

OCIE hosts Indian Education Legislative Day

The Question: Where has all the education money gone?

By Patricia Smith, Freelance Reporter

The beating of drums resonating throughout the Oklahoma State Capitol marked Oklahoma Council for Indian Education's (OCIE) second annual Indian Legislative Day. And it wasn't just the drums people came to hear but answers to the billion-dollar question, "Where has all the education money gone?"

We are moving backward and spending less for education. We are looking at a \$1.3 billion dollar budget deficit in this state and time and time again this governor in the state of Oklahoma in the past decade has determined to balance the state's fiscal books on the backs of education, on the backs of school teachers, on the backs of children and it is wrong and it needs to stop!" Hoskins adamantly exclaimed.

Hoskins threw other questions out to the audience, stressing the need for everyone to contact their respective legislator to obtain the answers, "Why are we #47 in the country in education? Why is teacher pay at the lowest in the country? What are going to four day school weeks?"

Absentee-Shawnee Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe agreed. "We should question where the gaming money has gone that was dedicated to education in the state of Oklahoma; which was to benefit not only the Native American students but all students in the state."

She praised the many students who had passed under her tutelage, who had

stayed out of jail, drug-free, alcohol-free and succeeding in life, completing their higher education and striving towards making a difference in the world.

The OCIE Board members meet regularly to address challenges facing Indian students within the Oklahoma Public School system. They continue to meet with elected legislative officials to keep them informed and aware of the importance of education for all children in this state.

"Oklahoma has the largest Native American student population in the United States and the needs are great," Teresa Dorsett, OCIE President said to the audience. "Our board members and myself will continue to meet with elected officials to help make them aware of what those needs are."



Cherokee Nation Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin Jr., asks where has all the money gone earmarked for education in Oklahoma during the second annual Indian Legislative Day event at the Oklahoma State Capitol. (Photo by Patricia Smith)

Hoskins praised the need for the OCIE organization that supports the enrichment of public education for Native American students in this state. One example of OCIE's See **Indian Legislative Day** pg. 7

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OPA announces 2015 Better Newspaper contest award winners

OKLAHOMA CITY – Every year the Oklahoma Press Association sends out invitations to news outlets across the state of Oklahoma inviting them to participate in the annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The contest consists of nine divisions, consisting of 13 events under each division.

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune began competing under Division 9, Sustaining Members, in the 2012 contest. It is one of six Native newspapers currently listed under Division 9, with the *Osage News*, the *Cherokee Phoenix*, *Native Times*, *Sac & Fox News* and Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma being the other five.

In 2012 the *Tribal Tribune* placed in two events, second place for feature writing and fourth place in news writing. In 2013 the *Tribal Tribune* placed in one event, second place in feature writing and in 2014 the *Tribal Tribune* placed again in one event, second place in news writing.

For the 2015 Better Newspaper Contest awards, the *Tribal Tribune* received notification dated March 25, 2016 that the *Tribal Tribune* had been awarded first place in news writing and has placed either second, third or fourth in four other events that include news content, feature writing, sports coverage and photography.

The 2015 OPA Better Newspaper Contest awards will be presented at the annual awards banquet on Saturday, June 11 at the Sheraton Hotel in Oklahoma City.

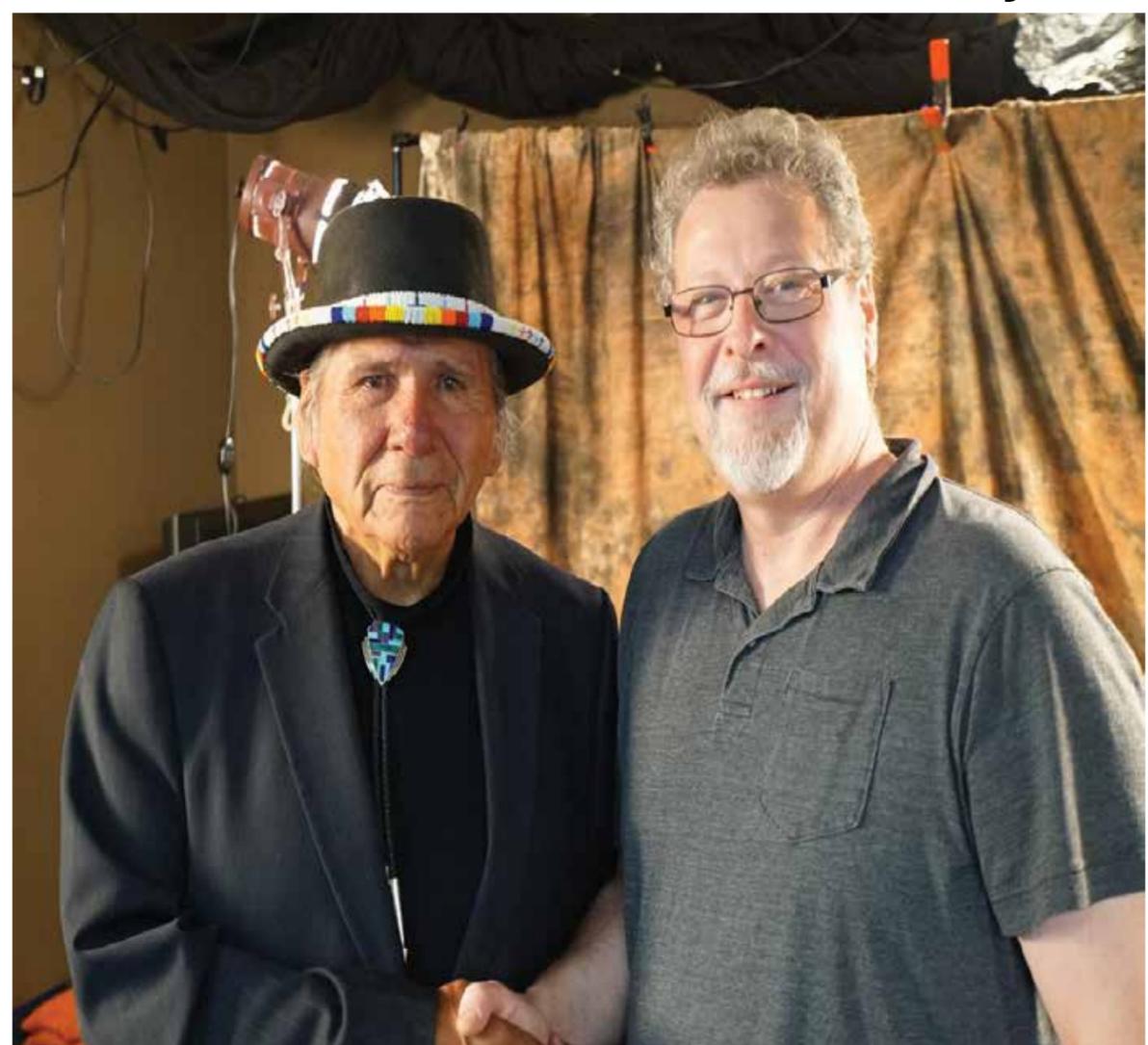
Longest Walk 5 brings awareness to two epidemics impacting tribal communities across the country

By Robyn Noyes
Freelance Reporter

Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement and a long time Native American activist has declared a war on drugs with his 'Longest Walk 5 – War on Drugs.' The walk is also intended to raise awareness on domestic violence against Native American women.

Banks, creator of the Longest Walk 5 and participants recently made a stop in Cheyenne and Arapaho Country on their trek across the United States. 'Walkers' from many states across the nation have joined him in his cause to help raise awareness of the drug and alcohol problems and domestic violence that faces many in Indian communities. Banks originally came up with the idea when he was doing another walk across the United States on reversing diabetes. Banks was in Montana when a young woman approached him and told him there was a problem that was much worse (than diabetes) going on in Native communities. That problem was Methamphetamine abuse.

"This wasn't the first time I had heard this," Banks said.



American Indian Movement (AIM) co-founder Dennis Banks sits down with Cheyenne and Arapaho CATV47 producer Randy Burlinson while visiting Concho, Okla. Banks is leading the Longest Walk 5 to bring awareness to drug abuse and domestic violence epidemics within tribal communities across the country. (Courtesy photo)

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OU's N7 event focuses on getting active, healthy for Native American youth

By Patricia Smith / Freelance Reporter

Two hundred plus Native American students from around the state of Oklahoma gathered at the N7 Nike Event on April 15 on the campus of the University of Oklahoma (OU) in Norman, Okla.

The emphasis of this initiative, originally started by Nike, is to teach culture, health, exercise and overall wellness to Native American youth. The students in attendance ranged in ages from 10-12 years of age from tribal communities around the state of Oklahoma that included the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes, Creek Nation, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Comanche, Kiowa, Osage Nation, Choctaw and many others.

Madison Stein is a graduate student at the OU Athletic Department who headed up this year's N7 event. Stein said that Nike encouraged the University to "run with it and to make this event their own."

"The thought behind N7 is to give sports, healthy and educational opportunities to Native American youth. The Native Americans believe that you should always be active in the world as to what you want to affect seven generations down the road," Stein said.

The event opened with cultural dancing from the Apache Riverside group along with several other dance and song groups. The students' faces were all animated with smiles in anticipation of their day's adventure that was about to start.

The students rotated in different activity stations throughout the morning and afternoon to include soccer, football, powwow dancing, yoga, obstacle course, stickball and wiffleball. Information was also shared on nutrition and wellness at one of the activity stations.

Rachel Suba, RD, LD, a registered / licensed dietician at the OU was working with the nutrition activity station teaching the kids about the boomer acumen that they have at OU. She and her team were hoping the kids would take the habits they were teaching them about nutrition home to their families and teach them as well.

"Our hope is that the habits we are teaching the current generation are going to affect the many generations to come ... we are teaching them about nutrition," Suba said.

The students had a lot of heroes to emulate and imitate in their different rotations at the N7 event. Each of the rotation stations featured a prominent Native American. Just to name a few were the stickball rotation included a picture and information on Lyle Thompson from the Onodaga tribe who plays Lacrosse for Florida. He was the first round draft pick of 2015.

The obstacle course featured Tahnee Robinson who is



Cheyenne & Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program brings 29 students to this year's N7 event in Norman, Okla. (Photos by Patricia Smith)

Northern Cheyenne / Eastern Shoshone, Pawnee and Sioux. She plays basketball and was the second Native American drafted to the WNBA.

The football rotation featured the one and only Sam Bradford of the Cherokee tribe who was a former quarterback for OU, Heisman Trophy recipient and presently is quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles.

The wiffleball station highlighted a renowned Oklahoman by the name of Jim Thorpe of the Sac and Fox tribe who is known as the 'World's Greatest Athlete.' He played pro football, pro baseball, and was also famous for track and field. Thorpe is known around the world for being the 1912 Olympic Gold Medalist-Decathlon and Pentalon recipient.

Asa Worthington, 12 who is Kiowa / Caddo / Mississippi Choctaw was really having a good time at the event. Asa is from the Carnegie Elementary School near Lawton, Okla. This was his second year coming and said his favorite rotation event was powwow dancing.

Twenty-nine Cheyenne and Arapaho students attended the N7 event this year. They were all smiles as they all echoed they had a great adventure that day.

One of the chaperones was wearing a t-shirt that had a quote from a famous Native American author which said it



Hula hooping is a great physical activity for kids.

all, "Every society needs educated people, but the primary responsibility of educated people is to bring wisdom back into the community. — Vine Deloria, Jr."

More pictures from the event can be found at www.patty-cakegreetings.smugmug.com/N7-NativeAmericanYouth.



The Journey Continues: Preparing for the 7th Generation

By Patricia Smith / Freelance Reporter

Improving health of Native Americans takes center stage at the ninth annual Preparing for the 7th Generation conference.

The conference was held April 12-14 at the Double Tree/Warren Place Conference Center in Tulsa, Okla. The conference's beginning roots took place in 2008 as collaboration between the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and a number of Oklahoma based tribes to work together and share resources to improve the health of all Native Americans in Oklahoma.

Chance Rush and Nick Wahpepah opened up the conference. Walter Echo-Hawk, who calls himself a 'modern day warrior' is a renowned Native American attorney, tribal judge, author, activist and law professor addressed health and well-being issues that were affecting the Native American

community.

"This is the spirit in which we need to make our decisions. We need to honor our ancestors, the past seven generations that came before us. As for the next seven generations, we need to be thinking about what it's going to be like for their children and their families," Echo-Hawk said.

Breakout sessions during the first day of the conference touched on issues surrounding. The Head Start Program and healthy eating choices, tobacco usage during pregnancies as well as ways to reach out to the pregnant smoking population, obesity in children, diabetes and hypertension prevention.

Sally Carter, MSW, LCSW Tribal Liaison for the Oklahoma State Department of Health shared that she was excited to have the partnership with the tribal nations in Oklahoma.

"The Native American communities are coming together to work on a state tribal collaboration and the health conditions that we face in the state, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, tobacco us, and it's only going get better when we work on it together. It is not anything that one of us can work on by ourselves. So, we have to figure out what are the resources that the state has, what are the resources that the tribes have and how can we join together to get the message out to people that there are a lot of resources to quit smoking, to exercise, and to eat right," Carter said. "All of these kinds of things are really important to our overall health. We need to live our message. We need to figure out how we can support them in their culture, language, in their health and in their happiness. Only when we do these things are we

going to be successful."

One of the tribal partnerships with the OSDH is the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes, Department of Health. The Executive Director of Health, Nicolas Barton said the tribes believe in the power of partnerships and collaboration, "And one of the ways of collaborating is our participation in the 7th Generation conference."

Another partner for the event was BlueCross/BlueShield of Oklahoma. They brought their Mobile Assistance Kiosk Center (MAC). The MAC is a mobile trailer kiosk that is used as a community outreach vehicle, which allows individuals to sign up for health insurance via the Marketplace. The MAC is equipped with multiple iPads with Internet capabilities that allows individuals to enroll and obtain insurance immediately. The MAC can travel anywhere in the state to include rural



BlueCross BlueShield has a mobile kiosk called the (MAC) where you can sign-up for Health Insurance from the Marketplace. (Photos by Patricia Smith)

areas.

"Most tribal citizens are eligible for premium tax credits and costs sharing that are either zero cost sharing or limited cost sharing premiums. The deadline for enrollment in the Marketplace is Feb. , however Native Americans are not restricted to that deadline," Kevin Holmes, Senior Manager of Oklahoma Business Development in the Mobile

Assistance Center for BlueCross BlueShield said.

Native American tribal members are allowed to enroll anytime during the year on a designated monthly date. The MAC is available for pre-scheduled engagements, health fairs and community events. More information can be found on the BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma website at www.bcbsok.com.

Native Americans oppose mining along Rio Grande in Eagle Pass, Texas

By Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

Native American groups and supporters band together to show their outrage at the continued destructive coal mining by the Dos Republicas Coal Company and North American Coal Mining Company. Groups and individuals from across the U.S. voiced their opposition with a nine-mile walk April 16 through the town of Eagle Pass, Texas in Maverick County waving signs in the air that read, "Respect Our Land," "Respect Our Homes."

"We as a people of Texas have been around a long time and we are realizing what these people are doing to the culture of the medicine along the Rio Grande," Juan Mancias, Carrizo-Comecrudo Tribe of Texas tribal chairman said. "Peyote medicine is being stripped from the land and land is being destroyed along the Rio Grande where many in the Native American Church have gone to retrieve medicine."

Mancias said the Carrizo-Comecrudo Tribe of Texas has filed for Federal Recognition with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, showing approximately 1,500 tribal members and their request is still pending.

"The history here is so erroneous and written down so badly by Texans, even the reservations we had were demolished. We were just called 'Mexicans' and were labeled that because we fought alongside the Mexicans against the whites, but we were here long before the Mexicans or the whites. If we had our federal recognition we would have a say over the sacred sites located alongside the Rio Grande ... and there are murmurings that the coal miners are digging artifacts that we need to protect," Mancias said.

Mancias isn't alone in his outrage at the continued stripping of sacred land. There are many others who share his concern, his outrage and feel the U.S. Government has turned a blind eye.

"Every aspect of this community is opposed to the coal mining. This coal is the lowest grade coal there is, so bad that the U.S. Government will not burn it because of the pollutants, yet, it is being sold to Mexico ten miles from us over the border and burned there with all the pollutants coming back into the United States," Jonathan Hook said, a former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official who left his job and moved to Eagle Pass approximately four years ago. "Not only have they violated EPA laws, Corps of Engineering laws, but they have violated the Historical Preservation Act, and have not complied with consulting tribes who are directly impacted by this process ... it's just crazy. Comanche Nation actually filed a resolution last fall voicing their opposition to the coal mining joining many other tribes and local community members who are adamantly opposed to this mining."

Hook told the *San Antonio Express News* he first visited the area about 10 years ago as director of the EPA's office of environmental justice. A citizen of the Cherokee nation, Hook met with members of the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas tribal council, who took him to the



mine and expressed their concerns.

"At that point, I was told that the mine was not going to go forward, that they had given up their plans," Hook told the newspaper. "Then we moved down here about four years ago and found that they were getting ready to crank it up."

Several indigenous tribes trace their origins to this part of the Rio Grande, Hook said. His tribe the Cherokee Nation,

passed through there and the Comanche Nation knows of at least one sacred site in the mining area. He said there is no evidence that state and federal agencies did not contact the various tribes before issuing a permit for mining, nor does there seem to be anyone who will produce documentation proving that the proper steps were taken to contact tribes prior to issu-

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Native American historical & sacred religious archaeological sites on Elm Creek area to be destroyed by Dos Republicas coal mine

By Jose G. Landa, Eagle Pass Business Journal

Native American tribes such as the Pacuache Clan of the Coahuiltecan Indian Tribe, based in San Antonio, Texas, and the Comanche Nation, based in Lawton, Okla., have raised salient federal and state law issues concerning the destruction of documented Native American Historical and Sacred Religious Archaeological Sites located on Elm Creek and surrounding area within the permitted coal mine known as the Eagle Pass Mine owned by Dos Republicas Coal Partnership (DRCP) near Eagle Pass, Texas on the United States-Mexico border.

The Native American tribes have repeatedly advised and raised objections with the Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers, Texas Historical Commission, and the U.S. Department of the Interior that

the Dos Republicas Coal Mine will destroy actual and documented existing Native American Historical and Sacred Religious Archaeological Sites within or near the permitted open surface coal mine boundaries near Elm Creek, which is a direct water tributary of the Rio Grande River, but their federally protected legal rights to preserve their historical and sacred religious archaeological sites have been stomped and denied by Texas oil and gas and coal mining-friendly state agencies such as the Railroad Commission of Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Many thousands of years ago and as recently as a hundred years ago, the Elm Creek area and the Rio Grande River in Maverick County, Texas was a beautiful green oasis-like paradise for Native Americans who inhabited the region with plentiful of fish-

ing, hunting and gathering of foods or crops to support large tribes or clans. These Native Americans which included Paleo Indians, Coahuiltecan, Comanches, Apaches, Karankawas, Kickapoos, Carrizo-Comecrudo and other tribes roamed and traveled the fertile and rich Elm Creek and Rio Grande River areas, leaving behind their Native American artifacts, sacred burial grounds, campsites, religious grounds, tools, pots, blankets, arrowheads, spears, and other archaeological artifacts buried on the land and banks of Elm Creek, Rio Grande River, and surrounding areas.

One Native American tribal advocate whom has tirelessly raised her ancestors' historical and sacred religious archaeological sites before the deafening Texas state agencies as the Railroad Commission and TCEQ and the federal U.S. Army of Corps of Engi-

neers has been Maria (Mary) Torres, Tribal Chairwoman of the Pacuache Clan of Texas of the Coahuiltecan Indian Tribe from San Antonio, Texas. The pro-energy industry state and federal agencies have denied her party status and/or failed to legally protect her constitutional and federal rights regarding her tribe's precious Native American historical and sacred religious archaeological sites.

"The Dos Republicas Coal Mine has already destroyed some of my ancestors' archaeological sites within the permit boundary and will completely destroy the remaining sacred religious sites which have been documented by independent archaeologists if the coal mine permit is not repealed or reversed by law," said Chief Maria Torres. "Our tribe will continue to fight and protect our legal rights under federal and state laws to preserve our

Native American historical and sacred religious archaeological sites despite the Texas state agencies' denial of our pleas and claims," said Chief Maria Torres.

The locally based Native American tribe, Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, also was an ardent advocate for the preservation of Native American archaeological sites at the coal mine until their Tribal Council surreptitiously withdrew from contesting the Dos Republicas Coal Mine in May of 2012. Recently, individual Kickapoo tribal members have surfaced to object and renew their legal rights to protect and preserve their federally-mandated Native American historical and sacred religious archaeological sites despite their Tribal Council's continued silence on the issue.

Recently, on August 27, 2015 the Comanche Nation

Business Committee, similar to a Tribal Council, from Lawton, Oklahoma approved a resolution against Dos Republicas Coal Mine and its future expansion based on the destruction of its tribal historical and sacred religious archaeological sites within the mine's permit boundary and surrounding area. The Comanche Nation is seeking party status and to be consulted with by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regional Environmental Impact Statement of the Dos Republicas Coal Mine, which seeks to expand in the future up to 25,000 acres from its present 6,300 acres.

Former U.S. Environmental and Protection Agency (EPA) employee and Eagle Pass resident, Dr. Jonathan Hook, a Cherokee Tribal member, is also seeking for the state and federal agencies respect and adhere to federal

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The Oklahoma Tribal Transportation Council (OTTC) Scholarship Review Board invites you to apply for the Lyle Deere Memorial Scholarship. The recipient will receive \$500 toward tuition costs for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Pursuant to its mission to support educational opportunities of Native Americans, OTTC will fund an educational scholarship for federally recognized tribes of Oklahoma to maximize educational opportunities with funds provided by this scholarship.

Eligibility for this scholarship will be conditioned by the following criteria:

Applications must be received at the OTTC office via U.S. Mail (i.e. Fed Ex,

UPS) by July 1, 2016. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

Applicants can only apply for themselves; nominations will not be accepted.

All applicants will be notified by letter of award or not; all decisions by OTTC are final.

By signing the application, applicants consent to the use of their name for any and all publicity purposes and all information requested by the application to be true to the best of their knowledge.

The Lyle Deere Memorial Scholarship will be awarded by OTTC; the Scholarship will be paid to the Institution of higher learning in the name of applicant at which

the applicant is enrolled as a junior or senior at the time of the award.

OTTC requires all "Lyle Deere" Scholarship award winners to submit a report one year from the date the award is received on their progress at their institution of higher learning. Failure to submit a report will render future applications ineligible.

The applicant must meet the following criteria to be considered for this scholarship:

Application must be completed in entirety; signed and dated.

Must be currently enrolled in school and must possess at minimum a 3.0 GPA and enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester.

An original current official school transcript must be submitted with the application; with an expected date of graduation.

Must submit three letters of reference with application. Specified on the application.

A one page typed essay must be submitted addressing the applicant's educational goals and career goals. No more than 250 words.

Application must be submitted by July 1, 2016. Please fill out the application and return with attachments to: OTTC SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW BOARD Oklahoma Tribal Transportation Council, Inc. 5202 N. Richmond Hill Dr. Stillwater, OK 74078



White House student film festival call for entries

Have hopes for the future? Thoughts on how your generation will bring them to life? Love to make films or ever just secretly wished to give it a shot? Well, this is your chance!

From now through July 15, 2016, we'll be accepting submissions for the third annual White House Student Film Festival. Our theme is "The World I Want To Live In" and we're inviting U.S. students, grades K-12, to participate. Tell us what you hope the future will hold for us - sci-fi lasers? flying cars? yourself as President? - in the form of a short film. It can be fictional, animated, live-action documentary, or anything else you dream up. We're just excited to see what you make.

Bonus: if selected, you may have the chance to attend the film fest yourself at the White House.

For inspiration, take a look at the official selections from last years White House Student Film Festival, when the themes were The Power of Technology in Education & The Impact of Giving Back. Films can be short, in fact, they must be three minutes tops. The official selections will be featured on the White House website, and shared across the world on White House sites and official social media accounts.

Submission Guidelines: All films must be shorter than three minutes.

All films must be made by students in grades K-12.

No film may use copyrighted material including music, TV shows or movies.

All films must be uploaded to YouTube.

All film submissions must

be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on July 15, 2016.

The President's Assignment for You

"Your generation will soon be shaping the world we live in ... what do you want to do with it? In many ways young people like you are already having a dramatic impact on the society and culture, so what's your vision for our country, for our world? What are your hopes and dreams for the future? Tell us the story of where we could go, and how we could get there - together. You can certainly choose to show a broad vision, or perhaps focus on an issue that matters to you, like leadership, civic engagement, the environment, the future of service, combating inequality, citizenship, access to education, the pursuit of happiness, social justice, unmet community needs."

Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some common questions about the White House Student Film Festival:

Q: Are groups of filmmakers allowed?

A: Yes! Groups of filmmakers of any size are allowed to submit, but please submit the film only once on behalf of the entire group.

Q: Who can submit?

A: The person submitting the film must be at least 18, so that can be a high school student of that age, a parent, teacher, or guardian.

Q: Did you receive my entry?

A: You will not receive a confirmation email when we receive your entry, but if you clicked submit and entered the YouTube link correctly - we got it!

Q: When is the event?

A: The 2016 White House Student Film Festival will be in late summer 2016.

Q: When will I hear if my film will be a selection or an honorable mention?

A: Submissions close on July 15, 2016. We will notify official selections starting a few weeks later, in late-August.

Student Film Festival Official Rules

Open only to K-12 students and parent or guardian.

By entering the "White House Student Film Festival" ("Competition"), entrants accept and agree to be bound by these Official Rules. Any violation of these rules may, at Sponsor's discretion, result in disqualification. All decisions of the judges regarding this Competition are final and binding in all respects. (The White House is referred to in these rules as the "Sponsor.")

1. COMPETITION PERIOD.

Competition begins March 24, 2016 and ends 11:59 p.m. EDT July 15, 2016 ("COMPETITION PERIOD"). Online entries must be received by the end of the Competition Period.

2. ELIGIBILITY.

The Competition is only open to students enrolled in grades K-12 in the United States and U.S. territories who are at least 18 years old as of the date of entry and the parent or legal guardian of a student below the age of majority in their jurisdiction of residence.

3. HOW TO ENTER.

In order to enter this Competition, entrants must upload their video onto YouTube. Entrants must read and

agree to all rules and regulations, submit the online entry form online, and submit a link to their video on the White House website.

Entries must address the following theme:

(1.) The World I Want To Live In

The entry must:

(a.) include the title of an original video,

(b.) the filmmaker's name,

(c.) have been created on or after March 24, 2016,

(d.) be three minutes or less in length, including opening and/or closing credits,

(e.) only use authorized content, including, without limitation, music, images, film clips, and other intellectual property,

(f.) only contain images or likenesses of any individuals who have provided their authorization or whose parents or guardians have provided authorization if such individuals are under the age of majority in their jurisdiction of residence,

(g.) be appropriate for viewing by the general public (appropriateness will be determined by the White House in its sole discretion),

(h.) be originally authored or the entrant must have written permission to use copyright protected material. All text, images, videos, and other content and materials submitted by entrants, including without limitation, the items described in subsections (a) - (h) above, shall be referred to hereafter as the "Submission."

Entrant represents and warrants that Submission is the original work of entrant, it has not been copied from others, and it does not vio-

late the rights of any other person or entity. Entrant further represents and warrants that Submission adheres to the fundamental spirit of the Competition and does not contain any defamatory, obscene, or otherwise unlawful matter.

If selected as potential finalists, entrants shall be required to complete a release confirming the consent, release, and grant of rights set forth in Section 6, and provide such information as may be required for with the White House to conduct a background check. The Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any entry at its sole discretion.

4. FINALIST SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION.

There will be two rounds of judging. A panel of judges consisting of White House, administration and American Film Institute staff will m Festival at the White House. In the preliminary and final rounds, judges will review and score the Submissions according to the following criteria:

(1.) Creativity in expression of the theme,

(2.) Originality of the Submission, and

(3.) Technical quality of the final video product.

Second-round contestants will be notified via email. If any such entrant: (i) cannot be contacted; (ii) does not respond within five (5) days from the date the Sponsor first tries to notify her/him; (iii) fails to return all releases and other requested documents; such entrant forfeits and an alternate will be selected. The White House, administration and American

Film Institute staff in its sole discretion will select finalists for exhibition at the White House Student Film Festival.

5. PRIZE DESCRIPTION.

Finalists will have their short films shown at the White House. Finalists have an opportunity to be invited to attend the screening at the White House. Finalist videos may also be featured on the White House website, YouTube channel, Vimeo, and other social media pages. Finalists will be presented with a certificate celebrating their achievement.

6. OWNERSHIP AND LICENSE.

Ownership in any Submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this Competition constitutes entrant's irrevocable and perpetual permission and consent, without compensation, with or without attribution, that the Sponsor may use, reproduce, print, publish, transmit, distribute, sell, perform, adapt, enhance, or display such Submission, and the entrant's name and/or likeness, for any purpose, including any and all media now in existence or hereinafter created, throughout the world, for the duration or the copyright in the Submission. Sponsor and/or others authorized by the Sponsor shall have the right to edit, adapt, and modify the Submission.

7. PARTICIPATING ENTITIES.

This Competition is administered by The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20502.

U.S. suicides have soared since 1999, CDC report says

By Melissa Healy, Contact Reporter

Driven by stark increases in the numbers of white women and Native Americans who are taking their own lives, suicide rates in the United States jumped 24 percent in the years between 1999 and 2014, a new government report says.

Following a slow-but-steady rise in suicides from 1999, the yearly increase accelerated after 2006 as Americans' financial woes mounted and a battering recession settled in. Between 2006 and 2014 the report shows, the annual rise in the U.S. suicide rate jumped from 1 percent to 2 percent. Suicide rates climbed among men and women, and in all age groups between 10 and 74 years old.

Suicide rates among American Indians and Alaska Natives were, in 1999, already the highest of any ethnic group despite being widely underreported. By 2014 roughly one in 2,000 men in this ethnic group committed suicide, a 60 percent increase over the suicide rate that prevailed in 1999.

Among all men under 75, suicides surged. In the age group most prone to suicide, 45 to 64, almost 30 in 1,000 men took their lives in 2014, a 43 percent increase over 1999's rate. Non-Latino black males were the only racial or ethnic group of either gender to have a lower suicide rate in 2014 than in 1999.

All told, 42,773 Americans died of suicide in 2014, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That made suicide the 10th leading cause of death for all ages.

"This is definitely harrowing. The overall massiveness of the increase is to me the biggest shocker, the fact

that it touched pretty much every group," said Katherine A. Hempstead, who recently published an analysis of U.S. suicide trends in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

Hempstead, director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, noted that the surging suicide rate among women, a group that has traditionally committed suicide at a far lower rate than men, was especially significant. Though nearly four times as many men as women kill themselves, suicide rates among women grew much faster than those among men.

"That we've started to see the gender gap close is shocking," said Hempstead, who was not involved in the current study.

Among all women younger than 75, suicide rates grew across the age spectrum. But in the age group of greatest vulnerability, women between 45 and 64, the rate of suicide in 2014 vaulted 80 percent over 1999's rates.

Among girls 5 to 15 years old, a segment of the population among whom suicide was a rare phenomenon in 1999, rates of suicide tripled between 1999 and 2014, with one suicide yearly for every 6,660 of these girls.

Hempstead's earlier published study of American suicide rates ended with 2010, and had documented a steep rise that appeared strongly related to financial distress and job problems. That that trend continued for four more years may reflect that "the benefits of the recovery have not been shared by all," said Hempstead.

Recent reports that non-lethal forms of self-harm, drug overdoses and alcohol-related diseases, have begun to erode Americans' life expectancy also underscore the lingering effects of economic

hardship on many, she added.

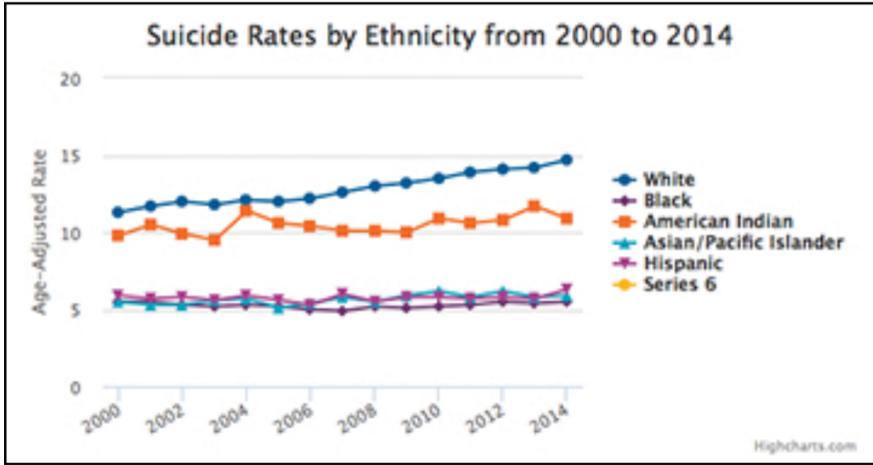
The new report issued by the CDC's Center for Health Statistics also offers a grim look into the changing means by which American suicide victims took their lives. Among both men and women, the 1999-2014 period saw a shift away from the use of firearms, pills and poisons. In 2014, one in four suicides was by suffocation (hanging, strangulation or suffocation), up from one in five in 1999.

Firearms continued to be the preferred means of suicide by male victims, occurring in 55.4 percent of the cases in 2014. Among women, firearms followed close behind poisoning as a favored means of suicide, accounting for 31 percent of female suicides in 2014.

These facts underscore the importance of coaxing from those in crisis the pills, poison or guns they might use to carry out a suicide, said Catherine Barber, director of the Means Matter Campaign at Harvard's School of Public Health.

Research suggests that many who attempt suicide act on impulse and when a gun is available, their attempts are vastly more likely to succeed. By contrast, 9 out of 10 people who attempt suicide and survive will not go on to die by their own hand, suggesting that removing the means to commit such an act is not a gesture doomed to fail.

"Often, the moment for a friend to intervene is related to a crisis that is going to resolve, like a divorce," said Barber. "A friend can offer optimism, 'We'll get through this,'" said Barber. "A friendly way of showing concern" would be to offer to hold a distressed person's firearms until the crisis has passed she added.

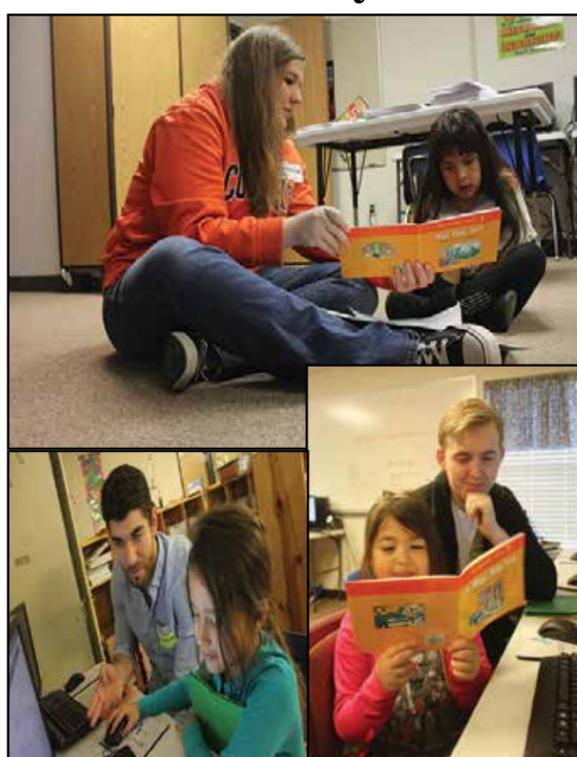


Redlands English Composition II course offers students service learning at local elementary school

(EL RENO, OK) Redlands Community College's Comp II students are participating in a service-learning program with Darlington Elementary. Redlands students are assisting Darlington Elementary School students with reading, sight words and comprehension skills. Comp II students are required to write four major essays, to keep a reflection journal and present a final presentation.

"I think this is a wonderful experience for students to get involved in their community and help future generations," Kacey Kinsey, instructor said.

Participating Redlands students are Elizabeth Brower, Drew Bussell, Griffin Eulliss, Chris Lawrence, Regan Matthews, Mari Orozco and Ashli Robinson.



Thomas Indian Education Formula Grant

(Title VII) Program Update

The Thomas-Fay-Custer USD Title VII Indian Education program will host a public hearing 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 27 at the Thomas Indian Ed building at 316 W. Peckham to review and approve the 2016-17 application.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Education applies for the Title VII funds on behalf of TFC Schools through the Indian Education Formula Grant which is submitted in the spring of the preceding school year. The TFC Administration assists with the student count and provides information necessary to complete application. The Tribes does not use the grant to pay for staffing. Instead, 100 percent of funds are used for providing the afterschool program facility, supplies and activities.

What is Title VII?

The Title VII Program supplements the academic and cultural needs of Indian students. Title VII is funded through the U. S. Department of Education. Title VII grants are awarded to public school districts. In lieu of districts who do not apply the tribe, which possesses 51 percent of total native student enrollment, can apply for these funds. The amount of the entitlement grant is determined by a formula based on the number of total Indian students enrolled in the school that funding is being applied. All Title VII parents are encouraged to request

meetings to discuss concerns in assessing present and future student needs, planning and conducting student activities, and identifying areas where improvement may be needed.

Who Is Eligible?

An Indian student must meet at least one of the following requirements below:

Be a member of an Indian tribe, band, or other organized group of Indians, including those Indian tribes, bands or group terminated since 1940 and those recognized by the state of Oklahoma or a descendent in the first or second degree of such member or considered by the Secretary of the Interior (BIA) to be an Indian for any purpose or an Eskimo, Aleut, or Alaskan Native.

What Documentation is needed?

A parent or legal guardian must complete a **USDOE Office of Indian Education 506 Form;

Submit official paper or card form, a Copy of Certified Degree of Indian Blood of student.

If student is a descendant, submit CDIB of the enrolled parent or grandparent, and birth certificate connecting student to the enrolled member.

**Note: On the USDOE Office of Indian Education Form 506

This form needs to be completed only one time as long as your student(s) are attending Thomas-Fay-Custer Schools. Recruitment is

generally completed during the JOM school supply distribution in July or early August just before school starts. Forms are available at the high school office or you can pick one at the Thomas Indian Education Building during the afterschool program. You may also email ktallbear@c-a-tribes.org and a form can be mailed to you. Forms must be forwarded to the tribes in order to be added to the student count.

How can students benefit from the Thomas (Title VII) Indian Education After School Program?

Homework help/Tutoring in all Core Subjects available Cultural Education Activities

Cheyenne Language Instruction

Exploration in the Arts College Preparatory Activities

Connect Student to their Tribe & History

Updates on all School/Tribal Information

Field Trips Prevention Activities

The C&A Tribes encourage all families of Native American descent to enroll their student and take advantage of all that the Title VII program has to offer. Hope to see you at the meeting: April 27th, 7:00pm at 315 W. Peckham

For more information please call the Title VII Program Director, Kathleen Tall Bear at 405-274-2982 or via email at ktallbear@c-a-tribes.org.

Canton language students make a splash at language fair

Students in the Canton community language class participated in the 14th annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair held April 4-5, 2016 at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman, Okla.

The language fair had a record number of participants this year with students from tribes throughout Oklahoma as well as other states.

Nevaeh Birdshead, Ariel Green and Sienna Bates participated in the 3rd - 5th grades Small Group Spoken Language performance and placed second. They performed the skit, *Kids at Play* in the Arapaho language.

Ambree Birdshead and Alta Birdshead participated in the K - 2nd grades Small group Modern Song performance and placed first. They performed an Arapaho hymn, *Neixoo Beeteen*.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes'



Ambree and Alta Birdshead placed first for their performance of an Arapaho hymn at the 14th annual Native American Language Fair in Norman, Okla.

Language Program sponsors language classes in Canton, Geary, Clinton, Watonga, Hammon, Seiling and El Reno communities.

Canton students of all ages meet after school two times a month at the Native American Gym with teacher Billie Sutton to learn the Arapaho language and participate in cultural activities.



Nevaeh Birdshead, Ariel Green and Sienna Bates placed second for the Spoken Language performance, a skit entitled 'Kids at Play' in the Arapaho language at the 14th annual Native American Language Fair in Norman, Okla. (Submitted photos)

Higher Education Department announces honored educator and keynote speaker for annual graduation banquet



Dr. Andrew Stevens

Dr. Andrew Stevens is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and this year's honored educator for the annual graduation banquet. He was born in Clinton at the IHS Hospital but grew up in a small town in Northern Oklahoma called Tonkawa. His parents were Levi and Katherine Stevens but also has family still in the Clinton area (Bearhead family).

Stevens is married to Cynthia Tahmahkera, who is Comanche and a direct descendant of Chief Quanah Parker. They have four children, Pierce Andrew, Parker Ann, Derrick Levi and Nicholas Quin and currently reside in Ada, Okla. where his job is located and where their two younger children attend

school. Their two older children attend East Central University in Ada.

Stevens attended the University of Oklahoma, where he completed a bachelor's degree in zoology/pre-med in 1993. He then attended the University of North Dakota for medical school, where he completed his M.D. Degree in 2000. He then pursued training in general surgery at the University of Missouri, Columbia and St. Louis University where he completed his general surgery residency in 2006.

Stevens applied for a job with the Chickasaw Nation as a general surgeon in their health system, now the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and currently serves as the Chief of Staff of the medical center, as well as Chief of Surgery.

While with the Chickasaws, he completed his board certification in general surgery and was inducted into the American College of Surgeons, as well as the Association of American Indian Physicians.

His most recent endeavor has been to join the U.S. Army Reserve as a physician, which he did in 2015. Stevens currently holds the rank of Major.

"I would like to say thank

you to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education for inviting me to speak. It is an honor and a privilege to be chosen as the Honored Educator for this year. I would like to say to the graduates, strive for sovereignty of yourself, remember that there will never be enough Native professionals, and above all persevere."



Dwight Pickering

Dwight Pickering is this year's keynote speaker.

Pickering is the Director of American Indian Education Office at the Oklahoma State Department of Education. As the American Indian Education Director, his plans include: implementation of a proposed new state plan of education for American Indian children and directing

the planning and development of statewide technical assistance and professional development programs, to improve the learning environment for American Indian children enrolled in Oklahoma public schools.

Pickering graduated from Sequoyah Indian High School. He then began his higher education at Haskell Indian Junior College and later transferred to Tarkio College in Missouri, where he attained a B.A. in Education. He holds an Oklahoma Teacher's Certificate.

Pickering has received numerous awards, fellowships and grants, which include being inducted into the Tarkio College Hall of Fame in 2005, named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001, member of the Greater Tulsa Indian Affairs Commission in 2001, received the Dream Keeper Award from Renard Strickland Education Leadership in 2001, the Oklahoma Coaches Association Cross-Country Coach of the Year in 1992 for Region 2 and a Distinguished Service Award from Sapulpa Public Schools in 1981-82.

Pickering has previously held the position of Director of Education for the Cad-do Nation of Oklahoma, the Athletic Director for Haskell

IT'S THAT TIME - CELEBRATING GRADUATES

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Annual Graduation Banquet - May 5, 2016 Frisco Center - Clinton, Okla.

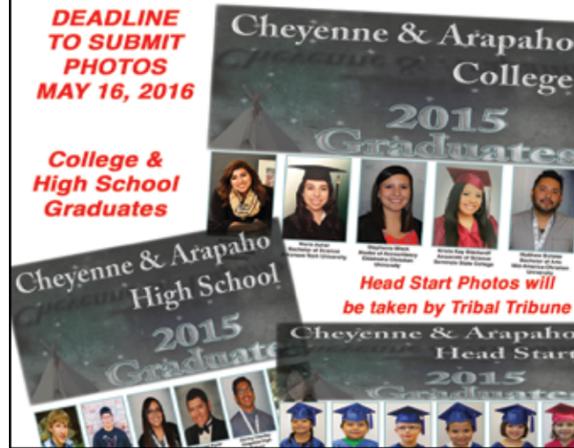
2016 Annual Graduation Publication will be published June 1, 2016

IF GRADUATES ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND BANQUET - PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN AT THAT TIME IF NOT - PLEASE SUBMIT A GRADUATION PHOTO ALONG WITH NAME, SCHOOL, DEGREE (IF APPLICABLE)

Photos may be emailed to rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org Mailed to Tribal Tribune, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or Delivered to Tribal Tribune office - Bldg. 1 - Concho

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PHOTOS MAY 16, 2016

College & High School Graduates



Head Start Photos will be taken by Tribal Tribune

Indian Nations University and the Director of Indian Education at Sapulpa Public Schools. In 1998-1999 Pickering was the Director of Indian Education for the Tulsa Public Schools. From 1993-1999 he taught at Haskell and coached the women's volleyball team, cross country and track programs.

Pickering also belongs to several professional organizations that include the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education, National Indian Education Association, Oklahoma Council on Indian Education, Vice-President of the Oklahoma Indian

Higher Education Scholarship Administrator's Association and the Tribal Education Department National Assembly

Pickering is very often visible at education conferences and workshops on Indian education.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Higher Education is pleased to introduce him as the keynote speaker at the annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education Graduation banquet to be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

Documentary to include Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



When Charles "Boots" Kennedy first produced an OETA television series entitled Stateline, he sought out the Cheyenne & Arapaho Buffalo Pilot program to feature within this series.

That was several years ago, fast forward to today and now Kennedy who works for Vision Maker Media as the lead producer on a series entitled, Growing Native, has come back to Cheyenne & Arapaho country.

The documentary series is a multi-media, interactive series for public television and mobile devices. It features contemporary Native American stories of reclaiming traditions for a healthier life today.

Growing Native visits places and people who are practicing sustainable agriculture, reclaiming indigenous foods and thereby combating illness and disease.

"Personally I believe in what the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have done, you have set a positive path for your people by maintaining the relationship with the buffalo and helping guide your people to a healthier future with the distribution of lean buffalo meat to your people," Boots stated via email.

Vision Maker Media shares Native stories with the world that represent the cultures, experiences, and values of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Vision Maker Media exists to serve Native producers and Indian country in partnership with public television and radio. Vision Maker Media works with Native producers to develop, produce and distribute educational telecommunications programs for all media including public television and public radio.

The documentary plans to be aired in the fall of 2016. For a sneak peek at the Growing Native documentary visit www.visionmakermedia.org/films/growing-native.

Haskell Indian Nations College visitation day

By Carol Limpy



A group of outstanding high school tribal members attended the Haskell Indian Nations College Visitation Day on Friday, April 1. Included in the College Visit Day was the opportunity to tour the campus, attend student success seminars and have lunch on campus with other Haskell students. The parents were also included in the seminar process by attending a session on how to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal members that attended the event were: Irene Sankey, Riverside H.S., Eva Sleeper, Calumet H.S., Ella Sleeper, Calumet H.S., Justin Neufeld, Calumet H.S., Nate Plentybears, El Reno H.S., and Michael Woods., El Reno H.S.

The students had a great time and participated in a lot



Nate Plentybears, Michael Woods, Irene Sankey, Ella Sleeper, Eva Sleeper and chaperone Hannah PrairieChief enjoy a day at Haskell Indian Nations University. (Submitted photos)

of Ice Breaker games with other High School students attending the event. Our students also were able to listen to many of the current students at Haskell Indian Nations and could ask questions about their educational journey and why they chose Haskell.

Young and old enjoy the Family Cultural Day event learning the art of Buffalo Butchering

Photos by Clara Bushyhead



BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

National Council of Urban Indian Health Leadership Conference

May 12-13, 2016 at the Viejas Casino & Resort in Alpine, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.ncuih.org/2016_alc.

Indirect Cost Basics for Tribal Organizations

May 16-17, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Tribal Court Procedures

May 26-27, 2016 at the

Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 10th annual Native American Economic Development Conference

June 6-7, 2016 at the Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa in Anaheim, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Native American Student Advocacy Institute's Many Nations, One Vision

Conference

June 6-7, 2016 at the Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.nasai.collegeboard.org.

National Congress of American Indian Mid-Year Conference

June 8-11, 2016 at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

The 2016 Native Innovation Education Technology

Conference

June 10-11, 2016 at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort in Flagstaff, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.nativeinnovation.com.

Management Skills for New Supervisors within Tribal Organizations

June 13-14, 2016 at the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Robert's Rules of Order

June 15-17, 2016 at the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 2016 Reaching the Wounded Student Conference

June 26-29, 2016 at the Embassy Suites Orlando-Lake Buena Vista South in Kissimmee, Fla. For more information or to register visit www.dropoutprevention.org.

Strategies for Working with Youth in Indian Country

July 18-20, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 2016 National UNITY Conference

July 22-26, 2016 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information or to register visit www.classy.org/oklahoma-city/events/2016-national-unity-conference/e65312.

Indian Legislative Day

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support was the defeat of the school consolidation bill, HB 2824, that would have affected many schools including Darlington Public School. Darlington Superintendent Cheryl Garrison, OCIE, students, teachers, Darlington alumni and others made a strong showing of opposition against HB2824 flooding the Oklahoma State Capitol with signs and voices of protest against the bill Feb. 15,

The final highlight of the day was special guest speaker Senator Enoch Kelly Haney, former Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation and sculptor of the life-size bronze statue, The

Guardian, located inside the Oklahoma State Capitol's rotunda. A larger version of the Guardian statue highlights the skyline on top of the Capitol dome as well.

Haney shared about his love for the state of Oklahoma, the love he has for the Native Americans and the importance of the role that the Native Americans have played and will continue to play in Oklahoma's success.

For more information about OCIE visit www.ocie.org. To view more photos from this event visit www.pattycakegreetings.smugmug.com/Oklahoma-Council-for-Indian.



Oklahoma Indian Education Council President Teresa Dorsett (l) stays passionate about education for children across Oklahoma. (Photo by Patricia Smith)

United Tribes' technical college offers Native American tuition waiver

(BISMARCK,N.D) United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) plans to make it easier for Native students to start college. Beginning with the coming Fall Semester, UTTC will waive the tuition of Native students who are enrolled members of federally-recognized tribes.

The waiver will be offered to all qualified Native American college students attending the tribal college in Bismarck. The offering is a one-year pilot program and was recently approved by the college's governing board, whose members represent the five tribal nations in North Dakota.

"We serve a population that has the lowest annual income averages in the entire United States," says Leander "Russ" McDonald, UTTC President. "These are students from some of the most impoverished areas in the country. And we believe it's our obligation to offer realistic financial assistance to help them get started on a path that will change their lives."

UTTC ends its participation in the federal student loan program as of the conclusion of the current academic year in May.

McDonald says student loans do not work for families that are without savings accounts or access to credit, or have a low level of financial literacy. It's unconscionable to expose them from the start to a system they have little experience with that has the potential for saddling them with sizable debt, he says.

"As a tribal college, it's our mission, first and foremost, to serve the education needs of tribes and tribal people," says McDonald. "To make higher education attainable, we've determined that it's necessary to do the financial piece in ways that do not exclusively rely on student loans."

UTTC's Native Student Tuition Waiver begins with Fall Semester 2016. Those eligible for the one-year trial program are new and current UTTC students. The deadline to submit a completed application is June 30, 2016.

Potential students are urged to start the enrollment process as soon as possible to avoid missing the deadline.

"I can't emphasize enough how important it is

to get started early," says Kathy Johnson, UTTC Student Services Vice President. "Filling-out applications may seem overwhelming but help is available, and it's well worth the effort to have the tuition waiver to get a start in college."

New and stop-out students are required to file a completed admissions application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To be eligible, stop-outs must show satisfactory academic progress and file any appeal paperwork before the deadline. Returning students must meet the same requirements and also be pre-registered for classes.

"Some forms can take several days to complete," cautions Johnson, "especially the FAFSA. The sooner they start the more likely it is that eligible students will receive the tuition waiver."

The UTTC Native Tuition Waiver will be based on unmet student financial need. It will apply only to tuition and not to other college costs such as housing, books, fees and meals.

The college has placed a helpful checklist of applica-

tion requirements and a step-by-step application form under the 'APPLY NOW' section of the UTTC website, www.uttc.edu.

If a student seeking the waiver fails to make the June 30 deadline, the application would be considered as part of the college's regular admissions process and subject to UTTC tuition. The college's Admissions and Financial Aid department will determine who has successfully met the application requirements by the deadline.

UTTC will offer the Native American Tuition Waiver through Spring Semester 2017 and Summer Semester 2017. It will be reviewed by the college in early 2017 to assess its effectiveness in making college accessible for Native students.

Other types of student financial aid are also available to qualifying non-Native students who attend UTTC. Non-Native students number between 10 and 15 percent of the student body.

For admissions information contact Donovan Lambert at 701-255-3285 ext. 1741 or by email, dlambert@uttc.edu.

Governor taking nominations for commissioner seats

(CONCHO-OK) The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Governor Eddie Hamilton is currently accepting nominations for various vacant seat for commissions and boards for the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes.

Below is a list of vacant seats, as well as a list of seats that will be expiring, for which nominations will be accepted.

If anyone is interested in being considered for these vacan-

cie or know of someone you would like to nominate, please submit yours or their information to the Executive Office in writing, either through mail, C&A Tribes, c/o Executive Office, PO Box 167, Concho, Okla. 73022 or hand deliver.

For more information contact Deborah Endecott, Executive Coordinator at (405) 422-7506.

Commissioners/Boards	District	Term	Start Date	End Date
Health Board				
Allen Sutton	A1	3 years	Unknown	Unknown
Vacant	A2	3 years	Unknown	Term Ended
Vacant	A3			Vacant
Vacant	A4			Vacant
Quinton Roman Nose	C1			
Vacant	C2	2 years	Unknown	Unknown
Moses Starr, Jr.,	C3	3 years	Unknown	Term Ended
Vacant	C4			Vacant
Gaming Commissions				
Sherry Mackay	Chair Commissioner	3 years	6/24/14	6/24/17
Juaquin Lonelodge	Commissioner	2 years		
Virgil Whiteshirt	Commissioner	1 year	4/16/13	Term Ended
Election Commissioners				
Stephanie Meat	A1	4 years		Term Ended
Dale Hamilton	A2	4 years	1/1/16	12/31/19
Vacant	A3	4 years		Vacant
Vacant	A4	4 years		Vacant
Sandra Hinshaw	C1	4 years		12/31/17
Georgia Woods	C2	4 years		Term Ended
Sharon Allrunner	C3	4 years		12/31/17
Sarah Orange	C4	4 years		Term Ended
Tax Commissioners				
Kay Mackety	Chair/Treasurer		As long as in position of Treasurer	
Virgil Franklyn			None	None
Larry Roman Nose			None	None
Willard Kyrk			None	None
Vacant			None	Vacant
Judicial Board				
Vacant		4 years staggered		
Vacant		4 years staggered		
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Vacant		4 years staggered		
Vacant		4 years staggered		
RESPECT Board				
None Established				
Vacant				

New Elder Care Guidelines

(CONCHO-OK) Effective March 31, 2016, when competing an Elder Care application use the name currently listed on your tribal enrollment on file within the Tribal Enrollment Department and include your CDIB number.

In order to effectively serve our clients we have integrated our client database with the Tribal Enrollment Department. We would like to request that all client applications use the name that is listed in the Enrollment Department files and to

please include your CDIB on all correspondence to the Elder Care program.

In using the Enrollment database we can maintain a better link to correct up-to-date information that will enable us to maintain a more effective way of communicating between other departments.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. For more information or questions call toll free 800-247-4612 ext. 27411 or locally at 405-422-7411 or email eldercare@c-a-tribes.org.

The Office of the Tribal Council Elder's Informational Meeting

The Office of the Tribal Council is inviting all tribal members who are Elders to attend a community informational meeting. The topic of this meeting will be the Elder's Resolution submitted to the Tribal Council Office. All Elders are encouraged to come. Light meal will be served and please feel free to bring pot luck dish.

Tuesday May 3rd @ 5:30 pm
Clinton Community Building
Clinton, OK

**This is a meeting requested by the Elders in the Clinton area. All Elders from all areas are welcome to come to discuss the resolution submitted regarding the Elders of our tribe.

Special Tribal Council Meeting - May 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM, Concho Community Building, Concho, Oklahoma

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Office of the Tribal Council.

Office of the Tribal Council:
Jennifer Wilkinson, Tribal Council Coordinator
Sarah Pedro, Administrative Assistant
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MAR	\$ 5,024,920.25	\$ 5,991,768.19
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MAY	\$ 4,117,261.70	\$ -
JUN	\$ 3,879,289.25	\$ -
JUL	\$ 3,405,784.51	\$ -
AUG	\$ 3,175,454.38	\$ -
SEP	\$ 3,916,856.07	\$ -
OCT	\$ 2,744,303.82	\$ -
NOV	\$ 2,021,906.06	\$ -
DEC	\$ 2,212,760.96	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 42,168,640.04	\$ 11,722,570.21

Longest Walk 5

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"I had heard about it on my own reservation a lot."

She informed him that they were making the drug in their homes and that the process of cooking the drugs in these homes were leaving behind a host of chemicals that were all highly poisonous substances to humans. Banks explained that it had reached proportions where the homes would then often become so infected that they could not be salvaged and were often destroyed by this process. The children in these homes were breathing in these harmful substances and being severely affected at an early age by these dangerous residues left in the walls, ceilings, carpeting and floors of these homes. "So I decided to do a walk against drugs and drug abuse to raise awareness and find solutions to this epidemic our people are now facing. This will be a three year project that will include two other walks that begins with this southern route, then on to Middle America and ending with a northern route," Banks said. "We started the walk in La Jolla, California and will end it on July 15 in Washington D.C. when we will meet with members of Congress and present them with about 500 packets of information and surveys we have collected from all across the United States from every tribal

nation we have crossed. We will share this information with those members and all the tribes who have helped us along the way and who have expressed an interest in having copies of our findings." Banks decision to include domestic violence awareness came after he suffered a personal loss in October 2015 when his granddaughter was discovered in a shallow grave outside of Bemidji, Minn., after she had been missing for several weeks ... her boyfriend had murdered her.

"We added domestic violence because of what happened to my daughter and how she was killed and the manner of what they did with her body. They mutilated her body and set it on fire. They tried to destroy her. We have the police video from a local retail store on how her murderers bought Styrofoam plates and a five gallon gas can," Banks shared struggling with the memory he will never forget.

After putting his granddaughter in a fetal position in a shallow grave they put the Styrofoam plates on top of her body then poured gasoline on them and set them on fire. The sheer brutality of this murder caused Banks to dig deeper into his research on these kinds of crimes against Native peoples. "Two hundred and ninety

three thousand rapes happen almost every year according to the FBI reports. There are 14,000 murders and 30,000 suicides every year," Banks said. "I now know that these things happen in every household whether the beatings take place in their home or their cousin's home or second or third cousin's home. The abuse affects everyone as a whole family whether they were involved with the abuse or not. It is now getting so bad across our nations that we have to put security on our kids at family events. The more we practice drugs and domestic abuse and all the things associated with those two issues the less time that we practice our culture. I think that the number one point that I want to make in the recovery of these issues is the return to our spiritual roots and our own culture can save us. The most important thing is that we have to start talking about these issues and once we put it on the table it becomes easier to deal with it." Banks will continue his walk and continue to gather valuable information, sharing what he gathers with Congress and other tribes across the nation, ending in Washington, D.C. on July 15.

Follow Bank's journey on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LongestWalk5.

Buffalo Stroganoff

2 pounds buffalo London Broil or Sirloin Steak, trimmed and cut into thin strips

½ cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon pepper
3 tablespoons butter
1 cup chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
10 ounces broth
½ teaspoon ground mustard
3 tablespoons chili sauce

1 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
2 cups sour cream
hot cooked noodles
minced fresh parsley, for garnish

In a large resealable plastic bag, combine the flour, salt, paprika and pepper. Add buffalo and shake until well coated.

In a large skillet, melt butter. Brown meat in batches. Remove and keep warm. Add onion and garlic to the



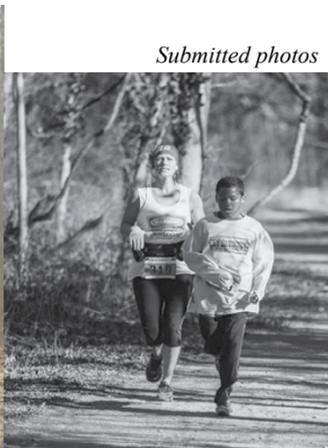
pan; cook until tender. Return meat to the skillet. Add the broth, mustard, chili sauce and mushrooms; cover and cook until the meat is tender, about 1 hour.

Just before serving, stir in sour cream. Heat through, but do not boil. Serve over noodles. Garnish with parsley.

Taking Note of Greatness



Submitted photos



Louis Longan, 14, completed his first Ultra-Marathon running event on March 5 by running 29 miles in the 6-hour trail event in Frontenac, Kansas.

Louis was the youngest runner by many years. He placed in the upper percentile overall, but also took first in the 14-19 age group. This is his first long distance event

but he loves any physical sports and still maintains high grades in school. His father John also participated with his son and the family said they are very proud of him.

"He is a great leader in our family and his peer group and gets much respect amongst the Ultra running community."



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POWWOWS & EVENTS CALENDAR

Peyote Meeting for LaFreda Whitecrow, U.S. Army National Guard

Beginning at 7 p.m. May 7-8, 2016 at the Native American Church building in Concho, Okla.

LaFreda will be deploying to Kuwait in July 2016. She is the daughter of Tammy Whitecrow, granddaughter of Freda White Buffalo and great-granddaughter of John and Phoebe White Buffalo, Bertha Little Coyote and Eula Hill.

For more information call 405-675-8515 or 405-900-2951.

Comanche Little Ponies 48th annual Celebration

May 7, 2016 at the Comanche County Fairgrounds, Expo Center, 920 S. Sheridan Road in Lawton, Okla.

Free and open to public. Please bring own chairs. All singers, dancers, princesses and drum groups are cordially invited. Arts & crafts vendors, concessions stands and raffles all day.

MC Wallace Coffey, HS Robert Tehanuno, HGD Ballyente Herrera, HLD Erin Yarholar, HWD J.T. Liles, Host Drum Young Buffalo Horse, ADs Travis Codynah and Sam Howell, Color Guard Comanche Little Pony Veterans.

For more information call 580-583-5279.

Hammon CHR Health Screening

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 12, 2016 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla.

Guest speaker, Lydia Garvey, PHN, Clinton Indian Health Center. For more information call 405-422-7670.

Memorial Powwow for Donald Spottedcorn Jr.

May 21, 2016 at the Canton Gym in Canton, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 1 p.m., Spottedcorn Family Memorial at 2 p.m., supper at 6 p.m. and grand entry at 7 p.m.

MC Burl Buffalomeat and Eddie Mahseet, HS Rick

and Jimmy Anquoe Jr., HGD George Akeen, HMWD JR Lonelodge, HL Tammy Seger Rios, HTB Devin Whiteman, HTG Veronica Kay Youngbull, HLB Jayden Plentybears, HLG Tina Ortiz, Honored Elder Gloria Uranga, Honored Family Jerry Redman Sr., Honored Arapaho Veteran Alvin Sage, Honored Cheyenne Veteran Randy Hawk, ADs Ralph Birdshead and Greg Fletcher.

2016 Chilocco Annual National Association Reunion

May 26-29, 2016 at the First Council Casino in New Kirk, Okla. and the Chilocco campus.

The Chilocco Reunion

will be honoring the golden class of 1966 for its 50th year anniversary. Members of the class of 1966 are encouraged to attend.

Registration contact is Emma Jean Falling, evening telephone 918-266-1626. Contacts for the class of 1966 are Clarence Johnson, 918-752-9512 or Pauletta Elephant Johnson 918-812-8603 or 918-366-6158.

Marine Corps Honor Dance for Wyatt Scott Candy, 'Bird Comes in Sight'

May 28, 2016 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla.

Gourd dance at 4 p.m., supper at 6 p.m.

MC Eugene Blackbear, HS Jason Goodblanket, HMD William Tallbear Sr., HLD Rique Richardson, HLB Damon Alexander, HLG Juliana Farias, AD Benny 'JB' Highwalker, Host Red Moon War Mothers and Co-Host Red Moon Gourd Clan.

Wyatt will be graduating on May 20 from the U.S. Marine Corps in San Diego, Calif. He will return for School of Infantry training immediately after graduation.

Wyatt is the son of Rector and Rachel Candy, grandson of the late Robert and Maxine Candy and the late Joseph and Nadine Orange.

For information call Veronica Candy at 580-715-2233.

Happy Birthday



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Rosemary (Pinkie) Hail & Dave Conner
We love you sooooo much

Happy 14th Birthday
April 29
Anastasia Blaze
Emhoolah AKA
Pretty Baby
Prayers and wishes to
you baby!
Love, grandpa Mike
and grandma Georgia
Emhoolah

"Little girls are precious
gifts, wrapped in love se-
rene. Their dresses tied with
sashes and futures tied with
dreams."

Happy 3rd
Birthday

Charlee Rose That smile
of yours brings so much
happiness to so many!
We love you baby,
Mama, Felipe, Drelyn,
and Abram



This dedication is to Mr.
William Freeman Pawnee
& Mrs. Esther (Madbull)
Pawnee

The immediate family
and grandchildren know
that you have touched and
enriched our lives with
knowledge and respect.

You've empowered us
with the blessing of know-
ing and understanding Ma-
heo through our Native
American Church.

You both are not forgot-
ten, but remembered by love
and memories we shared to-
gether, humor, laughter and
tears.

Your heritage lives on
within our hearts and spir-
its only you have touched.
You have a beautiful family
blessed from the twinkle of
Ma-heo's eyes. Amen

Your grateful grandson
"One Feather"



Congratulations to Sonya
Orange. She received the
Tribal Transportation Schol-
ar's award.

- Happy 7th Birthday Tara Gonzales
April 13, 2016
Love mom, grandma & family
- Happy Birthday Emmalou Brewer
April 2
Love from the Magpie girls - We love you
- Happy Birthday Ethan Rodriguez
April 10
Love grandmas, aunts, mom and dad
We love you
- Happy Birthday Leo Nel Gonzales
April 13, 2016
We love you, mom, grandma & family
- Happy Birthday Elizabetyh "Bay"
April 29
We love you from sisters and family
- Happy Birthday Tony Gould
April 22
From the Elk City Gang

Happy 11th Birthday Taya Marie Whiteshirt
May 3
And
Happy 13th Birthday Aldan Ray Whiteshirt
May 18
May you have many many more
Love your momma, baby sister Elizabeth & Clement Eagle

PER CAPITA NOTICES - ACTION REQUIRED

Attention Tribal Mem-
bers: If your name is listed
below the Per Capita Office
has your 2015 August Gam-
ing per capita check.

We need you to complete
a current Change of Address
form and W9 at the Depart-
ment of Enrollment so that
your 2015 August check can
be sent to the appropriate ad-
dress. If you fail to do this by
Aug. 15, 2016, you will not
be able to claim the 2015 Au-
gust Gaming check.

For additional assistance,
contact the Per Capita Office
at 405-262-0345 ext. 27725
or 1-800-247-4612 ext.
27725.

For questions on Change
of Address forms contact the
Department of Enrollment at
405-262-0345 ext. 27600 or
1-800-247-4612 ext. 27600.

Please turn in a Change
of Address form and W9 by
5p.m., Aug. 15, 2016 to the
Department of Enrollment.

- Allison R Johnson
- Alycia M Favart
- Ashley J Beard
- Carrie Fisher
- Christopher Dewayne Sumpter
- Delilah M Norwood
- Gary W Gray Jr
- Jobe Roman Nose
- Juan Israel Carreon
- Justin L Hoof
- Justin S Burgett
- Maranda Eva Quick
- Mary E Boyles
- Matthew Sterling Keonao Youngbird
- Michael Andrew Wheeler
- Miranda D Vardell
- Patricia A Rouse
- Phillip K Murray
- Quinn L Yelloweyes
- Rodney Patrick Watkins
- Sean S York
- Teknalbder Winesberry
- Toni McElreath
- Trenton Hoof
- Wymola Hedges

Attention Tribal Mem-
bers:

If your name is listed be-
low, the Per Capita Office
has your 2015 December
Minerals per capita check.

We need you to complete
a Change of Address form
and W9 at the Department of
Enrollment so that your 2015
December check can be sent
to the appropriate address.

If your minor child has
not received their 2015 De-
cember Minerals per capita

- Agnes J Sevenstar
- Alayna N Vonmoss
- Alex K Daukei Cole
- Alicia D Rempe
- Alvin Lee Sage Jr
- Ashlee Blindy
- Aubrey M Black
- Brandon D Whitecrow
- Brooklyn C Holden
- Bruce G Cantu
- Christine A Rouse
- Clarice Sue Zotigh
- Clark James Kinch II
- Conrado Lira Jr
- Cully Griffin
- Daniel L Hibdon
- Danielle K Trando
- Darrell C Hawk
- Dennis D Bushy
- Devon Beachem III
- Edie J Bacon-Maldonado
- Edward Cedartree Jr
- Edward E Fletcher
- Elizabeth M Hanson
- Eric L Johnson
- Ethan L Harrison
- Jacqueline A Welsh
- James A Black
- James D Whitlow
- Jason M Mertzig
- Jasper D Lee
- Jay W Dyer
- Jeremy L Paris
- Jeremy M Davis
- Jeremy W Harjo
- Jesus C Martinez Jr
- John A Soliz
- John R Decker
- Joseph J Birdshead
- Justin R Sittingbull Wilber
- Kadesha D Miller

check or for any addition-
al assistance please contact
the Per Capita Office at
405-262-0345 ext. 27725 or
1-800-247-4612 ext. 27725.

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Change of Address forms,
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Enrollment at 405-262-0345
ext. 27600 or 1-800-247-
4612 ext. 27600.

Please turn in a Change
of Address form and W9 as
soon as possible to the De-
partment of Enrollment.

- Kendall R North
- Lanelle J Chieffy
- Larry J McLaughlin JR
- Latasha N Whitehorse
- Lillian C Logan
- Loretta T Dieter
- Lydia M Falcon
- Lyle A Rhoads
- Manuel D Lime
- Marguerita Rose Pollock
- Markus C Washa
- Melinda Miles
- Melissa L Yarbrough
- Mia M D Theis
- Michael J Sevenstar
- Mildred Cedartree
- Miranda A Hammer-Dersam
- Moses A Santos
- Muriel A Wakolee
- Nathan C Loneman Sr
- Nicholas L Noline
- Norma J Hardie
- Norma J Hardie
- Ora J Johnson
- Patrick Bee
- Paul C Hart
- Phelan A Bruesch
- Randall RW Roman Nose
- Rory L King
- Sahara M D Black
- Saphire N Hughes
- Scotty D Bigpond
- Steven Torres
- Tajiria N Winesberry
- Tina M Christie
- Tisha L Blackfox
- Valentino Frankolino Hoof
- Willard Kyrk
- William J Little Thunder
- William W Birdshead
- William W York
- Willie Ray Ellis Jr

PER CAPITA NOTICES - ACTION REQUIRED

Urgent: If your name is listed below, the Per Capita office needs you to contact our office as soon as possible. Please keep in mind tribal members only have one year to claim per capita checks. You can contact the Per Capita Office at 405-262-0345 ext. 27725 or 1-800-247-4612 ext. 27725 regarding YOUR per capita checks.

- Adelia Owens
- Adrian Asa Archuleta
- Alvin Sage Jr
- Alyssa Michelle Medicine Bear
- Amelia Faulkner
- Amelia Whiteman
- Anastacia Chavez
- Angela White Buffalo
- Anita Holder
- Anna Joyce Oxendine
- Anthony Juan Fletcher
- Anthony Shoulderblade
- Antionette Renee Hadley
- Ashley Elizabeth Smoker
- Aslin Nicole Russell
- Autumn Michelle Harrington
- Baby Girl Orange
- Barbara Sankey Martinez
- Beatriz Desrosier
- Benjamin Little Raven III
- Bernard Sleeper
- Berta Ann Williams
- Bill Russel Reed
- Bobby Ray Wood
- Bonnie Harris
- Brad William Hamilton
- Brandon Richard
- Brian Joseph Christy
- Brittney Rednose
- Brooklyn Flyingout
- Byron Allen Lefthand
- Calin Perrin
- Carlos Delano Lefthand
- Charlene Marie Mckernan
- Charles Magpie
- Charles William Moore
- Cherokee Winfrey
- Christian Black
- Christian Jan Starr
- Christian Noel Johnson Jr
- Christopher Anthony Burnham
- Christopher Schottenbaum
- Clarissa Ranea Peters
- Colby Walker Auld
- Cory David Briggs
- Dakota Paul Fast Horse
- Daniel Howlingwolf
- Daniel John Blackowl
- Darin Ross Pawpa
- Darla Lea Anne Doyel
- Dave Clark-Anderson
- David Alan Barnes
- Delbert Nowlin
- Dennis Gene Douglas
- Denzel Sugar Ray Chism
- Devon Beacham
- Devon Larisa Thunderbull
- Dylan Alexander Fast Horse
- Elana Joyce Key
- Emily Spencer
- Emma Rose Red Hat
- Eric Daniels Minnis
- Erica Nicol Standing Water
- Ernest Archuleta
- Ethan Black
- Eugene Chips
- Eugene Prairie Chief
- Evadonna Sierra Robles
- Francine Pauline Williams
- Francis Kaulaity
- Frank Lee Wapp
- Franklin Delano Lefthand
- Frederich Eugene Curtis
- George Allen Waltz
- George Whiteman
- Geraldine M Cerasani
- Gerri Gale Rahimi
- Gregg Cody Ray Bull
- Guy White Shirt
- Hailman White Tail Jr.
- Harold Arthur Grass
- Haylee Paddyaker
- Heather Rose Crow
- Helidoro Perez Chavez Jr
- Irene Hill
- Jack Daniel Hare
- Jacob Michael Reckling
- Jacqueling Caddell
- Jaime Burgett
- James Monty Miller
- James Whitlow
- Jamie Hoof
- Jaron Howlingwolf
- Jason John Kinslow
- Jeffrey Alan Hunt
- Jeffrey Jay Newsome
- Jennifer Esther Lee Tolbert
- Jennifer Jackson
- Jesse James Langlinais
- Jesse Langlinais
- Joannie Sue Riddle
- John Michael Crockett
- Jonathon Green
- Jordan Cody Washee
- Joseph Neil McDaniel
- Joseph Pavon
- Joseph Thomas Hoof Jr
- Joshua Paddlety
- Josiah Haag
- Judy Conway
- Julie Leanne Werk
- Katherine Honaker
- Kathleen McPherson
- Kavika K Kaaloo
- Kendra Farrar
- Kent Douglas Flowers
- Kevin Francis Williams
- Kevin Washa
- Kimberly Michelle Grant
- Kino Littlehawk
- Kristie Rankins
- Kyle Williams
- La Rue Ann Wells
- Lakota Denise Hawk
- Lanny McLaughlin
- Lavonna Brannon
- Lawrence Henry Kiper
- Leland Michael Pryor
- Lena Meat
- Leo Griffith Haag
- Lesley Ann Moore
- Levida Wolf Chief
- Linda Goddard
- Lindsey Nathaniel
- Rae Coyote
- Loren Wesley Van Kirk
- Louise Whitehorse
- Lucia Veronica Falcon
- Lydia Falcon
- Manuel Camacho
- Marci Dee Fairchild
- Maria Christine Rippetoe
- Marla Tomasko
- Marlita Alexis Sleeper
- Martha Gayle Tenorio
- Martha Gretchen Salazar
- Martha Red Bird
- Marty Joe Lawless
- Mary Old Camp
- Maxine Haag
- Maya Elizabeth Decker
- Megan Holmes
- Megan K Kaaloo
- Megan Wyatt
- Melvin Gene Zwirtz
- Michael Jerod North
- Miranda Hammer-Dersam
- Misty Dawn Gray
- Misty Hicks
- Myrcine North
- Nahum Shawn Orange
- Nathan Loneman Sr
- Nelson Ross Curtis
- Norma Hardie
- Pamela Joyce Balderas
- Panfilo Martinez
- Patrick Allred
- Paul Elliott Flores
- Paul Matthew Friday
- Paul Richard Gilbert
- Preston Starr
- Ralph Fletcher
- Rebekah Bedoka
- Reta Frazier
- Richard Vaughn Pewo
- Ricky McKeegan
- Rustin Blake Reynolds
- Samuel Ray Everett
- Samuel Wolf Chief
- Seanna Sue Longoria
- Serene Renee Hoof
- Shawn Felicia Risingbear
- Shay Pickens
- Sheridan Littlehawk
- Shiela Black
- Shirley Walker
- Shon Sleeper
- Sonja Thunderbull
- Summer Dyer
- Teresa Gould
- Tessa Madsen
- Thadeous Hoof
- Thomas Francis Reame Mertzig
- Thomas Hoof Jr.
- Thomas Manning
- Thomas Rabbit
- Timothy James Everett
- Timothy Turtle
- Tina Red Nose
- Tissoyo Osage Davis
- Trae Blackbear
- Tristan Wallace
- Tyson Lee Davis
- Valerie Berry
- Veronic
- Whitehorse-Bowen
- Victor Santiago Camacho
- Wanda Lee Garrett
- Wesley William Zarsky
- William Joseph White Shield Jr
- William Cody Mack
- William Jarrell
- Zachary Wade Doyel

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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Clinton(2) Hammon (1)
Gaming Commission
Closing: Until Filled

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Tribal Tribune/PIO
Closing: Until Filled

Administrative Assistant
Roads Program
Closing: Until Filled

Janitor
Operations & Maint.
Closing: May 6, 2016

Comm. Serv. Specialist
Cheyenne Dist. 3
Closing: May 4, 2016

Qualifications:
Valid Oklahoma Class D driver's license. Must possess or be willing to obtain CPR certification. Transit drivers must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and are subjected to random drug testing. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds with no physical barriers. Applicant must be able to communicate effectively to patrons and supervisors any findings or incidents. High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:
Maintain constant surveillance of Lucky Star premises. Work in an enclosed environment for extended periods of time. Maintain required record keeping reports. Possess the ability to comprehend the overall security mission. Monitor all security and safety electronic systems. Maintain constant vigilance of surveillance camera system. Must be able to sit at console for extended periods of time, visually observing a multitude of areas consisting of customer activities and employee functions. Must be courteous to all customers and co-workers. Must be able to comprehend the approved SICS, TICS and MICS set forth by IGRA, NIGC, Gaming Commission and the state. Must pass pre-employment drug test. Must be able to qualify and maintain a Cheyenne-Arapaho gaming license.
SALARY: Negotiable

Program/Project Planner
Planning & Development
Closing: May 4, 2016

Warehouse Tech I
Food Dist. - Watonga
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Bachelor's degree required. Work experience in planning field, preferably with tribal governments or tribal organizations and at least three year's experience in federal programs. Proficient in writing and public speaking skills. Computer proficient. Valid Oklahoma driver's license required.
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or GED required. 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:
Must have experience in journalism, photojournalism and would prefer experience in photography and graphic design. High School diploma required. Prefer bachelor's degree in related field, however will strongly consider years of experience in the industry in lieu of degree. Must have strong writing skills. Must be experienced with Macintosh platform (utilizing programs such as InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Adobe PDF). Also must be familiar with Microsoft Office on Mac platform. Must be familiar with social media apps such as Twitter and Facebook and maneuvering around the Internet. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license and have dependable transportation. Must be willing to work a flexible work schedule, which will include nights, weekends and holidays. Must be familiar with Native American traditions and cultures, be outgoing, professional and interact well with both Native and non-Native communities. Must be able to multi-task and work effectively under high stress situations. Tribal preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:
Certification of completion from an accredited secretarial school and/or clerical course/program, minimum of at least two years experience in clerical, secretary or receptionist work or equivalent. High school diploma, or GED certification required. Years of experience may be acceptable to be equivalent to the education and experience requirements. Must demonstrate knowledge in the operation of various office machines. Demonstrate computer skills and/or knowledge, specifically Microsoft Word and Excel and expressed knowledge in MS Access and Powerpoint will be a plus. Must be willing and able to attend various training programs as designated by the program director. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver's license and be willing to attend a Defensive Driving Course. Ability to communicate and relate to Indian and non-Indian communities. Must pass pre-hire drug screen/test. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school diploma or GED certification required. One year experience in janitorial work desirable. Must know methods, materials and equipment used in custodial work. Must have safe work habits. Must be physically fit with ability to lift up to 40 lbs. Must be able to work independently in the absence of supervision. Must pass drug and alcohol testing.
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school diploma or GED certification required. Two years of leadership experience. Computer knowledge a must. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including weekends. Must be familiar with Native American traditions and culture. Cheyenne Arapaho preference. Must possess an Oklahoma driver's license.
SALARY: Negotiable

The Office of Veterans Affairs

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans office is NOW TAKING DD-214s with Honorable Discharge and copies of CDIBs for the Memorial Wall located in Concho, Okla.
Deadline set for Sept. 30, 2016.
Memorial Day events are set 11:30 a.m., Friday May 27 at the Memorial Wall in Concho, Okla. For more details contact the office at 405-422-7724, Russell Willey, Director of Veterans Affairs.

TRIBAL TRIBUNE DEADLINES

At 3 p.m. every 8th and 23rd of the month. Unless the 8th or 23rd falls on a weekend, it will be the Friday preceding.

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Public Notice Public Hearing

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Child Development Program will be on display for public review. Tribal members are encouraged to review the plan and make comments and/or recommendations. The plan can be reviewed at the Concho Child Development Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. A Public Hearing will be held from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Friday June 10, 2016 at the Concho Child Development Center in Concho, Okla.

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CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

IN THE TRIAL COURT
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In The Matter Of The Application Of:)
GEORGE LEVI WALKER, II)
DOB: 09-26-11) Case No: CIV-2016-0002
A Minor Child)
By and through Next Best Friend,)
TARA RUSSELL)
To Change His Name)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes by: TARIHA BEAVER
GEORGE LEVI WALKER

TAKE NOTICE, that Tara Russell has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change of a minor child, as follows, to wit: from George Levi Walker, II to Levi Austin Russell, and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 25th day of MAY, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 20th day of APRIL, 2016.

Fran Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Tara Russell
P.O. Box 604
Selling, OK 73663

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: ALL CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBAL MEMBERS
(18 YEARS AND OLDER ON OR BEFORE MAY 7, 2016)

Special Tribal Council Meeting
To be held at 10:00 am
Concho Community Hall - Concho, Okla.

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, pursuant to Article V. Sec.3 (b) Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred and fifty Members of the Tribes. All requests for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council shall call a Special Meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be indicated in the request for the Special Meeting and no other business shall be conducted at the Special Meeting.

A Special Tribal Council Meeting is being called for on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 10:00 am. The special tribal council meeting shall be held at the Concho community building, Concho, Okla.
The purpose of this meeting shall be:

Business:

1. A Tribal Council Resolution for Approval of the 2016 Tribal Council Budget Amendment
2. A Tribal Council Resolution to Per Cap 100% of the Nez Perce Settlement Money
3. A Tribal Council Resolution to repeal Tribal Council Resolution No. 050711STC-011
4. A Tribal Council Resolution regarding the Elders
5. A Tribal Council Resolution approving and hiring an attorney for the Tribal Council
6. A Tribal Council Resolution inviting the Carter Center for Democracy to monitor the 2017 Primary and General Elections
7. A Tribal Council Resolution authorizing the construction of the Fonda Community Hall Building

The following items will be posted at the Office of Tribal Council (located at Concho Community Hall), Concho Community Hall, Watonga Republican, Thomas, Elk City, El Reno Tribune, Weatherford Daily News, and Woodward Newspapers.
Any resolution is available to the public.

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, Article V. Sec. 3 (c) The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall provide notice of all Regular Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council at least fifteen days before such Meeting.

Office of the Tribal Council:
Jennifer Wilkinson, Tribal Council Coordinator, 405/246-8175
Sarah Pedro, Administrative Assistant, 405/246-8730
Office phone: 405/422-7430
P.O. BOX 38, Concho, Okla. 73022

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Special Tribal Council Meeting
Concho Community Hall
May 7, 2016 at 10 a.m.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Transit Program will be providing transportation services from the following towns and cities to Concho, Oklahoma for the Special Tribal Council Meeting. Return service to stop locations will be provided for passengers when the meeting is concluded. Each transit vehicle can accommodate (12) passengers or (10) passengers and (2) wheelchairs. Listed below are three (3) routes; each identifying the town, location, and pick-up time to get passengers to Concho by 10 a.m.

Town	Location	Pick-up Time
Hammon	Community Hall (801 Dunn St.)	7:00 a.m.
Elk City	Love's Travel (2703 E Hwy 66)	7:20 a.m.
Clinton	Domino Food & Fuel (1324 W Gary Blvd)	7:50 a.m.
Clinton	Independent Living Center (North Entrance)	8:00 a.m.
Thomas	Sewell Park (East of Pool)	8:40 a.m.
Weatherford	Hutch's (7th & Main Street)	9:00 a.m.

BLUE ROUTE

Town	Location	Pick-up Time
Woodward	Wal-Mart(3215 Williams Ave-N Parking Area)	6:30 a.m.
Selling	Community Hall (411 N Main)	7:00 a.m.
Longdale	Jiffy Trip (Hwy 59 & 1st Street)	7:40 a.m.
Canton	Community Hall (206 N Jefferson)	8:00 a.m.
Watonga	IHS (1306 S Clarence Nash Blvd)	8:30 a.m.
Kingfisher	Wal-Mart (200 Starlite Dr)	9:00 a.m.

GREEN ROUTE

Town	Location	Pick-up Time
Oklahoma City	OnCue (Reno & MacArthur)	8:00 a.m.
Geary	Community Hall (121 E Main)	9:00 a.m.
Calumet	Jiffy Trip (121 S Central Rd)	9:15 a.m.
El Reno	Save A Lot (400 W Sunset Dr)	9:35 a.m.

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Sacred sites being destroyed

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laws protecting Native American historical and sacred religious archaeological sites within the Dos Republicas Coal Mine site.

One particular archaeological study conducted during February and March of 1992 of the Dos Republicas Coal Mine site by University of Texas at San Antonio archaeologists found 27 previously unrecorded archaeological sites and findings from a 1981 excavation study which was re-examined within the mine site or surrounding areas near Thompson Road (FM 1588) in northern Maverick County. The research study was done by scientists from the Center for Archaeological Research (CAR) of The University of Texas at San Antonio as part of a Phase II intensive archaeological survey (http://car.utsa.edu/CARResearch/Publications/ASRFiles/201-300/ASR%20No.%20215_redacted.pdf) for Marston and Marston, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri, on a 1,092.69 hectares (2,700 acres) tract of land in Maverick County, Texas. Dos Republicas Resources Company, Inc., a predecessor company to Dos Republicas Coal Partnership, applied for an open surface coal strip mining permit for the studied property with the Railroad Commission of Texas. As part of the permit application, an archaeological study was required and conducted under the Texas Historical Commission, Department of Antiquities Protection.

The Survey principal investigator for UTSA's CAR was Jack D. Eaton, Acting Director. Herbert G. Uecker, technical staff assistant, and a field crew of five archaeologists including Maureen Brown, Nora DeLaO, Kevin Gross, Clinton M. M. McKenzie, and Gorden K. Wright.

The UTSA archaeologists discovered "54 archaeological sites found within the Dos Republicas Project permit area during the 1992 survey and the 1981 excavation presented 33 sites examined by CAR during the Phase II investigations, two were not able to be cleared of further requirements until additional information was obtained and reviewed by the Texas Historical Commission (THC)—Department of Archaeological

Preservation (DAP) and the Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT). Eleven (11) more sites warranted the performance of future work either in the form of initial shovel testing, additional shovel testing, or intensive subsurface testing to determine (1) extent and content of cultural deposits, (2) eligibility for designation as a state archaeological landmark and/or (3) eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places."

The UTSA archaeological study recommended that "24 of the EHA sites warranted future work, initially in the form of relocation and shovel testing. The total amount of additional work to be performed on the latter will depend upon the results of the initial shovel tests, the recommendations of the archaeological contractor performing the tests, and of the THC-DAP and the RCT thus, further archaeological work is recommended herein on a total of 37 sites."

The UTSA study found that "cultural affiliations to the area being searched a variety of indigenous tribes including the Late Paleo-Indian, Middle-to-Late Archaic, Late Prehistoric, and Historic periods."

A significant finding of the UTSA study was the discovery of eight (8) sites that were found to be particularly important enough to be potentially listed in the National Register of Historic Places or designation as state archaeological landmarks. After review of the results of the investigation by the project sponsors, the Texas Historical Commission, Department of Antiquities Protection, and the Railroad Commission of Texas, 29 additional sites within the Dos Republicas coal mine permit area were deemed worthy of future work. A general research outline for future work and comprehensive environmental, historical, and cultural contexts for the area investigated were also presented.

During the testing portion of the survey, the UTSA archaeologists examined previous documented sites and found that at least two of those sites had very well preserved cultural deposits of substantial depth and therefore were rec-

ommended for future studies.

During the investigative process, the UTSA scientists recommended another seven sites within the coal mining area were found to have enough evidentiary substance which then resulted in limited backhoe testing. Another important assessment that was categorized during the survey was that of the types of botanical species and animal life observed that were also detailed in past studies and reports used during the 1992 survey as reference.

"Although details have yet to be determined, there is virtually no doubt that similar ecotones existed during prehistoric and were preferred living sites of humans and of many other animals as well (cf. Hester 1971:3-9, 1976a:85, 1976b:2,5-8, 1981:123-125; Hester and Hill 1975:20)."

Another facet of the report is a detailed rundown of previous archaeological reports prior to the 1992 survey derived from a group of systematic cultural resource studies undertaken from the mid-1960s to the early 1990s in the Central Western Texas/Rio Grande Plains regions, including Maverick County which had 173 Archaeological sites documented.

Of the many sites observed and marked for recommendation of possible future detailed excavation and survey, eight sites were deemed most significant from the others due to the quality and important artifacts found at the sites, evidencing humans living in the area.

Many evidentiary specimens were collected and specifically detailed in approximately 54 sites within the Dos Republicas Coal Project 5 year permit boundary under Diagnostic Surface Artifacts, including dart points or dart point fragments, arrow points or arrow point preforms, hearth remnants, scrapping tool, scalars, large preform, perforators, bifacial and unifacial clear fork tools, Guadalupe tool fragments, whiskey bottle neck, metal comal handle, metal cap and knife fragments, ceramic fragments, metal harmonica reed fragment, centerfire and rimfire cartridges, metal spoon fragment, among other fragments

as well.

The UTSA report further states that virtually all the prehistoric sites were open camps located on alluvial terraces or levees adjacent to either Elm Creek or unnamed tributaries of Elm Creek. Apparently, the prehistoric floodplain sites were the primary occupation and tool-finishing areas since most of the projectile points and other time-diagnostic or bifacial stone tools were found at those sites.

"Eight of the 33 sites examined by UTSA archaeologists during Phase II were particularly significant." Three individual numbered sites were considered to be at one point a large site. Other sites included a burned-rock midden alluvial site, a fossil floodplain site among other designated sites that were marked and in which evidentiary specimens were then collected.

The UTSA report concludes that although many archaeological sites had been discovered and recorded within the Southwest Texas/Rio Grande Plains areas prior to the UTSA CAR Dos Republicas Project investigation, that only a few had been comprehensively investigated and that within Maverick County and the Eagle Pass Dos Republicas Coal Partnership project area no formal archaeological studies had been done.

"Except for the 1981 EHA survey, none had focused on prehistoric archaeological sites situated along tributaries several kilometers from the Rio Grande. Thus, a major supposition of the following recommendations was that in the early 1990s, there was a dearth of information on sites such as those located within the Dos Republicas permit boundary."

The UTSA report recommendations further state that the archaeological sites investigated are more than probable a representation of a unique cultural manifestation within Texas archaeology as a whole.

"A third major premise of the recommendations given is that in spite of the impact of

both natural and modern artificial disturbances, important information on past human cultures can probably still be gleaned from the types of sites under consideration here."

Once the dust settled and the archaeological testing had ceased, findings under the survey deemed further review and searches of the area would be necessary. A grouping of valid and educated hypothesis arose from the query. "The fact that mining operations (especially at strip mines) frequently totally destroy the integrity and context of cultural resources; and the fact that all of the significant archaeological sites found by CAR during Phase II of the Dos Republicas Project investigations are within or near the primary mining impact zones; it was recommended that comprehensive cultural resource investigations of the following Dos Republicas Project sites, as described herein, be undertaken prior to any mining activities or other future artificial disturbances within the permit boundary," states the 23 year old UTSA study by CAR.

The report goes on to give a descriptive recommendation of the type of studies and problems that would be faced in the undertaking of any future queries.

Representatives of various, Native American Tribes have fought, tooth and nail, adamantly voicing their concerns over the destruction of relics and sacred grounds to the Texas Railroad Commission, Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, Army Corps of Engineers and all has fallen on deaf ears, making the valid assumption that evidence under this survey was not heeded to thus not allowing due process for a more in-depth investigation into the findings including the many sites that could be viable for archaeological preservation, eligibility for designation as a state archaeological landmark and/or, eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under the National Historic Preservation Act Sec. 106 Process.

Dr. Jonathan Hook, a Cherokee Indian, stated that "The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must follow policy related to federally recognized tribes and the policy is very specific and it says that before and from the beginning of any project that could impact lands of interest to federally recognized tribes, those tribes must be consulted

and we can find no record of consultation/dialogue taking place with the federally recognized tribes involved with the Dos Republicas coal mining effort at all."

"As far as we know that consultation process was never inaugurated or completed and tribes that are federally recognized have a great interest in this area, the Comanche, the Tonkawa, Mescalero Apache and certainly the two tribes that have been recognized by the State of Texas, the Coahuiltecas and the Lipan Apaches. They all had a strong presence in this area and many other tribes traveled through the area. My tribe, the Cherokee, had many people travel through this area. Many tribes historically have an interest in this area. As far as we know, none of them have ever been consulted, regarding the potential destruction of these Native American historical and sacred religious archaeological sites by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in their process," said Dr. Hook.

Dr. Hook requested the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the current coal mining permit be suspended and that they uphold to their obligatory duty of conducting the proper process of consultation with tribes and the completion of the National Historic Preservation Act Sec. 106 Process at the A.C.E. hearing process held in Eagle Pass, TX on August 10, 2015.

Maria Torres, Tribal Chairwoman of the Pacuache Clan of Coahuiltecan Tribe of Texas, has challenged the Dos Republicas coal mining project due to the destruction of over 100 Native American religious, sacred, and burial archaeological sites within the open pit coal mine boundary line. "It will destroy the sites and our religious practices and activities will be lost forever," said Chief Torres.

Unique and precious Native American and U.S. historical and sacred religious archaeological sites are unquestionably being destroyed by the preparation and opening of the Dos Republicas Coal Mine as documented by the UTSA study. Once it is destroyed, that valuable historical site and artifacts will be lost forever.

Coal mining protests

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ing permits.

Along with the striping of land, polluted wastewater is being dumped into Elm Creek, which feeds into the Rio Grande, already killing fish and other wildlife.

"There are so many violations, they are endangering animal species who are already listed on the endangered list not to mention jeopardizing the water supply here that thousands of people rely on," Hook said.

And if you believe this is a problem just for the residents of Eagle Pass, two Oklahoma residents believe otherwise. Donnie and Julia Blackowl, along with their son Garrison Mauritz traveled to Eagle Pass to participate in the march in solidarity with approximately 100 other protestors.

"People might try to say this doesn't affect us, but if you are a member of the Native American Church, I say it does affect you.

If you use medicine in the church, yes this will affect you when you travel to collect Peyote and there will be none," Julia Blackowl said. "That's why Donnie and Garrison and I traveled to Eagle Pass to protest the coal mining, this just isn't right and they are destroying sacred land and who knows what they are destroying buried beneath that land."

According to the San Antonio Express News in 2014, after Maverick County Judge David Saucedo refused to issue a permit allowing the company to build in a flood plain, Dos Republicas sued the judge. A trial court judge upheld his decision, but an appeals court reversed the decision in October 2015.

Dos Republicas is a subsidiary of Minerals del Norte, a partnership of Mexican industrialists that owns four other mines in Mexico and one in Israel. One owner is Mexican steel

magnate Alonso Ancira, cousin of San Antonio car dealer Ernesto Ancira.

"This just doesn't make any sense to anyone why state and federal lawmakers are allowing this coal to be mined, creeks that run into the Rio Grande to be polluted killing fish and the possibility that they are violating historical remains," Mancias said. "What's ironic, the North American Mining Company's logo is a picture of a headdress ... what's that tell you?"

Protestors included the Paquache Band of Coahuiltecan tribes, the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, the Carrizo-Comecrudo tribes, Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, branches of the American Indian Movement (AIM), members from Navajo Nation and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

To show your support of opposition, sign a petition banning the



Garrison Mauritz, a student at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla., joins in the protest in Eagle Pass, Texas April 16. The protesters walked a nine mile stretch through Eagle Pass to the site of the coal mining operations. (Photos by Pablo Mancias)

coal mining to continue at www.petitions.moveon.org/sign/give-the-land-rights or like the Carrizo-Comecrudo Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CarrizoComecrudoTribeOfTexas.

For more information about the Carrizo-Comecrudo tribe call 806-632-3849 or to contact Jonathan Hook email the American Indian Resource Center, airc@wt.net.



Cheyenne-Arapaho tribal member Donnie Blackowl (back left) and his wife Julia traveled to Eagle Pass, Texas to show their support and solidarity in opposing Dos Republicas continued mining of coal along and the dumping of polluted water into Elm Creek, feeding the Rio Grande river.

Tesoro Cultural Center presents Colorado's largest American Indian art show

16th annual Indian Market & Powwow features nationally acclaimed Indian artists for cultural celebration

(MORRISON, CO) Tesoro Cultural Center will host its 16th annual Indian Market & Powwow on Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15, on the grounds of Colorado's iconic restaurant, The Fort. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and entrance fees – \$5 for adults, \$3 for students with valid IDs, and free admission for children under 12, seniors 65+ and Tesoro members – benefit Tesoro's ongoing educational programs.

Tesoro Cultural Center's Indian Market & Powwow is a yearly tribute to the American Indian tribes that shaped the cultural community of Old Bent's Fort, an important fur trading post that operated along the famous Santa Fe Trail in the 1830s. In celebration of early Southwestern history, Tesoro hosts nationally acclaimed artists, dancers and drum groups for an art-centered gather-

ing, as well as educational and interactive exhibits on American Indian culture, for a fun-filled, family weekend. Children will love the hawk and eagle demonstrations from HawkQuest, as handlers discuss the importance of raptors in Indian culture. The public is invited to join contestants in inter-tribal friendship dances.

Additionally, artists will sell their wares and demonstrate their crafts in a show juried by the Council for Indigenous Arts and Culture. More than 50 inter-tribal American Indian dancers and drum groups will share their ancestral heritage through traditional dance and regalia. The Colorado Governor's office has recognized the annual Indian Market & Powwow as the largest authentic American Indian art show in Colorado and has even issued past Proclamations of Official Indian Market & Pow-

wow Days directly from the office of Governor John Hickenlooper, for the past four years. New and returning artists attending this year's Indian Market & Powwow will be listed and continuously updated on Tesoro's website.

Alongside celebrations of art, dance and cultural heritage, Tesoro's Indian Market & Powwow honors outstanding American Indian Veterans each year, in observance of Armed Forces Day, in order to thank them for their service.

Delicious concessions featuring Southwestern cuisine are available from The Fort and Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow Association. All programming supports Tesoro's year-round mission of preserving and making available to the community the artistic treasures of our American past. Other annual Tesoro events include the 1830s Rendezvous and Spanish Colonial



Art Market each September, and the Holiday Auction Party each December.

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