a member of the Native American Church. Margaret was a big OU fan and attended Denver Broncos fan. Services were held for Margaret White Bear Shields at the Oklahoma Indian Community Center, followed by an Interment at the Blackbear, Hunter Helmsley, Myrickle Blackbear, Shanna Beaver, Melinda Whitebird, and Budda Birdshead.

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EMPLOYMENT


CASEWORKER

Indian Child Welfare Worker

Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Must be a high school graduate or equivalent. Knowledge and understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work other than normal working hours including weekends and holidays and after 5 p.m. Must have knowledge of crisis theory and interventions, understand and strive to implement the program’s goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Must have basic knowledge of early childhood education and child welfare casework, child abuse and neglect indicating the need for protective services, and skills written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian agencies and the general public. Must have a valid Oklahoma license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho culture and values. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent. Must have knowledge of early childhood education and child welfare casework, child abuse and neglect. Must be able to work flexible hours and willing to work other than normal working hours including weekends and holidays. Must have knowledge of crisis theory and interventions, understand and strive to implement the program’s goals, objectives, rules and regulations.

SUMMER FOOD WORKER

Gravy-Williams-Canton Office

Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Strong communication skills and possess a positive attitude. Must be willing to submit to an OSBI background check and be able to pass background requirements. Ability to effectively communicate with participants, staff and others. Must pass pre-hire drug testing, if required. SALARY: Negotiable.

TEACHER

Child Development / Clinton Location

Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma, GED certification or have completed the 10th grade and be in the process of obtaining a current Oklahoma driver’s license and pass physical exam. Must sign employee contract stating employee will attain CDA or Mastery Certification to maintain employment. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and pass physical exam. Must be able to work flexible hours and willing to work daily with children and demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings as well as parent/teacher meetings when required, submit monthly reports, attend workshops and have adequate transportation. Must have skills to work with the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check, mandatory drug and alcohol screen and be willing to work flexible work schedule. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable.

LEGAL NOTICES

REDDOMO COMMUNITY
Keeping Tradition Alive

To Whom it may concern:

This is a reminder Re: 517T16 and new communications to the tribal people. The Reddorn Gourd Clan had sent a letter with information about the organization and the contacts. We needed to add information about the clan so the public will have a better understanding of what we are striving to do. Since organizing the clan some changes have been made by the members, and are certain that more will be made in the future. We encourage the input of our members on any decision made. During our meetings with the members one of the topics discussed was the new members to the gourd clan. The clan agreed that any initiations of new members will be at the Reddorn Powwow, at dances that the gourd clan is sponsoring and if the gourd clan agrees to do them at other dances as a fall in advance.

Our members have voted not to split the Reddorn Gourd Clan into any kind of groups or branches of any kind, even of the use of the Reddorn Gourd Clan name. There is not any kind of side groups or single person leaders of this gourd clan, only officers that help communicate with the members. Everyone is well- encouraged to do as before to keep this gourd clan intact as one group better for every one.

We have made efforts for the Reddorn Gourd clan members to continue to represent this gourd clan in the Reddorn Powwow. Participation by members has increased since the reorganizing of the clan and effecting officers. If anyone has questions or want to contact the gourd clan, they can do so by the following contact list:

Orville Whiteskunk
580-309-1380
Barton Williamson
580-878-0489
Veronica Candy
580-715-0233
Three officials represent the Reddorn Gourd Clan...

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Nez Perce Settlement Public Notice

Nez Perce settlement checks were mailed out May 31, 2017. The Per Capita Office is currently closed to the public until June 12, although office phone lines will be open during this time. If your check returns back to the Per Capita office from the United States Postal Service, you will be required to update your address at the Enrollment Department in order for your check to be reissued to you (or provide a current utility bill with address shown).

There will be a list of tribal members posted at the Enrollment Department and Per Capita office of checks not returned via mail on June 12. The Per Capita office will issue replacement checks via mail but will not be able to do them at other dances. Tribal members will be able to contact and get their replacement checks until the 90-day limit has passed. Beginning on June 12, the Per Capita office, working with Enrollment, will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to allow the release of checks of individuals who have not returned their list. You can call the office at 405-262-0145 ext.27252 or the Enrollment Department at 405-262-0145 ext.27600 after 10 a.m. to see if your name is on this list.

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 grammar error
Eighteen year old Rayna Patton will be a senior next year. Her biggest challenge will be getting through each day without her mentor, hero and person she looks up to the most, her sister Phyllisha. But what she will be doing is continuing to strive to break school records at Kingfisher High School in the shot put and disc throw. Funny thing is, she will be striving to break her own records that she currently holds.

When did you first begin participating in track and how?
In the seventh grade our coach told us if we played basketball we had to also have to do track. I saw my sister doing the shot put and disc and I wanted to do it because she made it look like fun and I wanted to do it with her and be successful in this sport.

What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?
That all my grades are up.

What is your GPA (if known) drawn?
2.8.

What goals have you set yourself?
Right now I want to go on to college and continue to do shot and disc.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?
I am working to improve my grades and my grade point average. I am planning on taking the ACT test again and hoping to better my score on the English portion of the test. I also went on through the season I improved and then broke that record at the Luther track meet.

What is the best advice you have ever given and who gave you that advice?
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Summer Safety Fair

Free T-shirt for all Participating Youth!

10 AM - 2 PM
June 7
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June 14
Clinton Community Hall, Clinton, OK

NATIVE AMERICAN CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Requirements:
- Must Reside in Service Area
- Elder must be 55 years or older
- Respite Provider should be the age of 18 or older and cannot reside in the home with elder
- Home visits will be made
- Doctor’s statement along with completed application.

The Native American Caregiver Program consists of helping our elders as well as their spouse by alleviating the spouse or family member from their everyday caregiver duties with the elder.

A Respite Provider will come into the home and assists with light duties such as cleaning, walking, dressing, toileting needs, just to name a few.

This is an 8-Week Program with a contract amount of $580.00.

For More Information Contact Vanessa Martinez, Clinton Elderly Nutrition at 580.331.2311 or by email vmartinez@cheyenne-arapaho-tribes.org

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