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### Tribes join forces to purchase land at Bear Butte

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The irony of purchasing land located at Bear Butte just outside of Sturgis, South Dakota isn't lost on most Native Americans.

Originally the land belonged to Native Americans. The land was taken and sold to an individual. Now, almost a century later, Native Americans band together to purchase land they once owned at Bear Butte. Specifically, 270 acres of land.

"Jim Jandreau who works for the state park at Bear Butte was notified by the auction company that 260 acres of land was coming up sale. He in turn contacted Albert Old Crow and Albert sent the request into the executive office and Max Bear at Culture and Heritage. Max, in turn, contacted Economic Development to come in and help with the process of maybe purchasing the land," Nathan Hart, economic development director said.

Bear Butte is known to be a sacred site for the Sioux, Arapaho and Cheyenne. For the Cheyenne Bear Butte is also

known as the Sacred Mountain, with stories of Maheo (God) giving Sweet Medicine the four Sacred Arrows, which allowed them access to Maheo's power. The Cheyenne call this place Nowah'was, meaning 'The Hills Where the People are Taught.'

Sturgis, South Dakota isn't just home to Bear Butte, but is also the location for one of the largest yearly motorcycle rallies to be held in the U.S., and once home to a biker bar called Full Throttle Saloon. The self-proclaimed "world's largest biker bar." Co-owner, Michael Ballard sought to rebuild the bar closer to Bear Butte National Historic landmark, a protected area that is the center of prayer for more than 60 tribes after the original saloon was destroyed by fire.

"All that we were concerned with was preserving this land for cultural purposes. Those who wanted this land for commercial development, well we really don't care what their opinion is. We did what we needed to do to preserve the land," Hart said.

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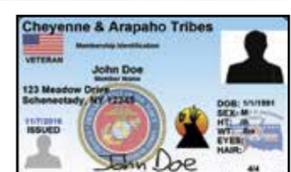
Fifty-thousand plus homeless veterans today are sleeping on the American streets every night, according to the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). Native Americans whose members form 1.7 percent of the U.S. active duty forces are twice as large as their 0.8 percent of the U.S. population. Of that, 1.7 percent Native American soldiers, 26 percent of these veterans are homeless and poor.

It is my belief that America is the greatest nation in the world. We live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Who are the brave? They are the proud men and women that are in the armed services that keep us safe and protect us from the known and unknown terrors of the world. They are the men and women that are enlisted in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, National Guard and Coast Guard. They are our family members ... our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and children. We are able to go about our daily lives and live in this land of the free because of these brave men and women that protect us here in the United States and abroad in over 100 countries.

We acknowledge and honor the dead and the living men and women of this nation who serve and protect us once a year on Veterans Day, November 11. Yet on the remaining 364 days of the year 50,000 plus are homeless. The once proud and vital individuals are reduced to poverty, homelessness, mental and physical illnesses, and loss of hope.

There is still hope for these soldiers that have returned home from serving. There are many organizations and services that are available to help them on an everyday basis. The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes brought many of these services together on Friday, Nov. 4 at the Cox Convention in Oklahoma City for the 2016 Inter-Tribal Stand Down. The Inter-Tribal Stand Down is a nationwide event for veterans. It is an event not only for the Native American Veterans but is

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### Specialized Veteran Tribal IDs now available

(Concho, OK) The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are offering new specialized Veteran ID membership cards for tribal member veterans who have served and are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Each Veteran ID will silhouette a specific branch of service logo including the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Coast Guard.

In order to obtain a Veteran ID, tribal members must submit a DD214-Honorable Discharge, NGB22-Honorable Discharge or Honorable Discharge Certificate to the Office of Veteran Affairs (OVA) located at the main tribal headquarters in Concho, Okla.

OVA will communicate and verify information to the Department of Enrollment

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# VETERAN'S TRIBUTE

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Cheyenne & Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton and his legal counsel celebrate a victory after recovering over \$740,000 from Citizens Bank in Ada, Okla. Pictured l-r: Kirke Kickingbird, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP, Gov. Hamilton and attorney William Norman, also of Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker LLP. (Submitted photo)

## Cheyenne & Arapaho governor wins suit recovering tribal trust funds

Federal judge orders return of over \$740,000 misdirected by Bureau of Indian Affairs and withheld by former C-A Lt. Gov. Leslie Harjo

(CONCHO-OK) Since taking their oaths of office, Cheyenne & Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton and Lt. Gov. Cornell Sankey have been working to recover \$747,000 of tribal trust funds on behalf of the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes. The funds, earmarked for tribal oil and gas per capita payments, were wrongly distributed to former Lt. Gov. Leslie Harjo by then-acting BIA Superintendent Scott McCorkel, and authorized by Superintendent Betty Tippeconnie. Harjo then placed the funds in a private, non-tribal account at the Citizens Bank of Ada, Oklahoma.

Following more than a year's worth of unsuccessful attempts to obtain Harjo's cooperation to return these funds in order that they could be distributed to

tribal members, Gov. Hamilton directed legal counsel, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, LLP to take appropriate legal action seeking the return of the funds.

According to Lt. Gov. Sankey, "We just wanted her to give the money back so we could make the per capita payments for which the funds were intended. Our members should have received this money years ago. The bank in Ada didn't want to keep it and Janice Boswell filed papers with the court saying she wasn't trying to claim it, but Harjo wouldn't give up her claim, so we had to get a federal court to obtain custody of the funds and deliver them to the tribes."

During the litigation, despite disclaiming any ownership in the funds

and any current role as a tribal official, Harjo refused to return the funds to the tribes. Finally, in August 2016, the Federal District Court in Oklahoma City issued an order to return the funds to Gov. Hamilton and the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes.

"This should have never happened. The BIA should have never placed those funds in her control and she should have returned them," Hamilton stated. He later added, "I really appreciate our team's effort. The money can now make its way to where it belongs ... to our tribal members. I'm proud to have played a role in this victory for them."

The \$747,000 will be added to this year's December oil and gas per capita payments and distributed to citizens.

## OSBI's forensic artist to retire after 50 years of solving crimes

By Deanne Stein, News 9

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation works some of the state's most horrific cases. For the past 50 years, they used an artistic approach to help solve them.

"I probably would have never done another drawing if I'd failed," Harvey Pratt said, a forensic artist with OSBI.

A Native American artist Harvey Pratt belonging to the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, sketched his first witness description when he was a Midwest City patrol officer back in the 1960s.

"We caught him," he said.

That was the beginning of a long career as a police forensic artist. He moved over to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation in 1972, first as a narcotics investigator before becoming a full-time forensic artist.

"Being inquisitive and being creative I think helped me a great deal in law enforcement," he said.

Being creative is Pratt's first love. Inside his home in Guthrie, it feels more like walking into a Native American museum.

"I like to create being able to create and depict

scenes and depict history," he said.

He's a self-taught painter and sculptor and has spent a lifetime filling his home with his masterpieces. However, his art has also served as a great escape.

"It's calming" he said. "I can get into something and just immerse myself into that and forget about dead bodies and forget about crimes."

When he's not home painting his spiritual and untroubled scenes, he sketches witness descriptions.

"I deal in a violent world," he said.

Inside his office at OSBI headquarters in Oklahoma City, his artwork isn't so calming.

"It is hard to visit with victims that have been brutalized, tortured and hurt; you have to talk to them very carefully," Pratt said. "You have to be analytical so you don't fall apart."

During his career, Harvey has done 4,000 witness sketches, 2,000 soft tissue and cranial facial reconstructions and about 200 age progressions.

"You describe something to me and I see it in my brain, I see it in my



mind," he said. "I've gotten to help a lot of people, help them recover."

Some of his top Oklahoma cases include the State Fair disappearance of two girls, the Sirloin Stockade murders and the Girl Scout camp murders, but for Harvey, there are no top cases.

"To me they're all important, they all carry a great deal of satisfaction for me," Pratt said.

Now, after 50 years, Harvey plans to retire, but pieces of him will remain on the walls at OSBI head-

quarters where he painted a mural depicting most of the agency's employees and the cases they've investigated.

"To me, it's a gift that God gave me and God gives us all gifts, it's up to you to recognize your gift," he said.

Harvey will officially retire in February but said he'll never retire from art and plans to continue painting and sculpting. He also plans to work part-time from home to help solve missing and unidentified persons cases.

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# North Dakota Access Pipeline rally held at Oklahoma Capitol

By Graham Lee Brewer

A few hundred people huddled together in the wind near the front steps of the Oklahoma Capitol on Monday afternoon in a show of solidarity with North Dakota Access Pipeline protesters.

The rally began with a prayer from Steve Pratt, of Edmond, a retired professor and member of the Osage Nation, followed by speeches from several local Native American activists.

Activist and filmmaker Sterlin Harjo described the feeling of watching his friends and colleagues who are currently protesting in North Dakota being arrested as surreal and heart-breaking.

"It really shook me to my core," Harjo told the crowd. "That's why I'm here... it angered me so much I had to be here."

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Confrontations between law enforcement and protesters in North Dakota grew tense over the weekend, as police in riot gear pressed the front lines of the protest, pushing demonstrators out of certain areas, in some cases firing beanbag rounds and using pepper spray. Several vehicles were set ablaze, and protesters held off authorities at the Blackwater Bridge for several hours. By the end of Friday evening, more than 140 people had been arrested.

Speakers at the rally touched on their anger over the use of force in North Dakota, as well as the possibility of an oil pipeline not only disturbing sacred Native lands but also contaminating nearby water sources.

Warren Queton said that during a recent visit to land near Carnegie he reflected on what the water that flowed through the land meant and how it connected him to those protesting almost one thousand miles away.

"I thought about the water and how it runs through that property like it does through our bodies," he said. "Water is life."

"Water is essential to live," said Apollonia Pina, one of the rally's organizers, noting the importance of showing solidarity to those in North Dakota. "With me being Native American I am a minority of a minority. We are less than 1 percent of the population of the U.S. It's important for those up north to know that even if we can't be there we support them and their efforts or not going unnoticed."

Graham Lee Brewer

Local News General Assignment/Breaking News Reporter

Graham Lee Brewer has covered criminal justice, the state prison system, the death penalty, and the state legislature for The Oklahoman, since joining its staff in 2013. Brewer witnessed



Hundreds gather outside the Oklahoma State Capitol Oct. 29 to show support and solidarity with water protectors standing against the Dakota Access Pipeline in Cannonball, North Dakota. (Photo by the Red Dirt Report)

and investigated the botched execution of Clayton Lockett, has written about the state's overcrowded and deteriorating prisons, reported on the Oklahoma's efforts to reform its criminal justice system, and covered a variety of crime and breaking news stories for the paper.

A former public radio reporter, Brewer made the jump to print in 2012 when he left Oklahoma Watch to cover the state Senate for eCapitol. Brewer has won numerous local and national awards for his reporting, which has taken him from ancient villages in the deserts of the southwest to summits at the United Nations, from chasing tornadoes to riding along on cattle drives on the Oklahoma plains. Most recently, he was named a 2015 reporting fellow at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York.

Brewer is an active member of the Native American Journalists Association and a board member for UNITY, Journalists for Diversity. He is an Oklahoma native and a member of the Cherokee Nation. He received a bachelors in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma in 2009 and a master's in 2011.

## So what if they are family ...

By Glenn Zaring, Tribal Business Journal

When we have a tribal business either just starting or already charging out of the gate, what is one of the main messages that has gone into the formation of that business? What promises are communicated to the membership? It is that, "We will provide jobs for our tribal members!" This is the usual battle cry, the promise and too often, the failure.

Why failure? Consider this. Is it right to hire family members for some new tribal enterprise just so that they can fail? Of course not! But we do it anyway. Think about the messages which are communicated to our people when we keep doing this, just because we can? At some point, they are going to lose any trust in themselves, their own 'family' and their tribe. I shudder to think where that leads.

One of the biggest challenges to any business but especially tribal businesses is that we often seem to hire family members for jobs in which they do not have the background or training to succeed. We even stress the racist approach of providing jobs for our people before others and if we cannot find tribal members who have the necessary qualifications to do the job, we simply dumb down the requirements until 'someone' can qualify. Doing this ensures that the job will not get done and the tribal member whom we are trying to help, will fail.

It is a hard pill to swallow but it is the truth.

The psychology beyond this well-intentioned action is easy to understand and, on the surface, laudable. We are just trying to help our people. But we are actually setting them up for failure, loss of face and loss of self-esteem. We also did not help our business and actually hurt our whole tribe.

Their failure or poor performance has impact well beyond just that job. It affects our tribal future and the chances for success and longevity.

In the outside business world, there are countless stories of when a private business owner walks on, 'Junior' takes over. Of course Junior has a college degree from Daddy's Alma Mater and has an excellent resume' on either the tennis court or the golf course. But Junior doesn't

have any experience at the company, other than flirting with the receptionist.

Guess what? When Junior sits in the big chair in the corner office, he hasn't any freaking idea what to do. He vaguely remembers hearing some of what Daddy used to talk about, but he didn't pay attention.

Before long, the company either folds, is sold, or the Board of Directors gets tired of Junior and makes him the Chief Executive Director in charge of picnics.

Now look at the contrast where Junior grows up getting a good basic education and then starts far down the totem pole at the company, getting experience at all levels. When Daddy walks on and Junior takes over, the people know him. The customers and suppliers know him and he knows what makes the corporation tick. This 'Junior' is a credit to his people, his parents and his company.

In Indian country like elsewhere, we have fallen for the promise of our college systems hype which says that, if you just stick it out and get a degree from us, you will be entitled to a great job, lots of money and prestige. (Sounds like Junior and his golf degree... Ha!)

Wonderful promise isn't it? It is a shame how it doesn't really add up that way for Junior or for us.

Just because we pay through tribal funds or grants for a college education for our young people does not mean that once the degree is completed, that they know what they are doing. They hopefully have the basic education from which to move on in life. Experience and mentorship is what will give them the tools for the task and help them to become proud and productive tribal citizens.

When our tribal nations are contemplating a new business venture, they should take a look at it as an opportunity to learn how to do the business. We should communicate to our people that the business will provide jobs but that they will still have to learn how to do them and then actually perform the job. Doing so in truth ("Debwewin"), will provide opportunities, self-esteem and self-worth which will help our people and our nations to a better future.

It also means being honest with our family.

## C-A tribes set to receive Contract Support Cost settlement from United States

(CONCHO - OK) Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton and executive branch officials recently finalized necessary paperwork paving the way for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes to receive over \$3.3 million federal lawsuit settlement award.

The payment represents the tribes' share of a \$947 million dollar settlement between 699 tribes, tribal organizations and the United States for failure to pay the proper amount of contract support costs to Indian Self-Determination Act contractors, like the tribes.

The settlement, approved in April 2016, stems from a United States Supreme Court decision in 2012 where the high court found that the United States was not relieved of its obligations to pay contract support costs to tribal contractors

where agency appropriations had been capped.

When asked for his reaction to the good news Hamilton stated, "We are extremely excited about the settlement. For years the United States failed to pay the tribes what they owed us contractually for carrying out federal programs. We were forced to use tribal funds instead. Now, with this settlement, we are finally recouping those dollars. A lot of thanks goes to the attorneys representing all the tribes in the lawsuit and our attorneys at Hobbs & Straus for advising us in finalizing the settlement and obtaining the award. We also appreciate that the Obama Administration ultimately made good on the Self-Determination Contract funds we were owed, and look forward to investing these funds back into our tribal programs."

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# Rescue of a dog interweaves two veterans' lives

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Sometimes people's paths cross under strange circumstances. For veteran U.S. Marine Barry Whiteman from El Reno, Okla., and U.S. Air Force SSgt. Michael Buchanan, their lives crossed because of one very special service dog, a German Shepherd named Oso.

## Finding Oso

It was the night of Sept. 26 when Whiteman and his wife Michelle were traveling west on Highway 40 in Oklahoma City. When they crossed over I-44 highway they were met with bright red taillights and seemingly hundreds of cars sitting at a stand still. As Whiteman inched his way forward they spotted police lights, ambulances and fire trucks, confirming what Whiteman suspected ... a bad accident.

"I was like 'aw man.' It was like a stand still and by the time we got up to Meridian I told Michelle we might as well get off. We were about six cars behind from the stop light when I looked up and said, 'what in the heck are you doing?' I seen this beautiful German Shepherd and he's going up to each of those cars and they were like honking for him to get out of the way. I was like he was going to get hurt. He was going up to each car just looking in," Whiteman said.

He said they turned around in a parking lot, parked and he jumped out meeting two other women who had stopped at the same time.

"I asked them if their dog got away from them and they said he's not ours we thought he was yours. We stood there for a few minutes and I kept looking at him and I finally said, 'well I can take him and hold onto him. Michelle and I stopped in Yukon because we knew we had to feed him so we got food and some bowls. I said either he's really fit on a strict diet or he's underfed. We took him home and tried to keep him outside but you could tell he had been kept inside because he was always wanting in. I knew someone had to have taken good care of this dog because of how good looking the dog was and I gave him commands and he followed them," Whiteman said.

He said he had all kinds of crazy thoughts about the dog. He wondered if the dog's human was in the car accident on Meridian where they found him. Or if he had been used as a stud animal and dumped because it was obvious the German Shepherd was older. With each passing day Whiteman along with his step-kids, Jasmine and Jarred, they were forming a bond with the dog. Still not knowing his name nor where he came from or his history.

"We took him to a vet to go ahead and get updated shots and asked them to look for a chip in the dog. The vet we went to didn't have the machine to read the chip, but I had Jasmine take him to another vet to see if they could pull information off the chip but I told her, 'don't leave him unless his human is with him.' Sure enough they got the number off the chip, called the owner and gave the owner my name and number," Whiteman said.

## Finding Oso's owner(s)

As it turned out, the German Shepherd Whiteman and his wife Michelle found was named Oso, translated

means 'Bear.'

He belonged to SSgt. Michael Buchanan, stationed at Vance AFB in Enid, Okla., but Oso was in transition, being shipped to live with Michael's step-father and mother in Seattle, Washington when he went 'missing.' Or a more accurate statement would be, when he 'ran away from the hotel.' You see Oso is a very smart dog. He knows how to open doors and windows and if left alone long enough decides he wants to go out and explore. And that's exactly what happened in Oklahoma City. Buchanan's sister Grace, who was overseeing the transfer travel arrangements for Oso, left him in her hotel room while running out to get a bite of dinner. To her surprised, upon returning to the hotel, Oso had done what he does best ... opened the door and went out to explore.

"I am taking possession from my step-son who is stationed at Vance AFB in Enid. I live in Seattle, Washington. Michael has had him from the beginning but circumstances at his home with his infant children has made it to where Oso needs to come live with us for awhile. Oso is not fond of toddlers. We've known Oso since Michael got him. Shortly after attending SERE training in the Air Force Michael acquired Oso, who was washed out from being a service dog because of being too gentle," Cliff Michael, step-father of Michael Buchanan, and a Viet Nam veteran himself said.

He said he felt joy and relief when he received the phone call saying Oso had been found.

"My wife and I were praying that he would be safe and be in a safe environment and well cared for and because of that sentiment when I heard Barry's account of how well integrated Oso became in their family and his teenagers fell in love with him I had to ask if he was in a position to care for Oso and provide a home for him permanently ... because of the account of how Oso had integrated into his family. And I was dreading the answer but he said his situation with him and his family right now was that they could not. I was quietly very relieved to hear that, but knew I had to ask," Cliff said.

Oso's owner, SSgt. Michael Buchanan

Buchanan is currently a mental health technician in the Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention Services of the NCOIC, U.S. Air Force. He first heard about Oso when he was stationed in Iraq from a friend who works for the Las Vegas Police Department.

"I have had Oso for 7 years, ever since he's been a puppy. He is a service dog and has been with me almost the entire time I have been in the military. I used him at work all the time. I get permission from the hospital I am working with at the time or wherever I am working at the time. I bring him to work to do therapy. I use him for a PTSD group in Las Vegas and used him for people who are afraid of big dogs. I would hold a Saturday event where people could come down along with a couple of other big dogs we had on the base, so people could play with them and be friends with them," Buchanan said.

The Las Vegas Police Department ran a bust on a drug dealer's home in Vegas, finding numerous German



U.S. Marine Corps veteran Barry Whiteman and his wife Michelle pose for a picture with Oso, Jasmine and Jarred. Oso will be traveling home to Seattle, Wash., later this month.

Shepherd puppies. The police department adopted the puppies and a few of them, Oso included, went through police training. But what they found was Oso was not an aggressive dog.

"There are a couple different personality types for German Shepherds and Oso is just not an aggressive dog, for the most part, unless he's protecting somebody, but he's pretty much a passive dog. And he wasn't aggressive enough after going through most of their training, so they had to put him up for adoption. My friend let me know and I purchased him from the police department and finished his training and got him his certifications. That's when I started bringing him to work," Buchanan said. "It actually started a movement across the Air Force where other mental health techs started getting dogs as well and doing the same thing. There are seven or eight of us that have dogs and bring them to work and use them for different programs. Right now, Oso is kind of an older dog, so I have stopped using and working with him now like that. He was actually on his way up to my parent's house in Seattle because I have a baby and the baby just isn't a good fit for Oso."

Little did Barry Whiteman know, the dog he and his wife rescued that evening in Oklahoma City was a veteran, much like himself. Oso has traveled the world with his compadre SSgt. Buchanan.

"We started in Las Vegas together, then I was sta-

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## Election Commission issues findings on Arapaho District 2 and Cheyenne District 4 recall petitions

(CONCHO-OK) Recall petitions on the Arapaho District 2 Legislator Christine Morton and Cheyenne 4 District Legislator Kyle Orange were not returned into the Election Commission office as scheduled. The Election Commission issued the following findings in accordance therewith:

### FOR A2 LEGISLATOR, CHRISTINE MORTON

Petitioner Bobby Sankey submitted \$100 fee to begin the recall process on April 22, 2016;

Petitioner Bobby Sankey posted notice of his intent to pursue a petition on April 22, 2016. By law, said notice is required to be posted for the 20-day notice period;

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

The petition was due back in the Commission's office by close of business on Sept. 12, 2016, but was never turned in;

Since the petition was never

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

### FOR C4 LEGISLATOR, KYLE ORANGE

Petitioner Kendall Kauley submitted the \$100 fee to begin the recall process on April 25, 2016;

Petitioner Kendall Kauley posted notice of his intent to pursue a petition on April 25, 2016. By law, said notice is required to be posted for the 20-day notice period;

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

The petition was due back in the Commission's office by close of business on Sept. 14, 2016, but was never turned in;

Since the petition was never turned in, these findings satisfy the requirements set forth under Article VI, Section 6.6 (B) of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Election Law.

## BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

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# Breaking ground on new projects

## New water treatment plant in Concho, Okla.

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter



A new water treatment plant is well underway to be constructed near the Head Start building in Concho, Okla.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Nov. 1, marking the first scoop of dirt to be moved towards construction. The 1.2-million-dollar plant is a 2,501 square foot facility that will soften and treat the water supply in the Concho community, along with Luck Star Casinos and the Travel Stop. The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes in collaboration with Westfahl Construction, Inc., Downey Contracting LLC and Indian Health Services (IHS) are building the water plant.

The plant was first introduced in 2012 by Melvin RomanNose, who originally got the project started by taking part in meetings with IHS and the United States Geological Service.

"I'm thankful for this project, I know its been a long four years but now we're at this point where we can actually make the project happen and finish it. I'm thankful that IHS was involved and it really was a project that was implemented from one of our own, Melvin RomanNose, to make this happen. After this project's complete, our way of life here at Concho will be off the charts," Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Eddie Hamilton, said.

"What it would do for our people that live here, work here and also come and visit, how much more it'll be for those that will be using our own water instead of having it the way it is now, the shape that our facility is, it has been, its just been patch work in trying to make it work but it is time for a new upgrade. I'm thankful that it's finally here."

The water plant will work to remove the hard water deposits in the Concho area. Hard water is water that is high in mineral content, it is safe to drink, but may lead to costly problems over time. Minerals like calcium and magnesium accumulate in hard water can occur in well water and city water. Soft water is

water that is treated and has few to no minerals like calcium and magnesium.

"Cleaner water. Hopefully people will understand the water now is drinkable, its good water, hopefully when this is done they'll understand it and believe in it but we still have people that say 'I wouldn't drink that water,'" Kevin Easton, water plant operator, said.

Damon Dunbar, community development director, believes after the Bureau of Indian Affairs turned the school over to the tribes, it was too expensive to treat the water, "they just never did really treat it, except for shocking the water making sure it was drinkable and they never did treat it for the hardness. Over the years that has been the main point in upgrading all the infrastructure here for the water," Dunbar said.

The water plant is part of a combined 3.3-million-dollar plan that includes a 2.1-million-dollar Justice Center. The facility will be completed in summer 2017.

"After the new water plant is directed and everything is working properly, hopefully everybody will be more confident in our drinking water," Michael Lamebull, operations and maintenance director said.

"The new water plant is going to be very beneficial to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of the future and generations to come."



Gov. Eddie Hamilton thanks everyone for their participation and involvement in the construction of the new water treatment plant. (Photos by Latoya Lonelodge)



## New Justice Center / Concho, Okla.

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

With the wind whipping the rich red dirt into little dancing swirls, hard hats and shovels were laid out for the official Cheyenne & Arapaho Justice Center groundbreaking. Invited guests, speakers and tribal government officials made their way to what is currently an empty field just southwest of the Concho Post Office in Concho, Okla.

"I am very thankful to be involved in this project. It's really a great day for our Nation to be a part of this groundbreaking ceremony. It couldn't be possible without the Tax Commission for their help in funding this project and the legislature for helping to get it approved," Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton said. "I am so thankful we are where we are today ... where we can actually have this project start and be completed in a few months. We can all be proud of a facility like this."

Beginning in October 2009 the tribes received a Category I Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to complete a Correctional Facility Comprehensive Master Plan. The purpose of the grant was to assist tribes in developing strategies to cost effectively plan and/or renovate facilities

associated with incarceration and rehabilitation of juvenile and adult offenders subject to tribal jurisdiction. The tribes formed an advisory board to conduct assessments and tour existing correctional facilities gathering facts and information. What that board determined was the tribes didn't need a 'correctional facility'. What they needed was a justice center to counsel and assist tribal members with social services, hopefully reducing the high rate of incarceration among tribal members.

After an eight-year process, the dream of many will materialize in the coming months.

"Our vision for the justice center is to meet the needs of our tribal community by providing accessible and responsive judicial and social services. We took that master plan, which is closest to my heart and that's what I and so many of you guys ran with to bring us here today," Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' probation officer, Paul Fuentes said.

The \$2.1 million Justice Center will be a 7,900 square foot facility. Phase I of a three-part project will include a courtroom and judicial offices. It is expected to be completed in one year.



# Celebrating National Bison Day

Photo & Story Rosemary Stephens  
Editor-in-Chief

What better way to celebrate 'National Bison Day' than highlighting the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' growing bison herd?

The U.S. Senate passed a resolution designating National Bison Day as the first Saturday in November. This year National Bison Day fell on Nov. 5 and has become an annual celebration of the ecological, cultural, historical and economic contribution of the bison in the United States. It is only fitting that the bison is known as the official U.S. National Mammal.

"National Bison Day rightfully honors this magnificent animal, our national mammal, and helps focus attention on the work being done by private ranchers, conservationists and tribal leaders to bring bison back to pastures and rangelands across the country," National Bison Association Executive Director Dave Carter wrote in reference to National Bison Day.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Economic Development Director, Nathan Hart, knows first hand the importance of the buffalo, both culturally and economically, as overseer of the tribes' fast growing bison herd.

"The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes began their bison operations in 1980 when 29 head of bison were donated to the tribes by an individual committed to wildlife conservation," Hart said.

Today the tribes' bison herd has grown to 280 head, with plans in place to grow the herd up to 800 head in the coming years.

Through the years the tribes have acquired bison from other tribes, cities, National parks, state parks and the National Conservancy. The primary source for herd

expansion today has been through the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC), which the tribes' have been a member of since 2005.

"Bison ranged across the continent in large naturally intermixing herds of thousands of individuals in the early 1800s. From the mid-to-late 1800s the bison population declined from millions to a few hundred. These wild American plans bison would have disappeared if not saved from extinction by five privately owned ranches and the survival of a small herd in what is now Yellowstone National Park," Hart said.

As the population of bison began to regrow, some of the bison in private herds were intentionally crossbred with cattle for commercial purposes. In an attempt to determine the purity of the tribes' heard, Hart worked with Dr. James Derr at the DNA Technologies Core Laboratory at Texas A&M University to analyze the genetic diversity of the tribes' bison heard. Of the 185 bison that were DNA tested, four was found to have domestic cattle mitochondrial DNA.

"The C&A bison that have small amounts of cattle gene introgression will be separated from the conservation herd and managed for commercial purposes only. We will establish our conservation herd for the preservation of genetically pure bison with high genetic diversity," Hart said.

Currently there are approximately 500,000 bison that exist today in the U.S. in commercial and conservation herds.



# Bear Butte

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Hart said he started to look into possible financial resources looking outside the tribe for resources.

"I felt like it was up to the executive office to look into the tribes' financial resources so I approached some organizations that I knew was set up to help tribes buy land back. I made contact with them and we entered into some dialogue and it was really just about a week and a half before the auction date that this organization came back and said other tribes had contacted them too who were interested in going up there and bidding on it," Hart said. "They had been through a process before on other parcels of land, over 2,000 acres where tribes came together and jointly went in and purchased that property. They told me each tribe going at it alone might be able to pick up a few individual tracts but asked if the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes would be interested in coming in with other tribes and try and get it all as a unit because we all have the same goal ... to preserve it as a cultural site, cultural preservation."

Knowing the importance of preserving the land around Bear Butte, Hart, acting on behalf of the tribes began to have a series of phone calls with other tribes and each of them began to take individual actions, be it in front of their council or in the case of the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes, in front of the legislature to obtain authorization to go bid on the land and set a dollar figure.

"When we first started to look at the figures and tried to project what the cost of purchasing the land was going to be we figured it could go as high as \$1.2 million. Our internal funding source was the tribes' Tax Commission and that figure was perceived as being too high. So I went through a series of calculations of what the tracts could sell for. The land sold in six different tracts and we knew that several of those tracts were prime commercial development tracts and they were going to go higher. We finally came out with a number of \$925,000 and the Tax Commission approved it," Hart said. "But when it finally came down to a vote from the legislature there was a lot of discussion and it was brought down to \$400,000. The legislature approved that amount to be authorized to bid on the land."

Armed with a dollar figure, Hart, Bear and Parry RomanNose, Tax Commission, traveled to South Dakota, with Hart taking lead on the bidding. Hart said the auction was different than any other auction he had ever been to, going through round after round of bidding. In the end he said the Northern Cheyenne were bidding on one tract of



land, the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes were bidding on another tract of land, and the other four tracts were being bid on for commercial development ... exactly what the tribes wanted to avoid ... commercial development.

"It was during the bidding that the Northern Cheyenne came to me and said 'we have to preserve this land as a whole. You have this amount of money as a commitment, to add to what you and the other tribes have put together, so try and get it all.'

So then I knew what dollar amount I had to work with and we were bumping right up against that maximum when that auction ended. I was already calculating out plan B. Plan B would be with the money I had allocated to bid on I was going to pick off as many of those individual tracts as I could, but I knew plan B wouldn't get the entire 270 acres. We would have come out with about 150 acres," Hart said. "It was really because all the tribes pulled together, literally at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and making their commitments and giving me their commitments that allowed this to go through. The tribes plan is to preserve the land as a

sacred site and that was, and is, all of the tribes' goals."

So in the end, by Tribal Nations coming together, standing and working together, all six tracts of land totaling 270 acres will remain as it has always been ... a sacred site.

"We got it back, we all worked together and now that I have been back a couple of days and have talked to the other tribes, this was a big deal. Once in a lifetime experience to be a part of this. Everybody that was there described it as being very intense. I was asked ahead of time was I nervous or stressed about it and neither of those described it," Hart said. "The feeling was I understood there was a big responsibility that I had and I just stayed focused on that. We had a lot of spiritual help. A lot of people here knew we were going and there was a lot of sweats that went on, a lot of prayers. When we went there we made sure to give ourselves plenty of time to go up on the mountain and pray and as we were coming down we saw other people going up on the mountain to pray. Turned out it was the Northern Cheyenne going up the mountain to pray. That land is sacred and we should all be proud."



Photos by Latoya Lonelodge

# ATHLETES' SPOTLIGHT

Photo & interview by Latoya Lonelodge



Born in Oklahoma City, and raised in El Reno, Stavion Blackowl makes it his goal to stay active on and off the court.

At 5'10 he is a shooting guard for the Calumet Chieftains basketball team and also plays for the Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. team (pseudonym for Recreation, Exercise, & Sports for Elders and Children).

*When did you first begin playing and how?*

I was in the fourth grade and I came here to Calumet, my step brother, at the time, he wanted me to play basketball so I asked and I got to play.

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

I just love the brotherhood between the teammates and I love seeing fans cheering and being the center of attention.

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

To actually be playing and we got the first win against Dover.

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

Making As and Bs

*What is your GPA (if known)?*

2.6

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

Try to make it through college for sports and progress from there. With school, it's just try to get a degree and make it farther than anyone in my family has.

*What actions are you taking to reach these goals?*

For sports it's getting in the gym everyday and doing everything I can to stay up on top of my game, and school keeping up with my work and trying to get the highest grades to get to college.

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

For R.E.Sp.E.C.T. in our semi-finals game in NABI last year, we played a younger team, it was pretty exciting. I mean we lost but it was pretty exciting to actually make it that far. Just being able to play and having everyone watch us, a lot of people at the tournament came down to watch us play. We played the younger team in R.E.Sp.E.C.T. For Calumet, yesterday at our game we blew them out, we played Dover, it was really cool to have won by that much on my first game.

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

The best advice I've ever gotten was to keep working and never give up and soon it will all come together. Christian Wassana said that to me,

just told me to keep working when I played with him in El Reno.

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

Just get up and be the best I can be and make everyday count.

*Who or what inspires you the most?*

God inspires me the most to play, that's one of the reasons I do play, for Him and family. Just trying to make them proud.

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

I usually run a mile or two, I just mostly shoot and work on dribbling the most. I work on it either every day or every other time. I probably do it five or six days out of a week.

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

Shooting and running, being able to get up and down the court.

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

Before I will probably eat Subway and then after I'll eat a healthy snack like an apple, but I mostly eat Subway before my games.

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

My grandpa Johnson, he passed like two years back

but he showed me that you can make changes to your life. He changed his life around, when I think of him it keeps me going. He used to be an alcoholic and he changed his life around and got a degree at OU, that's what made an impact on me.

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

I play video games or I'll go walk my dog or play with my dog. It's a girl pitbull named Nala.

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

Hip-Hop, R&B and some country.

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

Before every game I get really nervous and I just try to play it off by looking like or acting like I'm cool but deep down I'm just really scared.

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

Not really, everyone I hang out with will just go back and forth. Step up and tell a teacher, tell an older person that you're being bullied, tell your parents, don't keep it to yourself.

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

I usually just don't hang

around people that do that, if they ask me I'll say no and walk away. I don't really care what they have to say to me about that, I just walk away and try not to hang out with them. I just say no.

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

Our president election, I just don't think they're both fit to be a president.

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

To make it up there, to make it to the NBA or at least a good college or get a scholarship to play for a college. I prefer to go to any college, it would be nice, just to play basketball.

*Who is your favorite athlete of all time?*

Stephen Curry, he's a really good shooter, he's humble, he keeps his cool and he's a Christian like me.

*Which team is your favorite team?*

Golden State

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

My immediate plan is to get back in the gym and keep working towards that college level, most likely just go to the gym all the time.

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

Keep your head in the books, don't do drugs, stay focused and keep your mind on that goal and everything will work out.

*Stavion's parents are Tiffany Blackowl and Kawa Black Jr. His grandparents are Edwina Blackowl Melendez and Thomas Blackowl-Melendez. Stavion has four siblings: Xavion Blackowl, Teetana Blackowl, Dreamer Blackowl and Ashley Blackowl.*

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## November is National Diabetes Month

### Blood Sugar Goals for Diabetes

#### American Diabetes Association

Before meals 70-130  
1-to-2 hours after meals <180  
A1C<7%

#### American Association of Endocrinology

Before meals <110  
2 hours after meals <140  
A1C, 6.5 percent

The cold and flu season is upon us. The following are tips to help manage your diabetes when you are ill. A sick day is when you have any illness, infection, trauma, injury or any unusual or severe emotional stress. Blood glucose is harder to control when you are sick. Often an increase or temporary addition of insulin is needed during illness.

#### Guidelines

Test blood glucose every 2-4 hours if you have type 1

diabetes or are pregnant.

Test four times a day if you have type 2 (before meals and bedtime).

If you take medication to control your diabetes, DO NOT STOP taking insulin or pills, even if you can't eat all of your meals (caution, discuss metformin with your doctor if you are sick.)

You may need extra insulin, talk to your doctor or diabetes educator.

If your blood sugar is over 250 mg/dl, you may need to test for ketones, talk to your doctor or diabetes educator.

#### Sick Day Rules

Eat your usual meals and snacks when possible. Drink extra calorie-free fluids every hour you are awake. The following are examples of calorie-free fluids, broth, bouillon, sugar-free soda, tea (caffeine free), water, sugar free Jell-O.

If you are unable to eat

your usual meals and snacks, drink or eat nourishing beverages and soft foods every hour you are awake, about 15 grams of carbohydrate every 1 to 2 hours.

If you are vomiting, sip ½ cup regular soft drink every 1-2 hours.

Below are the Top Ten Tips for managing your diabetes:

Make a commitment to manage your diabetes.

Don't Smoke.

Keep your blood pressure and cholesterol under control.

Schedule regular physicals and eye exams.

Keep vaccines up to date.

Take care of teeth.

Consider a daily aspirin regimen.

Maintain a healthy weight, monitor CHOs.

If you drink, drink responsibly.



## Veteran IDs

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for release of Veteran IDs

"I had heard about this token of appreciation being offered to tribal veterans in other Tribal Nations and knew when I was appointed acting Executive Director of Enrollment, doing the same here for our veterans was one of my goals to accomplish," Jeffrey Elizondo said.

The Department of Enrollment began to issue Veteran ID cards on Nov. 10. The first issued cards will be free to tribal veterans until Dec. 31, 2016. Any subsequent issued cards, and beginning Jan. 1, 2017 the Veteran ID cards will be \$7.

"It is another way for us to show our appreciation to our tribal veterans."



Cheyenne and Arapaho Color Guard march proudly into the Inter-Tribal Stand Down held Nov. 4 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. (Photos by Patricia Smith)

## Stand Down

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inclusive of all military veterans that have served.

Many tribes and vendors were at the Inter-Tribal all day event to offer their services to veterans that included hair cuts, health screenings, dental exams, vaccinations, flu shots, clothing and shoe giveaways, jobs and training resources, a healthy lunch and many more services.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton honored and welcomed the veterans in attendance. Hamilton shared information about the Cheyenne & Arapaho Veterans Office Program and also information on the HUD Vash program, which the C&A tribe is partnering with, that provides permanent housing for eligible homeless veterans.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey, who served as a U.S. Marine shared that there was a big need to help the returning veterans because of the current suicide rate. He shared there was a need for people to reach deep down inside and find words of encouragement for each other. Sankey shared astounding statistic numbers of 22 veterans per day were committing suicide.

Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, a U.S. Army veteran welcomed the veterans' home. He shared that he had spoken in front of the U.S. Congress several times and shared that there were two words that should never be spoken together, 'homeless' and 'veteran.'

"That's shameless; we should never let that happen to our American heroes," Keel said.

Commander Colonel Stephanie Wilson of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Airbase U.S. Air Force at Tinker Air Force Base shared that she had come to the Inter-Tribal Stand Down to salute and honor veterans.

"We all should want to be involved and be a part of the solution to help the home-



Free hair cuts for veterans were just one of the free services offered during the 2016 Inter-Tribal Stand Down.

less veteran. We need to make a connection with our veterans to 'thank them' for serving and also give them hope for their future because they deserve it," Wilson said.

Chance Rush acted as the Master of Ceremonies for this event and the Darlington School Dance Troupe performed and entertained the veterans. They brought 'smiles of hope' to all of them as they watched on.

To quote the United States Marine Corp motto for all of the men and women of all Armed Services because of their faithfulness and loyalty to the United States of America: 'Semper Parati'.

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To view photos of the 2016 Inter-Tribal Stand Down visit [www.pattycakegreetings.smugmug.com/Cheyenne-and-Arapaho-2016](http://www.pattycakegreetings.smugmug.com/Cheyenne-and-Arapaho-2016).



## Oso

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tioned in Turkey and we were stationed in Turkey together. It's funny because when we were stationed in Turkey, when I couldn't bring him to work I would leave him at home and he would open windows and go outside and play with the kids. There would be all these Turkish kids running around the neighborhood and usually they don't like dogs because there are a lot of stray dogs in Turkey and I would come home all the kids playing with him. I would be like 'can I have my dog.' I was always concerned when we were in Turkey because he was always opening the windows and getting out to go play. It could be nighttime and if he heard kids outside playing he would be like, 'I'm going outside to play,' and open the window and jump out. It was funny," Buchanan said.

Buchanan is currently making plans to pick up Oso from the Whiteman family and will be personally flying his beloved friend to his parent's home this month.

When Buchanan was asked about the effectiveness of animals in treating PTSD or depression, he didn't hesitate to answer, "I think using Oso or animals to treat PTSD is effective. For those who likes dogs, because you know not everybody likes animals, but for those who do it is very effective. If you are an animal person you have your best friend. For instance I don't have PTSD or anything like that but Oso, because he went through the training as a therapy dog, when I have had my own stressful things in life Oso has always been there. When I went through a divorce Oso was there. My father died about a year and a half ago and Oso was there. And he knows what's up. He knows when I am upset. It can be very helpful because they are there, they know when something is wrong and when something is right. It's almost like he's a person to me, so I say



SSgt Michael Buchanan's, then 6 year old daughter, Mikayla Buchanan poses with Oso in 2013.

somebody. It gives you somebody when nobody else is around to sit there and talk to or pet and hold and be friends with."

And so, without even knowing it, Oso once again has been a loving influence in the lives of his newfound friends, the Whiteman family, will continue to be a friend to his best friend Buchanan and without a doubt a welcomed addition into Cliff Michael's home in Seattle, Washington.

And with all involved primarily being veterans of the Armed Services, it's almost as if their paths were meant to cross.

NOTE: Barry Whiteman is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He served four years, nine months active duty, being deployed to Iraq on three tours of duties.

SSgt. Michael Buchanan is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Vance AFB in Enid, Okla.

# POWWOWS & EVENTS

## CALENDAR

### A2/C2 Districts Community Thanksgiving Dinner in Partnership with the Governor's Office

6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Nov. 16 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

### A1/C1 Districts Community Thanksgiving Dinners in Partnership with the Governor's Office

6 p.m., Nov. 17 at the Watonga Community Center in Watonga, Okla.

6 p.m. Nov. 21 at the

Woodward Pioneer Center in Woodward, Okla.

### Three-Fold Celebration: Revival/WhiteCrow Family Reunion/Delbert WhiteCrow's 72nd Birthday

Nov. 18-20 at the Abundant Life Pentecostal Church in Clinton Okla. Revival starts 7 p.m. Nov. 18 led by Delfred 'Bunny' WhiteCrow.

### Cheyenne & Arapaho Labor Day Powwow Bingo Fundraiser

7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18

at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Admission packets \$10, extra packets \$5 and bring your own daubers.

### Paint Ceremony in Honor of the Late Doty Lumpmouth Jr.

1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Nov. 19 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Paint Ceremony held from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., followed by dinner from 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. All family friends and relatives in need of painting are invited to attend.

### Red Moon Gourd Clan Thanksgiving Dance

Thursday, Nov. 24 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow.

MC Burl Buffalomean, HS Vilas Gwoompi, HMD BJ Stepp, HLD Wilma Blackbear, HLBD Vincent Aispuro, HLGD Ella Lehi, AD Roy Bates, Honored Elder Nancy Kaudle Kauley

Host Watonga Cheyenne Veterans and Co-Host Hub City Inter-Tribal Youth Group

For more information call Orville Whiteskunk at 580-309-1380 or Wilbur Bullcoming at 580-339-3320.

### Graduation Honor Dance for Wanda Whiteman

Dec. 10 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Wanda obtained her Master of Science Degree in Native American Leadership from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Gourd dancing begins at 3 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. Spon-

sored by niece Joan Candy-Fire and family.

MC Gerald Panana, HS Ruben Watan, HLD Carmen "Pretty Horses" Sankey, HMD Dwight Whitebuffalo, HLGD Ra-Kayah Davis

HLBD Jayden Plentybears, Honored Elder Ardena Blackowl-Rodriguez, Host Red Moon Gourd Club, Co-Host Red Moon Gourd Clan, Honored Veteran Moses Starr.

For more information call 405-200-5699.

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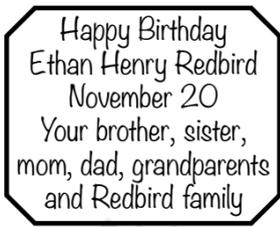
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Happy Birthday to our beautiful mother, Jolene Orange! We love you with all our hearts forever and always



Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday Maddie! I love you! From auntie Codi



Happy Belated 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Malia J. Roubideaux - Na'Kohe Menoh Daughter of Heather White Thunder-Roubideaux and Seth Roubideaux of Ignacio, Colo. Family wishes Na'Kohe Menoh a blessed year. She has become such a beautiful little girl and joy to the family. We love her with all our hearts!



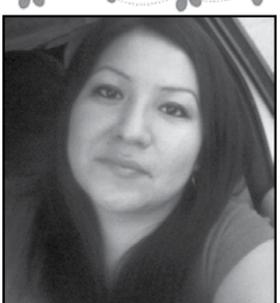
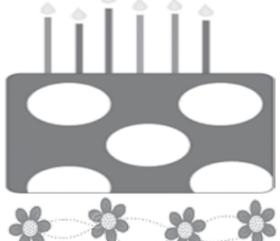
Happy Birthday Ethan Henry Redbird November 20 Your brother, sister, mom, dad, grandparents and Redbird family



Kelli Alexander Happy 13th Birthday You are an academic super achiever, with the ability to become whatever you desire in life. You make us very proud to be your uncles. uncles Bill and Bob

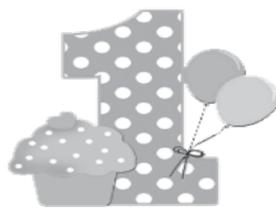
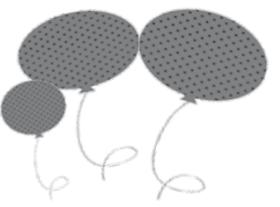


Happy Birthday Kristie Graham Nov. 25 You are a blessing to your children, husband, uncles and friends. May God bless you with good health for many years to come. uncles Bill and Bob



In Loving Memory of Amy Gould Dec. 12, 1984 Nov. 10, 2015

There's a special angel in Heaven,  
That is a part of me, It is not where I wanted her, but where God wanted her to be, She was here just a moment,  
Like a night time shooting star,  
And though she is in Heaven, she isn't very far. She touched the hearts of many, like only an angel can do,  
I would have held her every minute, If the end I only knew, So I send this special message to Heaven up above,  
Please take care of my Angel and send her all my love!  
Love your family, Isaac, Zaina, Wasose, Mom, Perry, Amanda, Aiyana & Ayden



## In Loving Memory



Jack Ben Williams departed this life on Oct. 29, 2016 in Oklahoma City. Jack was born Sept. 13, 1941 in his family's house south of Canton, Okla., to the late Cheyenne Chief Bill and Amanda (Hoof) Williams and was raised in the Canton community. He is a member of the Southern Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma. His Arapaho name is

"Chawa" which means "Swift".

Like his father, who served in WWII, Jack is a Veteran of our Armed Forces. He served as a Paratrooper in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne. After his service with the military he worked construction and lived in Utah and Wyoming, before moving back to El Reno, Okla. in 2010.

While in Wyoming, Jack made many friends on the Wind River Reservation. He especially enjoyed when they spoke Arapaho while visiting with him. His hobbies were arts and crafts, his biggest interest was going to benefit dances and powwows.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, brothers George Williams Sr. and Kenneth Williams; sisters Marlene Williams, Verna Mae Williams-Hamilton, Marilyn Rose Williams and Anna Jane Buckman.

Jack was survived by nieces Denise Winn Lonelodge, Kathy Williams, Karen Williams, Koreen Gaines, Gail Williams, Ann Jean Williams, Marlene Pratt, Gwendy Williams; nephews Michael Starr, Richard Williams, Seger Williams, Kenny Williams, Robert Buckman, Francis Hamilton, Dale Hamilton, Bill Hamilton and many grandkids that knew him as "Grandpa".

A wake service was held on Nov. 3, 2016 at the Canton Native American Gymnasium. Funeral services were held Nov. 4, 2016 at the same venue with Rev. Gerald Panana officiating. Interment followed in Canton Cemetery under the direction of Pierce Funeral Home in Canton, Okla.

## Emergency Dental Service for El Reno Indian Health Center

(EL RENO, OK) Dr. James Joern of El Reno Dental is offering emergency dental services with a referral from an El Reno Indian Health Center primary care provider. Patients needing emergency dental care should call 405-234-8411 to speak with their care team for a referral.



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## CSU Welcomes Podiatrist Dr. John Warrick

(CLINTON-OK) The Clinton Service Unit (CSU) welcomes the podiatry services of Dr. John Warrick, a Board Certified Podiatrist in foot/ankle surgery and wound management.

Dr. Warrick comes to CSU from LaGrange, Georgia, where he served as a solo practitioner with a focus on comprehensive foot and lower leg care. His cases range from routine foot care to more complex surgical foot and ankle cases. "I have devoted a large portion of my practice to surgical and non-surgical diabetic foot care and wound care," said Dr. Warrick. Since June of 2013, he has served on a multidisciplinary panel of physicians for the West Georgia Health Wound Center.

Dr. Warrick resides in Weatherford, OK with his wife Renee. The couple have a son and daughter who live with their spouses and families in Atlanta, Georgia. In Dr. Warrick's leisure time, he enjoys fishing, running and hiking. "I recently participated in the CSU Monster Dash 5K and had a great time," said Dr. Warrick.

The Podiatry Clinic is currently accepting patients for podiatry services Monday through Friday at Clinton Indian Health Center. Those in need of podiatry services should see their primary care provider for a referral.

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## Redlands feature Native artists through Dec. 19

Redlands Community College is honored to showcase the Native American craft of Charlie Platt, LaKeta Platt and Adam Youngbear at the campus gallery Nov. 8 through Dec. 19. Each artist has infused personal experiences into individual expressions of their collective heritage.

As a member of the Arapaho/Sioux/Cheyenne tribes, Charles Platt has been breathing life into sculptures for over 40 years. Utilizing a mixture of colorful media, he created a unique and diverse collection of work. He has won more than 400 awards including the Indian Arts and Crafts Association "Artist of the Year" in both 1985 and 2004.

Feeling the creative spark of her father and grandmother, LaKeta Platt found her expression in beadwork. She started out customizing her own dance regalia, which led to creating dolls, cradleboards, moccasins, and rifle scabbards.

Bringing a contemporary note to the exhibit, Adam Youngbear likes to design comic-book style drawings using popular superhero and cartoon characters and incorporate Native American themes and imagery.

Please join us for an artist reception 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16 at Redlands Community College, 1300 South Country Club Road in El Reno, Okla. The RCC gallery can be located by entering Building 7 from the east parking and Building 9 from the west parking lot. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

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PRESENTS  
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Large Conference Room—Complex  
Lucky Star Casino—Concho  
Clinton Indian Health Clinic  
A Sack Lunch with a Turkey Sandwich will be provided.

For more information, please contact the Health Education team at 405-422-7676

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

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**Notice**

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**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.

*Happy Thanksgiving*

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P.O. BOX 102, 700 BLACK KETTLE BLVD. CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes )  
In the Interest of: )  
A. T., DOB: 07-11-2014 ) Case No. JFJ-2016-0408  
Alleged Deprived, Neglected or Dependent Child. )  
And Concerning: )  
Manuel Chajon Ixtupe, Putative Father, and Any Unknown Biological Father. ) Respondents. )

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Manuel Chajon Ixtupe Any Unknown Biological Father

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an amended petition has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Juvenile Court alleging that the above referenced child, born to M.D.T. on the 11th day of July, 2014, is a deprived, neglected or dependent child and abandoned by his putative biological father, Manuel Chajon Ixtupe, and by any other unknown biological father, and requesting the Court to adjudicate said child as such and to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between said child and the child's putative biological father or unknown biological father, all as more fully set out in the amended petition filed in said cause.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the amended petition and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the amended petition and to remain for adjudication hearing regarding said amended petition.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m., and to remain for disposition hearing regarding prior adjudication upon said amended petition, including for termination of parental rights upon the ground of abandonment, on said date and time.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the amended petition at the times and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the amended petition and the right to object to the granting of the amended petition and to show why your child should not be adjudicated to be a dependent or neglected child or abandoned and why your parental rights to said child should not be terminated. Your failure to appear at said hearings shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court terminating your parental rights to said child in accordance with law.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

*Lisa B. Otopy Herbert*  
Lisa B. Otopy Herbert, Judge  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court

*Albert Ghezzi*  
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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of: )  
B.S. DOB: 07/03/12 ) Case No: PG-2016-0118  
A Minor Child, )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: MATEO SANBRANO

You are hereby notified that CARIN MITCHELL has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardianship of the person and/or estate of B.S., minor child, and that on 31ST day of OCTOBER, 2016, the Petitioner, CARIN MITCHELL, was granted Temporary Emergency Guardianship of the minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Court room of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause why said Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 31ST day of OCTOBER, 2016.

*Edwina Whiteman*  
Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court

Petitioner: CARIN MITCHELL

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of: )  
K.N.W. DOB: 11-03-01 ) Case No: PG-2016-0018  
A Minor Child )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: KEITH HAMILTON Address Unknown

You are hereby notified that Mildred Black has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship of the persons and/or estates of K.N.W. DOB: 11-03-01, minor child, and that on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the petitioner, Mildred Black was granted Temporary Emergency Guardianship of the minor children and is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Temporary Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 2ND day of NOVEMBER, 2016.

*Desirae Barnes*  
Desirae Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court

Petitioner: Mildred Black  
2432 Stone Glen  
El Reno, OK 73036

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of: )  
ANASTACIA M. CHAVEZ DOB: 09/30/96 ) Case No: PG-2015-0003  
An Alleged Incapacitated Person )

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: UNKNOWN FATHER

You are hereby notified that Rosa Chavez has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardianship of the person and/or estate of Anastacia M. Chavez, an Alleged Incapacitated Person and that on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the petitioner, Rosa Chavez was granted Temporary Emergency Guardianship and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2016.

*Desirae Barnes*  
Desirae Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court

Petitioner: Rosa Chavez  
2421 S. Grand Blvd.  
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# Tribes Diabetes Wellness Program hosts 14th annual elders' conference

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

Change is stirring about in the month of November as the leaves change color and the temperatures drop. November also serves as an opportunity for change in the health of others. It is National Diabetes Awareness month, where health education and prevention are highly prioritized.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness program hosted its 14th annual elders' day conference Nov. 3 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

Over 150 elders signed up for the elder's day conference, along with volunteers, vendors and booths for the health fair. Elders were provided with important health information ranging from speakers and health experts alike. Various programs from the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes attended the conference, working together to get valuable information out to the elders by setting up booths and filling their tables with resources and health information.

"One of the things that's really important, the reasons why we look forward to this, is that Indian country has the highest incidents of diabetes in the country. The stats that we just recently got was that 15 percent of cases of diabetes is in Indian people throughout the United States," Gloria Bellmule-Zuniga, diabetes wellness director said. "There are over 400,000 people in Oklahoma living with diabetes, according to the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention), and there are a little over 1,300,000 people who are pre-diabetic and don't know it. We do have a higher propensity for getting diabetes because we're Native American."

Elders engaged in small exercise techniques, which involved arm and leg movement and stretching. A healthy meal was also provided for lunch. Staff and volunteers made

sure that no elder left the conference empty handed, ensuring that each participant left with an arm full of goodies such as a t-shirt, bag, prescription lock box and a folding chair and door prizes were held all throughout the entirety of the conference.

Over the years the elders' conference has changed dramatically, but still works toward a health orientated goal.

"The elder's conference has changed many formats over the years. Currently we have a format where all the elders stay in one room but they can leave and go into the health fair and get health screenings or visit various booths where information is available for them," Debra Ellis, health education director said. "A good outcome for the elders' conference would be to be informed, whether its on exercise, nutrition or current health situations but also the health fair part of it, each program is bringing information that is geared towards the elder."

A presentation presented by Strategic Prevention Framework Coordinator Clara Bushyhead, was geared toward the importance of locking up prescription drugs so they are out of reach from children and teens. The dangers of prescription medicine and how they have become available to children prompted the significance of a lock box, a box specifically made to lock away essential prescription drugs or valuable belongings. Each elder was given a lock box to take home.

"When we do our surveys our kids are responding they are getting their drugs from home. This is a deterrent in providing these prescription lock boxes to keep the kids from having access. I think that message kind of resonated with the elders when we talked about that and how medications come up missing and I didn't see one elder walk out



Participants at the 14th annual elder's day conference engaged in small workout sessions to get their blood pumping. Over 150 elders attended this year's conference at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. (Photos by Latoya Lonelodge)

of here without a lock box. I really feel good that they want to be apart of this tradition, they are the 'tradition' in Tradition Not Addiction," Bushyhead said.

The bottom line for Zuniga is the prevention of diabetes, "You can prevent diabetes if you just follow the guidelines, we're not trying to get the information out to scare people but we need them to listen to the stats and start talking to the young people so we can

stop the incidents of diabetes at the rate that is increasing throughout Indian country and throughout the United States. In Oklahoma, 11 percent of our tribal members are diabetic, it may not seem like a lot to anyone but if you look at the size of our tribe that's a pretty big percentage for diabetes."

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