

Lifes Journeys

Elder's journey chosen by God

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



Seventy-two year old Delfred White Crow has never looked back since giving his heart to Jesus at the age of 24. Traveling all across the United States and Canada, he shares his testimony, and is a walking, talking miracle of God's.

“I never imagined I would give my life to the Lord. I guess you could say I had my own religion, but I didn't understand it, didn't know what I was supposed to do. My sister Margaret used to talk to me about going to church and I would say, 'yeah, yeah, I will,' just to get her off my back. I ended up going and it was good, but I didn't understand at the time. We kept going back though and finally I understood what this feeling was inside me and I gave my heart to the Lord and that was it,” Delfred said.

Born Nov. 22, 1944 in Abilene, Texas, Delfred and his six siblings were raised in Clinton, Okla.

“My dad was stationed at the army base in Texas, but we moved back to Clinton where I grew up. To me it was always a rough town. People fighting, getting in trouble, getting drunk and all that. I guess I just fit right in back then because I was right there with them,” he laughed.

Delfred's memories of growing up are of playing cowboys and Indians, but he said he was always the Indian. Him and his siblings would get pieces of cardboard and sled down a big grassy hill near his home or find used tires, curl themselves into the tires and roll down the hill.

“I went to school at Lincoln Elementary but it's not there anymore. The police station sits there now. I remember when I first started I was scared because I wasn't used to being around strange people, just my family, but I got used to it. Sometimes they would try to pick on us because we were a different race. Me and my cousin would try to walk away, but they would keep on and we would turn around and fight back,” Delfred said.

Not knowing anything about the word prejudice, Delfred said he would learn later on in years what it was, and knew that's what was going on in school. He attended Lincoln, then onto Nance School and finally into high school. He would quit short of graduating.

“I had a lot of trouble with guys when I got into high school. I couldn't take up for myself because we would be the ones who would get into trou- See **Elder's journey** pg. 5

Annual tribal council meeting draws over 250 tribal members

By Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

The annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Council meeting of tribal members was held Oct. 1, 2016 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, pursuant to Article V. Sec. 3(a), “An Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held on the first Saturday in October. No other meetings of the Tribes shall be held on the first Saturday in October including a Special Tribal Council meeting or a meeting of the Legislature. The Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held in Concho. The Tribes shall provide bus transportation for members of the Tribes to attend the Annual Meeting.”

Reaching the 75-member mandated quorum wasn't a problem this year with over 250 tribal members in attendance. Following roll call establishing quorum, nominations for meeting chairperson opened on the floor. Tribal member Eugene Mosqueda nominated Albert Old Crow for chairperson, Jerolyn Rodriguez seconded. Immediately a motion on the floor was called to close nominations, resulting in Old Crow being named meeting chairperson by acclamation.

Nominations opened for meeting secretary, with two See **Council meeting** pg. 5

How the U.S. Government is helping corporations plunder Native land

Special Investigation By Stephanie Woodard
Photo by Latoya Lonelodge



A six month investigation reveals that the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, tasked with negotiating the best possible deal for Native landowners, often makes it cheap and easy for outside corporations to exploit Native resources. As a result, corporations are able to drill, frack, farm and fell timber on Native lands, paying landowners little in return. Companies like Koch Industries and Walmart, however, reap huge profits.

“They attacked my aunt like a bunch of coyotes attacking sheep in a corral,” recalls Navajo tribal member Roberta Tovar. “They were going, ‘Mary, Mary, just go ahead and sign it.’”

The “coyotes” included representatives of Western Refining, a Texas-based oil company. One of the company's pipelines carries 15,000 barrels of crude a day from oil fields in the Four Corners region to a refinery near Gallup, N.M. On the way, the line crosses a 160-acre plot of Navajo reservation land owned by 88-year-old Mary Tom and dozens of her family members.

Western Refining's right of way expired in 2010. After years of negotiations with family members, the company invited just a handful of them, including Tom, to an October 2013 meeting at the El Rancho Hotel in Gallup. Once a watering hole for the elite, the inn boasts lavish cattle-baron décor: looming chandeliers, mounted animal heads and autographed photos of past visitors, such as John Wayne and President George H. W. Bush.

The purpose of the gathering: Get the signatures needed to renew the right of way for another 20 years.

The oil company's representatives weren't the only “coyotes” in the room that day, says Tovar, Tom's niece: Also present were officials from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the agency that manages 55 million acres of land the federal government holds in trust for Native owners. Tribes own about 44 million of those acres; individuals like Mary Tom own the rest. The BIA arranges business deals on Native land and is obligated by law to negotiate the best possible terms for landowners like Tom. But In These Times found that instead, the agency appears to make it cheap and easy for outsiders to exploit Native resources.

At the 2013 luncheon at the El Rancho Hotel, BIA and company officials urged Tom to agree to the renewal, says Tovar. She recalls that a Western Refining employee told Tom she'd “lose out” if she didn't consent to the deal, while a BIA staffer stroked her arm. Tovar, who is part of a group of family members that has fought the renewal, hadn't been invited but attended at her aunt's request. She says she was soon escorted out by a Western Refining representative.

Speaking through a translator, Tom tells In These Times that she was distressed and confused during the gathering: “Even when we have a meeting in our own language, it's hard to comprehend

the issue. Someone has to explain.” She asked the whereabouts of other trusted family members, but they had not been invited either.

Eventually, the family says, Tom gave in and signed, in return for a \$2,000 bonus. That's a huge sum on a destitute Indian reservation, but a drop in the bucket for Western Refining, a corporation with nearly \$6 billion in assets.

When businesses negotiate leases or rights of way, landowners often get a pittance in return. An Interior Department report shows that in 2015, 60 percent of Native landowners earned less than \$25 from leasing and other land-related income. Some received as little as a few pennies.

Meanwhile, access to the land is crucial to a host of companies and individual operators that drill, frack, farm and fell timber in Indian country. The list of companies that profit from access to Native land includes Koch Industries, Wal-Mart, Dollar General and many more. While the total revenue generated by these activities remains untallied, sales of oil, gas and coal extracted from Native land last year totaled over \$5 billion.

Native landowners are on an uneven playing field when they negotiate with corporations, and documents and interviews obtained by In These Times suggest the BIA does little to level it. While working closely with prospective lessees, the BIA appears to shut landowners out See **Taking Native land** pg. 6

Bikers converge to ride in the fourth annual Washita Memorial Motorcycle Run

By Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

On Saturday Oct. 8, 2016 motorcycles roaring their engines could be heard in the distance as they approached the Washita battlefield in Cheyenne, Okla.

Bikers from different regions came together to honor the Native men, women and children who lost their lives in the Washita massacre in 1868.

The motorcycle rally began at Lucky Star in Concho, Okla. and the bikers rode together all the way to the Washita battlefield.

The Washita massacre occurred in the early morning on Nov. 27, 1868 just before



Amos Tall Bear, Elsie HeCrow-Sleeper, Henry Sleeper and Serena Selumber first came up with the idea of the Washita Memorial Motorcycle Run in 2012 after participating in the Wounded Knee Memorial run. (Photo by Latoya Lonelodge)

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Using the stroke of a brush to promote substance abuse prevention

SPF-TIG hosts Paint Party bringing the community together

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

While some made the typical Friday night plans others made the decision to join in for a night of painting, fellowship and promoting substance abuse prevention.

On Sept 30 tribal members were invited to partake in a 'Paint Party' hosted by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Strategic Prevention Framework and Substance Abuse programs (SPF-TIG) at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Empty canvases, paints and brushes lined the tables that soon were filled with over 80 participants.

Special guest, Tiffany Bohrer, owner of the Tippy Artist Paint Palace in Guthrie, Okla., led the paint party with live painting demonstrations, giving tips and tricks to the art of painting.

"Seeing the community come together and do things together, you see grandpar-

ents here with their grandkids you see parents here with their kids and that's what we're talking about, bringing community back together in doing these events, spending time together; that family connection is what keeps our people away from the drugs and alcohol and that's what we're going after," Clara Bushyhead, SPF-TIG coordinator said.

Tribal members were encouraged to be creative, choosing from one of two paintings on display already completed to emulate. There was a colorful painting of a war-horse and an equally colorful painting of a buffalo to choose from.

"Tribal members wanting change, change for their communities, change with in their lives, this is just one activity that's something fun and enjoyable that can be shared with families across generations. Here

we have youth, working adults, retirees, its one of those activities that can be shared with family," Cheyenne & Arapaho Dept. of Health Executive Director Nicolas Barton said.

While engaging with one another in a fun-filled environment and supporting prevention of substance abuse, painting is also a form of prevention and relaxation.

"Painting and listening to music is a really great healthy outlet that relaxes people and gives them something fun to do and people usually say that the time slips away and they just forget whatever they were stressed about. This has been really encouraging cause there's been lots of ages and it's been really good for the community. I've seen really little kids and not very elderly people, its neat to



see lots of different ages, lots of men and women and lots of different people enjoying the whole process," Bohrer said.

The paint parties were also held in the Watonga and Clinton communities. Participants also received a t-shirt along with their paintings.

The Tippy Artist Paint Palace is located in Guthrie, Okla. For bookings or more information call 405-757-8779.



Tiffany Bohrer, owner of the Tippy Artist, instructs the paint party at the Concho Community Center. (Photos by Latoya Lonelodge)

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Court denies Tribe's appeal to block controversial Dakota Access Pipeline

By Catherine Thorbecke

A federal appeals court Sunday night Oct. 9 denied a Native American tribe's request for an injunction to block construction of a four-state crude oil pipeline that tribal leaders say threatens their water supply and traverses culturally sacred sites.

The ruling means that construction on the 1,172-mile Dakota Access Pipeline can continue near the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's reservation in North Dakota, but the tribe vowed today to continue its fight against the pipeline.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit quietly issued its ruling in the evening hours on the night before Columbus Day, a federal holiday that many indigenous groups find offensive and some states refer to as "Indigenous People's Day."

In the ruling, the judges appeared sympathetic to the plight of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, despite denying the tribe's request, stating that although they are giving the green light to construction of the pipeline, "ours is not the final word."

Despite the judge's ruling Sunday night, Dave Archambault II, chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, told ABC News today that his people will not back down.

"I was, of course, disappointed," Archambault said, though adding that "we are going to continue to fight. We will look at all of our legal options moving forward."

The judges even went on to say "we can only hope the spirit of Section 106 may yet prevail," referring to a section of the National Historic Preservation Act that requires federal agencies to take into account effects on historic properties and gives the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment.

The tribe is studying its legal options. Other than the small area near the reservation, the pipeline is nearly complete, according to The Associated Press.

Archambault said he is appreciative of the people from across the nation who have supported the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

"I just can't say enough, I appreciate all of the support, and I am so thankful that they recognize what is going on here," Archambault told ABC News. "It is a very simple concept, we are protecting the water, we are protecting our sacred spaces, for our children and their children who aren't even born yet."

In a statement issued Sunday after the ruling, Archambault said that "We are guided by prayer, and we will continue to fight for our people. We will not rest until our lands, people, waters and sacred places are permanently protected from this destructive pipeline."

The battle to block the \$3.7 billion crude oil pipeline built by Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners has waged on for months, garnering national attention and becoming the subject of one of the biggest Native American demonstrations in decades.

Jan Hasselman, the lead attorney for Earthjustice, the firm representing the tribe, said in a statement, "We call on Dakota access to heed the government's request to stand down around Lake Oahe."

A federal judge last month denied the tribe's request to temporarily halt construction of the pipeline, but the Department of Justice, Department of the Army and Department of the Interior intervened in an unprecedented manner with a joint statement requesting "that the pipeline company voluntarily pause all construction activity within 20 miles east or west of Lake Oahe."

Even President Obama weighed in on the movement to stop the pipeline at the White House Tribal Nations Conference last month, telling a crowd featuring more than 500 Native American leaders, "I know many of you have come together, across tribes and across the country, to support the community at Standing Rock and together you're making your voices heard."

The fight against the pipeline began in July, when Standing Rock Sioux tribal leaders sued to block the pipeline through North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois. Tribal leaders claimed they were never meaningfully consulted before construction began.

The pipeline ran through what they deemed to be culturally sacred sites and it presented a danger to the reservation's water supply, they argued.

"We are pleased with the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals to dissolve the administrative injunction that had temporarily suspended construction activities on the Dakota Access pipeline in an area near the proposed crossing of the Missouri River at Lake Oahe," Energy Transfer said in a



Standing against the Dakota Access Pipeline, often referred to as the 'black snake.' (Drawing submitted by Merle Lopez.)

statement following the ruling.

"The decisions by two separate federal courts show that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers acted with great care and followed the law with respect to the river crossing permits issued to Dakota Access."

The company added that it "looks forward to a prompt resumption of construction activities east and west of Lake Oahe on private land."

Muscogee (Creek) Nation lays off hundreds of health employees

By Christina Good Voice, News on 6



The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health initiated mass layoffs Friday at several of the tribe's health facilities, blaming a deficit in the health department's budget.

Sources said hundreds of people received termination letters signed by MCN Principal Chief James Floyd on September 30, 2016, and that the employees were escorted off tribal property by tribal police immediately after they were given the letters and allowed to collect their personal items.

Tribal officials confirmed that 123 employees were laid off and that 55 others were transferred and placed within the tribe and department of health.

"These actions represent consolidations and realignment to continue quality of care to the patients and to remain within the fiscal year 2017 budget. The administration was made aware of this shortfall in February 2016," said Creek Nation Acting Director of Public Relations Thompson Gouge.

In the letter to employees, Floyd cited recent legislation approved by the National Council that authorized MCN health to "reorganize the Health Department operations and infrastructure in order to continue to provide needed access and quality of patient care."

Floyd said the deficit in the health budget didn't allow enough funds to pay for the expense of health personnel in the 2017 fiscal year, which began October 1.

In a September 30, 2016, YouTube video addressing the layoffs, Floyd said the layoffs were conducted on the

last day of the tribe's fiscal year, and was the last step of the restructuring of the health department.

"Some will be transferred to other positions and unfortunately, some will have to be let go," Floyd said.

The chief said that the plan was to make sure the

tribe's health operations continued to run following the loss of staff.

"It's unfortunate it involves people, I know it will be disrupting jobs and families, but we can still ensure that come Monday morning, we have providers in place, we're providing quality care," Floyd said.

Amanda McNew, 33, is a Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen and was employed as an office assistant with Creek Health in Okmulgee for six years. In fact, she celebrated her six-year anniversary with the department just two days before she received a letter Friday at 3 p.m. signed by Floyd that terminated her employment.

"I've dedicated six years of my life, six years away from my kids," McNew said. "I had to put them in day-care to work. I busted my tail to get that third-party revenue. I was there to take care of my fellow Creek citizens and to take care of my patients."

McNew, a single mother of two boys, said she recently moved to Beggs because her oldest son is mentally challenged and Beggs Public Schools offers a great special education program for elementary students, and the small town was just minutes from her job.

But now she lives in Beggs and doesn't have an income.

"I'm trying not to be mad, I'm trying to stay calm about it as much as I can," McNew said.

McNew said she's not worried about herself, but the elder Muscogee (Creek) citizens who also lost their jobs.



"I have always been so proud to be Creek until Friday happened," McNew said. "There are some people who are 62 and 63. Creek people who have worked here 30 years and now they can't retire because they got let go. My heart went out to those people. The atmosphere was horrid. People were crying. They were lost because they didn't know it was going to happen."

McNew said the layoff notifications began Thursday afternoon and continued Friday morning when the tribe's Lighthorse Police Department showed up at the various health facilities to escort the terminated employees out.

"They said they were going to start with management, but it wasn't management that took a hit," McNew said. "It was the people underneath them that took the hit. That was wrong. So they can keep getting their huge paychecks every two weeks. Being a Creek citizen and I lost my job that I loved going to everyday."

Now, McNew said she will have to seek help from the tribe's social services programs for assistance when she's been able to always work and take care of her family without relying on the tribe's programs.

"I'm going to have to go to these programs to get help," she said. "I shouldn't have to lean on someone else to take care of my children. It wasn't fair at all and for them to treat us like criminals, it could have been handled much better than it was."

Floyd said the layoffs Friday should be the tail-end of the restructuring of the health department, but that no layoffs were expected in the tribe's governmental body.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation recently was recently in the news when it held the grand opening August 25, 2016, of its \$365-million Margaritaville Restaurant And Casino.

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Community Development Corporation in Shawnee wins \$1 million for Native American small businesses

(SHAWNEE, OK) With the American economy creeping along at anemic growth rates, traditional lending institutions continue to hold back on loans for small businesses. Stepping into that gap to provide funding opportunities for largely underserved populations are community development financial institutions like the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation. The Shawnee, Oklahoma-based CDFI recently received a funding award for the next fiscal year from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

“These funds are vital to our mission of providing support, both financial and business planning, to Native American businesses,” CPCDC Director Shane Jett said. “Our organization is just more than a decade old, and we’ve established a reputation as a competent and stable supporter of doing business in Indian Country. This latest award is a reflection of that.”

In late September, the CPCDC received a \$1 million award to continue its work of providing financial products and counseling services to tribal members

and employees nationwide as well as Native American owned-businesses throughout Oklahoma.

The United States Treasury awarded more than \$185 million to community development financing for low-income communities in late September, with \$15.5 million allotted for the Native American CDFI Assistance Program, which facilitates the creation and advancement of Native CDFIs.

“With today’s awards, the CDFI Fund has crossed the \$2 billion threshold in collective investments to CDFIs and Native CDFIs through the CDFI and NACA Programs,” CDFI Fund Director Annie Donovan said in a press release.

The Bank of Cherokee County, Inc., the Cherokee Nation Economic Development Trust Authority, Chickasaw Banc Holding Company and the Choctaw Federal Credit Union were other Native American-owned Oklahoma CDFIs receiving funds in the latest award.

“This milestone underscores the transformative impact CDFIs are having in low-income, distressed,

and underserved communities and areas of persistent poverty,” Donovan said. “In businesses financed, real estate developed, affordable housing constructed and improved access to the financial system, CDFIs are empowering change and revitalization in their communities.”

Since its creation in 1994, the Treasury Department’s CDFI Fund has awarded more than \$2.2 billion to CDFIs, community development organizations and financial institutions. In addition, the CDFI Fund has allocated \$43.5 billion in tax credit allocation authority to community development entities through the New Markets Tax Credit Program, and \$852 million has been guaranteed in bonds through the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program.

If you’re a Native American business owner, with your business and residence located in Oklahoma, or are interested in starting your own business, please contact the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation at 405-878-4697 or visit www.cpcdc.org.

The legacy of Dull Knife told through Richard DeSirey’s new book, ‘Dull Knife: Let Us Make a New Way’

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

Dull Knife, the Northern Cheyenne Chief, was a historical figure of his time, leaving a legacy behind him that very little know of today. Through the words of author Richard DeSirey, Chief Dull Knife is brought back to life and a glimpse into his historical legacy and the Northern Cheyenne people.

On Sept 27 author DeSirey joined Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members at the Native American Church building to discuss his book, *Dull Knife: Let Us Make a New Way*.

In the process of putting a book together about Chief Dull Knife, DeSirey faced some challenges in searching for accuracy, as well as seeking descendants of Dull Knife that were willing to release such valuable information. There was some debate on whether the legacy of Dull Knife should be recorded or remain as a valuable memory for the descendants to keep.

“The descendants were going to gather to discuss whether they would record this story, so I did attend that meeting in 1986. There were over a 100 descendants there of Dull Knife’s. There were men on one side and women on the other. One by one people spoke about whether they should record this story, about half the people believed the story was too valuable to the descendants and it was the one thing they still had of value. They did not want to record it and just release it. The others believed it was too important for them to hold. Finally, after everyone had spoken, the last surviving grandchild of Dull Knife, Maggie Dull Knife One Bear, spoke. She called upon the descendants to record the story for the children,” DeSirey said.

One Bear said there had not been a time in which an Indian leader could be recognized, “but maybe we were soon coming to that time, the children on the reservation are the children that needed to know about Dull Knife as they knew about Martin Luther

King Jr., and Mahatma Gandhi.” The creation of *Dull Knife: Let Us Make a New Way* relied upon the descendants of Dull Knife for information, and DeSirey became intrigued by the legacy of Dull Knife, ultimately pushing forward to create his book.

“I discussed it with the descendants and put together a couple drafts, knowing it would be told by a white man because I am white. It had to be communicated in a way that the reader experienced the positions of both the Cheyenne and the white conflict. That was the format for it and that’s the story. The story has strong themes in it. I think it’s important for the readers to know this going in. One is that historians have misled us to consider there is such a thing as a manifest destiny. That’s the overlay of the justification for the removal of Indian people and the genocide of Indian people. It was the way they said it had to be in order to establish this great nation. There is blasphemy in that, the manifest destiny suggests that it is God’s will that this be done,” DeSirey said.

The book is written as an account of Dull Knife and his legacy that has never been told before Desirey said.

“This story is about a leader who God told would, through inspiration, carry his people through the dark time into a new day. His name was Morning Star,” he said.

After years of researching for accurate accounts of Dull Knife from his descendants, DeSirey finally published his book this year.

“Many people say they have to put it down accordingly because it is emotionally difficult to read, other people are really bothered because everybody doesn’t live happily ever after. It’s not a story fairy tale book, it’s a book that accurately reflects the tragedy and triumph of the Northern Cheyenne exodus,” DeSirey said.

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Respondents.)

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Manuel Chajon Istape
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 Istape, 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 6th 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 20th 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 4th day of October, 2016.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: JONATHAN JALEN BLADE WARRIOR

You are hereby notified that KYLA SAGE MARTINEZ-WARRIOR has filed a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 26th day of OCTOBER, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.

Dated this 6th day of OCTOBER, 2016.

by:
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Desirae Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes)
In the Interest of:)
S. G. T., DOB: 08-21-2015) Case No. JFJ-2016-0009
Alleged Deprived, Neglected or Dependent Child.)
And Concerning:)
Adolfo Machado, Putative Father, and Any Unknown Biological Father.)
Respondents.)

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Adolfo Machado
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 21st day of August, 2015, is a deprived, neglected or dependent child and abandoned by his putative biological father, Adolfo Machado, 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 6th 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 20th 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 4th day of October, 2016.

[Signature]
Lisa B. Otipoby Herbert, Judge
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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Albert Ghezzi, Attorney General
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In the Matter Of The Guardianship Of:)
A.C.H. DOB: 04-26-04) Case No: PG-2016-0116
A Minor Child)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: MEGAN REWELL

You are hereby notified that VIRGINIA HARRO has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardianship of the person and/or estate of A.C.H. minor child, and that on 27th day of October 2016, the Petitioner, VIRGINIA HARRO 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 1st day of OCTOBER, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause why said Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 2016.

[Signature]
Fruin Watson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Virginia Harjo

Council meeting

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nominations, Bobbie Hamilton and Rachel Lynn.

Hamilton was elected meeting secretary with a vote of 170 for Hamilton, 10 for Lynn.

Following the secretary election, Old Crow opened the floor for nominations of a Sergeant-of-Arms. Burl Bufalomeat was nominated and appointed Sergeant-of-Arms by acclamation. Old Crow immediately ordered all Tribal security officers out of the building due to the selection of a Sergeant-of-Arms, although many of the officers present were enrolled tribal members.

The previously published meeting agenda listed 15 items for consideration:

Resolution authorizing Governor to Contract with the Secretary of the Interior to Conduct 2017 primary and general elections

Resolution to Remove the Tribal Council Coordinator

Resolution for Revision of the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan

Resolution for Forensic Audit

Resolution for Housing Authority Policy

Resolution for a Selection of CEO/General Manager

Resolution for Tribal Legislature to initiate hearing on Governor

Resolution conforming of Tribal Rolls to Article IV, Blood Quantum Requirement

Resolution for Retention of Tribal members pursuant to the October 31, 1967 Tribal Rolls

Resolution to establish an Emergency Operations Plan for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Tribal Council Resolution to set a Drug Policy for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Government

Tribal Council Resolution to Approve the Cheyenne

and Arapaho Tribes Drug Policy Alcohol Policy

Tribal Council Resolution to Adopt Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Procurement Policy

Tribal Council Resolution to Approve the Personnel Policies for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and

Tribal Council Resolution to Approve the Property and Supply Policy.

Seven agenda items, nine through 15, were withdrawn from the agenda, leaving eight items to be heard before the Tribal Council.

During the course of the meeting, several motions were made to rearrange specific agenda items to be "moved up" on the agenda, therefore rearranging the order of business items to be decided. The ending agenda, in the order each item was voted on was as follows:

Resolution authorizing Governor to Contract with

the Secretary of the Interior to Conduct 2017 primary and general elections

Resolution to Remove the Tribal Council Coordinator

Resolution for Revision of the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan

Resolution conforming of Tribal Rolls to Article IV, Blood Quantum Requirement (previously item 8)

Resolution for a Selection of CEO/General Manager (previously item 6)

Resolution for Forensic Audit (previously item 4)

Resolution for Tribal Legislature to initiate hearing on Governor (previously item 7)

Resolution for Housing Authority Policy (previously item 5)

Item 1, Resolution authorizing Governor to Contract with the Secretary of the Interior to Conduct 2017 primary and general elections, passed with a vote of 153 for, 95 against and 4 abstaining.

Item 2, Resolution to Remove the Tribal Council Coordinator, failed with a vote of 197 against, 51 for, 5 abstaining.

Item 3, Resolution for Revision of the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan, passed with a vote of 190 for, 80 against and 7 abstaining.

Item 4, Resolution conforming of Tribal Rolls to Article IV, Blood Quantum Requirement, failed with a vote of 115 against, 7 for, 7 abstaining.

Item 5, Resolution for a Selection of CEO/General Manager passed with a vote of 127 for, 4 against, 3 abstaining.

Item 6, Resolution for Forensic Audit, passed with a vote of 104 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining.

Item 7, Resolution for Tribal Legislature to initiate hearing on Governor, passed with a vote of 121 for, 0 against, 4 abstaining.

Item 8, Resolution for Housing Authority Policy passed with a vote of 78 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Prior to the Tribal Council meeting, Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor, Eddie Hamilton, released statements regarding the possible unconstitutionality of several of the resolutions presented at the meeting.

With ongoing court petitions being filed by the Tribal Council Coordinator, Jennifer Wilkinson against Gov. Hamilton and the Executive Branch of Government, it is unclear if the Oct. 1, 2016 annual meeting will be added to the growing list of court petitions currently being filed by both parties in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court.

For minutes of the meeting, contact Wilkinson at 405-422-7430.

Elder's journey

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ble. We just tried to avoid it, but sometimes we couldn't. I went up to the 12th grade, but I quit because of all that trouble. Couldn't go to school and enjoy school because of the trouble. I got tired of all the time being on the defensive side, so I just quit," he said.

He found work in construction, met and married his wife, Eleanor in 1964. They will be celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary Feb. 15, 2017. Something Delfred attributes to both of them dedicating their lives to God.

"We moved to California thinking I could get work, but didn't last long out there and came back to Clinton and we've been here ever since. It was about that time we started going to church and I gave my heart to Jesus. It changed me all over," Delfred said. "People would talk about preaching and stuff, but I didn't know too much because I was new to it but then I began to feel something in my heart, at the time I didn't know what it was, but I do now, it was a calling to be a preacher."

Delfred and his wife Eleanor began traveling in the 1970s as they grew into their newfound faith. And as their faith grew, their travels grew, going further out to places like North Dakota, South Dakota, Arizona, California Washington State, Nebraska and all the way to Canada.

"We used to tell them there is a better life that you don't have to live in a life that is miserable. Getting mad over nothing. We said that because we experienced it and knew it was true. Before, I too, never believed what they were saying until I actually experienced it and it's helped us in our lives. I am not saying we haven't been tempted, but faith has helped us throughout our lives," Delfred said.

Delfred travels to some of the poorest regions in the country, places he says other preachers won't venture. He never worries himself with the little things, like how he is going to get there he said because God has always provided those little things. He focuses on the big things ... saving people's lives.

"I have been to places, very poor places, that I never expected anything from them because I know doing what I do someone will come along to help if we need to get back home

or something. It makes me feel good to see people who have lived on the streets, nowhere to go, that give their hearts to the Lord and begin to grow and after awhile they have a home, children," Delfred said. "When we go to reservations we see kids just running the streets, babies walking on the roads because their parents are off doing other things. Give your heart to the Lord and have compassion for others, that's what we do and been doing it for about 50 years now."

And Delfred's faith has carried him through many obstacles and challenges throughout his life. The most recent has been sickness that has attacked his body. He never asks why is this happening or why isn't that happening. He knows everything he experiences is for a greater purpose, always a reason.

"I have been close to death, but I kept my faith in God, I still prayed and still read my Bible. My kidneys had quit and from what I understand if your kidneys quit

"One day we all will be judged on how we lived our life here, and we can't say we just prayed because He is going to look on our hearts and see how it is ..." Delfred White Crow

that's it. Well this happened to me last year and the doctors said your kidneys quit but I kept my faith in God, I didn't get mad, didn't swear at Him, didn't say He was a fake, and the next day my kidneys started working," Delfred smiled. "I had my appointment a few weeks ago and my doctor said I was doing good and he said, 'you know somebody that helps you through your troubles. Three times you've come in close to death, but you always come through it. You are always getting out so whatever you're doing keep doing it.' Yes I have seen quite a few miracles in my lifetime."

Laughing Delfred said even the doctors continue to be amazed. He has walked away from death on three different occasions and he knows it's because God still has a purpose for him on earth. He has glimpsed the other side during one of his times in the hospital when he went into a diabetic coma last year. It has only strength-

ened his faith in God.

"In that coma I must of left my body because I could feel myself going up and a breeze hitting my face. I got to this one place, and to this day I can't really explain how beautiful it was, can't really explain the feeling that I felt, but it felt so good. No trouble, no sickness and I saw people there that were old when they died but when I seen them their hair was black, their skin was like baby skin and they were young. I saw kids playing. There were no lights with light switches like we have here, but there was light. The Bible says God himself was the light," he said.

He told about a stool resembling a footstool, and reaching out to touch it, but didn't get to ... as if being drawn to it.

"There were no problems there and I didn't want to come back. I thought, maybe this is why our people go when they reach this place and see this place and feel the drawing power I did, you don't want to come back, but for some reason God

sent me back. I said, 'why are you sending me back, I don't want to go back,' and He said, 'I want you to go back and tell my people that are serving me that what all they go through is worth it all because they have a crown waiting for them and a life waiting for them.' That helped me, as old as I am, it helped me to know what I go through, and it's worth it all. That's why when I go through things I give God praise and thanks that I am worthy to go through these things because of who I am in Him. I have ups and downs, but I read in the Bible that whatever we go through it will help us get strong. That's why I do what I do. When I see people who had nothing, nowhere to go, but when they come and experience this life everything changes for them. It really makes me feel good. I just go where God wants me to go," Delfred said.

Delfred knows that God is able to heal and extend life, but he said he also knows



Delfred White Crow is surrounded by a small handful of his many family members at his home in Elk City. L-R: Standing: Barbara White Crow, Timothy White Crow, Elisabeth & DC Harques, his wife Eleanor, Bunny, baby Kenna (2), Audrey & Caleb Oxford, Pamela Ridgebear.

L-R: Sitting: Crystan White Crow, Delfred White Crow and Anthony White Crow (4). (Photo by Rosemary Stephens)

that if it's a person's time to go, there is no amount of prayer that can help because God is ready to take that person home. He knows when it is his time, he will get to go back to the place he only glimpsed, but what he fears for the people who haven't turned their lives over to God is the punishment that waits on the other side.

"When I was in the hospital and I saw that beautiful place, the Lord also allowed me to see the punishment people get when they don't follow God and it's a terrible place. It's a place of punishment that you can scream or holler or beg but nothing can help you, but right now we have the opportunity of leaving that kind of life and leave it behind. When we give our life to God we are not ourselves anymore," Delfred said.

Delfred believes one day we all will be judged on how we lived our life here and he said we can't say we just prayed because God is going to look on our hearts and see how it is, "sometimes people say to me, 'well I believe and I pray,' and I tell them that's not enough, your life has got to change. Just praying and believing isn't enough because the Bible tells us that the Devil believes, but he trembles at the name of Jesus."

Delfred and his wife will continue on the journey God has chosen for them, and now that Delfred's body has healed, he feels confident he will soon be back on the road again traveling to those far away places God calls him



Delfred White Crow and his wife of 52 years, Eleanor White Crow in the early 1990s. (Submitted photo)



L-R: Alfred White Crow, Delfred's father, Delfred White Crow, baby Andrew and Delfred 'Bunny' White Crow Jr.

to go.

"It's like that bright light in my kitchen. When you turn that switch off it's dark in there and that's the way my life was. Just going everywhere, no direction in my life in the darkness ... until the light came on. When it came on my heart became free. When a person has no direction in their life, they don't have God in their life. When they get God in their life then they get direc-

tion and you will be able to help somebody else, to give someone your testimony of how it was and how you got out of that old life."

Delfred and Eleanor White Crow currently live in Elk City, Okla. When asked how many grandchildren they had Eleanor responded with, "as many as the stars of the sky and sands of the sea." Together they have seven children, 35 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

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of much of the process, denying them information they need to evaluate corporations' offers. And when landowners complain of harassment or foul play by corporations, the BIA may sometimes look the other way.

Corporate Manifest Destiny

These events are taking place in the 21st century, but they sound like something out of centuries past, when the federal government encouraged its Indian Agents and others to cheat Natives under cover of law.

Between the earliest days of the American republic and the end of the 19th century, millions of acres of Native land were signed away through treaties or stolen by force. The 1887 General Allotment Act, aka the Dawes Act, set the stage for what would become the prime tactic outsiders use to extract profit from Native land: exploitative leasing. The law privatized many of the communally held reservations by dividing them into small, individually owned "allotments." Some tracts were given to tribal members and the rest declared surplus and sold to settlers. The idea was threefold: weaken tribes, "civilize" tribal members by turning them into property owners and open up prime agricultural and timber land to non-Natives. In a 1901 message to Congress, President Theodore Roosevelt praised allotment as "a mighty pulverizing engine to break up the tribal mass."

Soon after, Congress authorized leasing of allotted land to non-Natives, with federal agencies controlling the process and the proceeds. The "pulverizing engine" had disrupted traditional hunting, fishing, farming and gathering economies, and the weight of federal bureaucracy meant many Native landowners had—and have to this day—no choice other than leasing to outsiders to earn a living.

Advocates for Native land rights say that this divide-and-conquer strategy left Native landowners isolated and exceedingly vulnerable to exploitation. Corrupt and incompetent leasing has been "a huge drain on Indian economies and is essentially a taking of resources that hadn't yet been taken in the treaty-making process," says Brett Lee Shelton, an Oglala Sioux attorney with the Native American Rights Fund law firm. "If you wanted to design a system to keep Indian landowners poor, you would use exactly this sort of trick."

Many remaining Native lands now sit atop valuable oil and gas reserves, and stories abound of giant corporations cutting questionable deals. A special congressional com-

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sunrise. In an attempt to end Indian raids, Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer led approx. 284 men toward the peaceful camp of the Cheyenne. Men, women, children and elders lost their lives that early morning, while some were held captive. It was a time when cultures clashed and history became what is known today.

"It's an awareness of what took place way back in 1868, not to forget them, that their lives weren't wasted. During those times they were killing us Indians like we were nothing. Men, women and children got slaughtered down there and we don't want our tribe to forget about that. We want these bikers that come, we want to educate them on what took place, we don't want them to get forgotten. I don't want their deaths to be in vain," Amos Tall Bear, southern Cheyenne and one of the organizers of the event, said.

Although history cannot be erased or undone, tribal members gathered to honor those lives in a memorial, such as the motorcycle run.

The motorcycle run first began in 2012, making this the fourth year for the run.

"When we first started out we had 21 bikes and the next year we had 22, so we grew one bike but you knew it was a good cause, some of the same people came but

mittee reported in 1989, following a yearlong investigation, that Koch Oil had for years been undertaking "sophisticated and premeditated theft" by deliberately mismeasuring oil extracted from Native land. Expert witnesses testifying before the committee described Indian country as "wide open" for theft.

Native landowners also report being stalked and harassed by oil companies seeking their signatures. In a sworn affidavit, Mike Gopher told a court that, after the renewal process had begun for an oil pipeline crossing his land on the Blackfeet reservation in Montana, two oil-company agents pursued him down a highway and into his doctor's office. He refused to sign, wishing to consult family. An agent came to his house. He refused again.

Gopher's sister and co-owner, Leona Gopher, says that \$20 is the typical lure for consenting to an agreement on the Blackfeet reservation. Given the poverty, she says, "people will sign for food or gas money."

Majority-Native counties regularly make it onto the U.S. Census list of the nation's 10 poorest. The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis reported in 2015 that tribal members' average income countrywide barely topped \$10,000, with unemployment averaging 50 percent. Natives have the nation's shortest life expectancy, lowest education level, highest infant-mortality rate and greatest exposure to violent crime.

With few or no businesses on reservations, tribes and tribal members also must look to border towns for goods and services.

"The little money we work for all goes to Gallup," says Roberta Tovar, who works as a hotel reception clerk. The local Walmart's aisles are jammed on the first and fifteenth of each month, when paychecks and benefits arrive. "You won't be able to get through with your basket."

"We have so many resources on our reservation, so much that others use or take," says Leona Gopher. "Yet we also have so much poverty."

The "Mushroom Approach"

Why do Native landowners remain resource rich but cash poor? A big part of the answer has to do with the BIA's role as a paternalistic landlord. Established in 1824, the agency is tasked with promoting economic opportunity on Native land. The question is, opportunity for whom?

In a 2009 Nebraska Law Review article, Emory University visiting scholar Brian Sawers provides decades' worth of figures

showing tribal members' land and products exploited in exchange for tiny percentages of their value on the private market. That's perhaps unsurprising, given the agency's origins. "The BIA's perceived mission for many years was to develop Indian-owned resources for the public benefit," Sawers notes. Despite reforms, the federal agency "has little incentive to bargain hard with potential lessees."

In recent years, Native landowners have shown in court that they were getting not just a raw deal, but a fraudulent one. While serving as a treasurer of the Blackfeet during the 1980s, tribal member Elouise Cobell discovered irregularities in the Interior Department's accounting system for disbursements to Native people. In 1996, she became lead plaintiff in a class-action lawsuit that revealed improper records for more than a century's worth of payments. Billions of dollars were missing. Documents had disappeared.

"I have never seen more egregious misconduct by the federal government," wrote U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth. A \$3.4 billion settlement for Cobell v. Salazar was reached in 2009.

During the suit, a court-appointed investigator found that Navajos were getting \$25 to \$40 per rod (16.5 feet) for rights of way across their BIA-supervised trust land. Meanwhile, similar land off the reservation garnered 10 to 20 times as much. Terry Beckwith, a realty expert with ICC Indian Enterprises and a Quinault Indian Nation member, says that the BIA-supervised leasing and right-of-way processes make it easy to lowball landowners. For starters, the agency typically allows prospective lessees to hire their own appraiser to determine the fair market value of the land. That's "a conflict of interest right there," says Beckwith. Native landowners and advocates contacted by In These Times agreed. Court documents show that in Leona and Mike Gopher's case, the oil company seeking a right of way performed an appraisal based on lower-cost agricultural use, rather than on industrial use, as would be expected for a pipeline, according to Sally Willett, a



The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is the agency that manages 55 million acres of land the federal government holds in trust for Native owners. Established in 1824, the agency is tasked with promoting economic opportunity on Native land. The question is, opportunity for whom? The BIA arranges deals that allow outside companies and individual operators to use Native land and resources, but landowners believe they often get the short end of the stick.

retired Interior Department administrative law judge and Cherokee tribal member who reviewed the documents at Leona's request.

The BIA manages an intricate leasing process, made exceptionally complex by the fact that some allotments have hundreds or even thousands of co-owners. This is a relic of the Dawes Act, which eliminated traditional Native means of bequeathing land—via the family or clan, for example. Instead, Native people were made subject to state laws for those who died without a will.

As a result, all eligible heirs inherited when an allotment owner died. With each generation, the number of owners multiplied, each owning his or her own unique percentage of the whole. That process is now called "fractionation." When landowners are declared "whereabouts unknown," the BIA can sign off for them. When an allotment has a large number of co-owners, the BIA has even more control. It can approve a deal even without the consent of a majority of landowners.

Beckwith, who gives seminars for Native landowners nationwide to help them navigate the leasing process, says the BIA frequently fails to provide them with sufficient information.

At one of his sessions, for example, Beckwith saw the oil lease of an attendee from

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different ones came out also. Last year, by word of mouth, Facebook and text messages, we had a lot of people come. Last year we had a lady, that's here this year, come up from New Mexico and we had a guy come from Minnesota. First year we had a guy from Wisconsin, they went home and told different people," Henry Sleeper, southern Arapaho, and the other organizer of the event, said.

The event first started out with just an idea and soon inspired a small group of individuals to create a memorial run for the Washita massacre through the one thing they loved most ... riding motorcycles.

"This started with three of us organizers, me, my wife Elsie and Serena. We went up to the Wounded Knee Memorial run and came back and said, 'well we don't have nothing for our people here in Oklahoma.' We started talking about it and got with Amos to get some ideas and see what he thought, we talked about it and kicked it around. We thought about the Trail of Tears but that was already taken from some riders coming from North Carolina out to Oklahoma. Out of respect and to honor those people, we let them do that and came up with our own ideas. So we settled out here for the Washita because you don't hear too much about the Washita battle or massa-



Amos Tallbear, southern Cheyenne, with his bike during the Washita Memorial Motorcycle Run is one of four individuals who began the memorial run in an effort to bring more attention to the Washita massacre of men women and children in 1868. (Photo by Latoya Lonelodge)

cre," Sleeper said.

The sun was shining and the weather was warm on that Saturday afternoon as the bikers made their way, one by one, onto the grounds of the Washita Battlefield National Historical Site.

Upon arriving on the battlefield site, song and prayer followed. Those who participated in the run were invited to join in a meal as well.

"We want our tribe more involved, we want our C&A people more involved," Tall

Bear said.

With the hope of growing in awareness and participation, the Washita Memorial Motorcycle Run will continue year to year honoring the lives of the men, women and children.

"The neat thing is seeing the non-Indians that have come out, they're that way, open minded to things and we've had Christians even come out to pay respect and be apart of it, so why run? That's what we do," Tall Bear said.

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Developing Tribal Youth Summer Camps and Programs

Oct. 19-20, 2016 at the Flamingo Hotel & Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. Strategies for engaging the community, involving elders, hiring cultural experts and involving tribal councils and youth councils.

For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

2016 NAICJA National Tribal Judicial & Court Personnel Conference

Oct. 18-21, 2016 at the Morongo Casino Resort & Spa in Palm Springs, Calif. Open to the public. For more information or to register visit www.naicja.org.

Robert's Rules of Order for the Tribal Recording Secretary

Oct. 19-21 at the Flamingo Hotel & Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Strategic Planning for Tribal Housing Boards

Nov. 3-4, 2016 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. Topics include roles and responsibilities of the housing board, writing the strategic plan, implementing plan and more.

For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Tribal Interior Budget Counsel

Nov. 7-9, 2016 at Washington Plaza, 10 Thomas Circle in Washington, D.C.

The mission of the TIBC is to provide an advisory

government-to-government forum and process for Tribes and the Department to develop budgets that allow for the fulfillment of tribes' self-determination, self-governance, sovereignty and treaty rights.

For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org/initiatives/bia-tribal-budget-advisory-council.

RES New Mexico

Nov. 14-17, 2016 at the Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino in Santa Fe, N.M. For more information or to regis-

ter visit www.ncaied.org.

Federal Grants and Contracts Accounting for Tribes and Tribal Organizations

Nov. 15-16, 2016 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. Topics include regulations and compliance, basic cost principles, elements of grant accounting system and more.

For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The fourth annual Na-

tive American Leadership Forum-West

Dec. 1-2, 2016 at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.nationationevents.org.

The seventh annual Native American Human Resources Conference

Jan. 22-24, 2017 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

ATHLETE'S SPOTLIGHT

Photo & interview by Latoya Lonelodge



ly ever bullied. First I would tell them to step up and tell them you don't like what they are doing if you're being bullied, tell them to stop or either find someone who will help you.

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

I've had people ask me to go party or go smoke with them or something. Normally, I'm just like, 'no man that's not me.' I stay focused on my sports and I use a lot of my sports for an excuse. I'm like, 'no I can't I have practice in the morning,' or 'I gotta go run tonight,' or 'workout in the morning.' I use sports as an excuse, a lot of times I'm always out of town when they have parties and stuff, so it works out either way.

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

Racial discrimination, I would want to change that. My thinking on that is that we are all equal, we all came from the same place. Nothings really different but our skin color. For someone to discriminate upon another just because of the color of their skin is ridiculous.

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

To be happily settled and financially stable. I've always wanted to live in Colorado so once I'm financially stable with a happy family I want to live in Colorado.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

I've always admired Michael Jordan since I was young.

Which team is your favorite team?

The Thunder. I just love Russel Westbrook, he's my favorite.

What are your immediate plans after graduating high school?

Hopefully to get a scholarship to college somewhere. I want to say OU, if things don't work out I'll be fine with that as long as I'm going to college.

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

Stay in school, keep up on your work. Don't slack in high school, it really gives you a slap in the face.

Allen's parents are Allen Sioux Sr., and Rebecca Hulbutta. His grandparents are Michael Osage, Vivian Orange, Matthew and Ruthie Russell, and Susie White.

Allen Jr., has two sisters, Sierra Sioux, 14, and Allena Sioux, 12, and one brother, Danny Sioux, also 12.

Born and raised in El Reno, Okla., Allen Sioux Jr., 16, makes it his priority to be involved. At 6'1 he is a shooting guard for the El Reno High School basketball team and a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Youth Council.

When did you first begin playing and how?

I've always played basketball since kindergarten out at Darlington. I didn't start getting serious about it until like 3rd grade when we had an actual basketball team. After that I've been playing every year.

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

Basketball; to me its always a place to go and get my mind off things. It helps me relieve a lot of stress, somewhere I can always go and have fun.

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

Making varsity team and playing a lot. This past summer we made it to the NABI championship game for R.E.Sp.E.C.T. and we beat our older boys in the semi-finals, which is pretty awesome. We made it to the championship game, we lost but it was a great experience. I'm a starter for R.E.Sp.E.C.T. and they give me a lot more exposure for different teams and coaches. For El Reno, I play more on JV. This summer we had team camps and I was a starter for all the games. I'm hoping that had a big impact on my playing time this year.

What is your GPA?

3.9

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

I just want to stay on top

of my work and stay in the top 10 percent of my class. I want to help lead my team to championships. I plan to go to college for basketball. I've had a few colleges say they were watching me or keeping an eye on me. So this summer or during the school year I'm just trying to get myself out there more.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

I'm doing a lot more studying this year. Last year I didn't really study that much. But this year I'm trying to stay on top of my work. I'm retaking tests that I don't make good grades on. For basketball, I'm always just trying to find a place to get to a gym, which would help cause by the end of next summer we should have the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. gym, that would help a lot.

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

This year at NABI, we played the Riverside boys from Anadarko and it was a close game. We beat them by one or two points, it was just a really good game. We had so many fans and so many people watching us. We played at a PrepHoops tournament in Oklahoma City and we played team Griffin, they play nationally and we actually beat them this year and won the tournament. With El Reno, Shawnee always gives us a tough and close game. The first time we played them we beat them by a buzzer beater by Christian Wassana. A few games later we played them again in the tournament and we went to overtime, we beat them in overtime but both games were really crazy. We had a lot of fans in our stu-

dent section that showed up. It was a good atmosphere.

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

I would say Reggie Island. He always tells us to go out there and play and to have fun, not to worry about anything else. Cause if we're having fun together, the winning will take care of itself. I just try to have fun and not worry about anything else.

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

Not really.

Who or what inspires you the most?

My mom. I just want to be able to take care of her one day. And my brothers and sisters, I know they look up to me a lot. My little brother especially, he does every little thing I do, no matter if it's the way I tie my shoes or what. He's right there trying to be just like me. Now that I'm playing football this year, he's really trying to play football but I don't know how that's going to work out for him.

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

This year, I have first hour weight lifting, so we work out pretty much everyday. On the weekends, I play football, so we go up on a Saturday to go work out. Every chance I get I'm always trying to be in the gym to focus on my shot so I don't lose it.

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

To stay focused and be consistent.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game?

Sonic Cheeseburger
Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

Reggie Island. He's been a great coach, he's a great dude all around, he's a great father. I've been staying with him for a month and a half, he's a really great guy. He does everything for his kids and he never makes me feel like I'm left out or anything. And it's like that with our team too, when we go out to tournaments, he's there for us and not just for him. He's trying to make sure we have fun, while we're still trying to get a win.

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

I like listening to music and hanging out with my little brother and sisters, they're really my entertainment.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

I like all kinds of music. There's really not any type of music I don't specifically not like, I listen to everything. When I workout its more modern day hip-hop, I listen to a lot of Tupac when I'm working out.

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

I probably doubt myself more than I should. I'm not as confident as I should be. I'm going to try to believe in myself more and try to put myself in more situations to where I have to be more confident and trust myself.

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

No, I was really cool with everyone. It's easy for me to make friends so I'm not real-

This bull-riding, race car driving Cheyenne grandma wants to be a heavyweight boxing champ

By Ross Kenneth Urken, espnW.com
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On a late August afternoon in the Crown Heights district of Oklahoma City, Carol, 'The Cheyenne Storm' Limpy, 49, rushed into the Western Avenue Boxing Gym to sneak in some punching bag time. It was just shy of 5 o'clock, and the grandmother of two was coming from nearby Concho, where she works as a higher education counselor for the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes.

Despite the busy start to the school year, she didn't have a day to lose. After all, her Oct. 1 amateur heavyweight fight at Firelake Casino in Shawnee, Okla., was almost a month away. As Limpy noted, her opponent, Beth 'Hardtimes' Farmer, has one distinct advantage: youth. At 33, she's a full 16 years younger than Limpy.

But Limpy is no stranger to intensity. An Army vet who has dabbled in bull riding as part of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, driven in dirt track Factory Stock car races, and played in a women's full-contact football league, she took up boxing two years ago with the goal of fighting at the local Toughman Contest, an intense amateur boxing competition that occurs around the country. Last year at this tournament, where athletes frequently die, she lost to eventual champ Valerie Koassachoney. This year, she's seeking redemption for

herself in this upcoming bout against a fresh opponent at a new competition.

While she's always looked for ways to test her limits physically, this particular boxing journey, she hopes, will have more of an impact on her community. She wants to use her involvement in the sport as a vehicle to connect with kids to discuss their academic and personal issues. And given that she's divorced from her husband and now living with her female partner, Anita Wheeler, Limpy understands the value of helping those in her community who are afraid to come out, in light of the conservative values many in the tribe and state espouse.

Limpy has seen the impact the gym can have on a community and has a vision to institute a traveling boxing clinic with equipment for interested Native American school children to train. Native Americans have the lowest high school graduation rate of any student group. Given that Limpy provides college counseling to high school juniors and seniors, she's always looking to level the playing field and communicate with students in a practical and non-stressful manner.

"Boxing is a way to hopefully get the kids interested in something else," says Limpy, who hopes to finish her master's degree in Native American leadership

at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in the next couple months. "Once I make that connection with them and they get interested and they like it, hopefully it's a segue into, 'Well, how you doing at school?'"

Inside the gym, Wheeler helped Limpy tie her hands and wrists in yellow boxing tape before putting on her Everlast gloves. Dressed in a War Child brand shirt (emblazoned with the words "More Savage Than Average"), black boxing trunks and Nike flip-flops (to show off her pink pedicure), Limpy circled a room filled with a dozen punching bags. She set and struck with force. At 5-foot-7 and 270 pounds, she grounded herself and put her power into each hook. Occasionally, she threw a left-right combination hard down the center. Pretty soon, her forehead beaded with sweat.

Limpy's paternal grandfather, a tenacious man who was on a U.S. ship off the coast of Japan during the bombing of Hiroshima, was a Northern Cheyenne, a pedigree to which her relatives trace her daring nature.

"My family says, 'That's where you get the crazy from,'" Limpy said. "Crazy? I call it being adventurous."

Limpy was born in 1966 in Fonda, Oklahoma, which she calls "an itty-bitty community out by Seiling." When she was 11 months old,



Carol Limpy in 2015 training for a match in Hinton, Okla. Limpy was scheduled to fight on Oct. 1, 2016, but was rescheduled until November 2016. (Photo by Rosemary Stephens)

her 23-year-old father was killed in a car wreck along with her 5-year-old brother and 3-year-old sister. Her mother's sister married a Cherokee man, so Limpy's mother packed up her baby girl and moved to Northeastern Oklahoma. Limpy grew up thinking she was Cherokee. Of course, she had an inkling maybe that wasn't the case. "I'm too tall to be Cherokee," Limpy said with a smile before laying into a punching bag.

At Chouteau High School, where she was long the only Native American, Limpy be-

gan her unconventional athletic career by playing baseball on the boys' team during her sophomore, junior and senior years. She played second base, left field and even pitched a game.

"I don't know if I wanted to be different, but I just wanted more of a challenge," she said. "My mom was like, 'You're gonna get hurt.' I said, 'Well you can get hurt in anything you do.'"

Limpy joined the Army Reserves in 1985 when she was 18, met her future husband while starting her undergrad education in

psychology at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and had her daughter in 1991. Long a full-time student and full-time employee, she was honorably discharged in 1994 and finished school in 1997.

Eventually, Limpy said, she started listening to her heart and divorced her husband after recognizing her sexuality.

"Once I left and was truthful with myself about who I am, he was very supportive," Limpy said.

Next began Limpy's foray

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the Bakken region in North Dakota. "It had a line, his name written under the line and the figure \$47. ... So much was missing—terms and conditions, the exact location of the property and more." Beckwith advised him and other attendees to rescind their consent and ask for proper agreements.

Leona Gopher told In These Times about her five-year fight to get the information she needed to assess an oil company's offer of \$1,850, to be shared among 14 co-owners, for a 45-year pipeline right of way. The local BIA office told her to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, then set Gopher's tab for staff time and copying to complete the request at amounts that vacillated, but at one point topped \$3,000—money Gopher did not have and that well exceeded her portion of the oil company's offer. She took the matter to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA), the Interior Department administrative court for Native claims. The court ordered the BIA to "complete the record." Then, when Gopher used the completed record to raise her objections, the court told her she was too late: She should have raised them earlier. The deal went forward despite her complaints.

Those familiar with the BIA's operations say difficulty obtaining information is the norm. "On what planet is a trustee allowed to withhold information from a beneficiary and charge an exorbitant price ... to find out what the trustee is doing?" Willett asks. She calls this "the mushroom approach"—"cover the principals with manure and keep them in the dark."

By Hook or By Crook

The case of Mary Tom and her family offers a telling example of how the BIA appears to aid industry's divide-and-conquer tactics.

When Western Refining's right of way expired in 2010, the large number of co-owners meant that the company needed to obtain signatures representing only half of the ownership interests in order to renew. In July 2010, the BIA signed off on the company's renewed right of way.

But a number of family members had refused to consent. They objected to Western Refining's offer for the 48 co-owners of the property, a total of \$6,656 total for 20 years' access. Patrick Adakai, a retired federal official and nephew of Mary Tom, calls this "chump change." In September 2010, Patrick and his brother Frank Adakai joined Tovar and other relatives in filing a lawsuit with the IBIA. They claimed that Western Refining had failed to obtain enough signatures and had gone after elderly, non-English-speaking family members (including Tom and her older brother) who couldn't give informed consent.

In January 2013, the court ruled in the family's favor, saying that the BIA office had been "arbitrary and capricious" in approving the renewal.

Western Refining went back for more signatures. Between April and June 2013, the company held four meetings with landowners—all while continuing to operate the pipeline, even though it no longer had a valid right of way. For these gatherings, the BIA sent letters to all landowners, letting them know the times and locations.

By August 2013, Western Refining still didn't have the consents it needed. That's

when the company pulled out all the stops, scheduling numerous gatherings, repeatedly requesting extra time and hiring other Navajos to track down family members.

In September, the company wrote to the BIA of its plans to hold a luncheon with certain landowners whose consent it needed, including Mary Tom. Western Refining told the BIA it would like "as much as possible" to limit the luncheon to just the few family members whose signatures it was seeking, "and not other interest owners in the allotment or outsiders to that process." Documents In These Times obtained via a FOIA request also show emails among the BIA staffers to plan a "pre-meeting" with the company.

When asked about these communications, Nedra Darling, a spokesperson for the BIA, told In These Times that the BIA did not coordinate with the oil company ahead of the luncheon, or help prevent family members from attending it.

At the meeting, Tom asked for her older brother and her nephew Patrick. Roberta Tovar phoned Patrick, who lives several hours from Gallup, and told him what was going on. Patrick immediately asked Tovar to hand the phone to a BIA official. No one would listen to him, he says.

An oil company representative later described Adakai as "attempting to disrupt the meeting by phone." Tovar claims a Western Refining employee escorted her and her father out of the meeting. The company put it more blandly in a report to the BIA about the event: "Roberta Tovar and Charles Irving left after lunch."

A group of family members, including the Adakais, later e-mailed Sharon Pinto, director of the BIA office for the Navajo region. They asked why some landowners had not been invited to the gathering and complained that the company was employing "bribes" to get consents. "We are concerned BIA officials and selected landowners are being wined and dined by Western Refining to persuade a signing of the ... lease despite our repeated requests for re-review and evaluation," they wrote. They asked for a sign-in sheet from the meeting. Pinto replied that the meeting "was called by Western Refining" and the agency did not get a copy of the sign-in sheet.

Were landowners exhorted into signing? Darling says no. She claims the BIA was present on landowners' behalf, "providing technical guidance" and reassuring them in the Navajo language. "At no time did BIA pressure anyone to sign or not sign," Darling said.

Tovar is adamant—her aunt was pressured. "That's why I said they were like coyotes on a sheep," she says.

The landowners who had filed the lawsuit continued to reach out to the company to attempt to negotiate a better deal. But when they requested a copy of Western Refining's appraisal of the land, the BIA office instructed the group to submit a FOIA request, despite the Interior Department court having ordered the office in 2013 to "provide the landowners with an appraisal of the right of way to assist them in negotiations."

The BIA's Darling claims that Native landowners need not use FOIAs to obtain their own "trust data or information." But landowners In These Times spoke to, BIA documents and IBIA court decisions reveal



Mary Tom co-owns a 160-acre plot of Navajo reservation land in New Mexico along with dozens of her family members. In October 2013, Tom, 88, was invited to a meeting at the El Rancho Hotel in Gallup, N.M., with representatives of the Texas-based oil company Western Refining, as well as staff from the local BIA office. At the meeting, she gave her consent for the company to continue operating one of its pipelines across the family's land for another 20 years. Some of her family members were never invited to the meeting, and say that the BIA allowed Western Refining to isolate Tom and pressure the non-English-speaking elder into signing off on the deal. "They were attacking my aunt like a bunch of coyotes attacking sheep in a corral," recalls Tom's niece Roberta Tovar, who attended the meeting before she was escorted out, she says. (Photo by Joseph Zummo)

that the Freedom of Information Act must often be used to obtain needed documents.

Complicating matters further, since 2014 Western Refining has brought two federal lawsuits seeking to resolve the situation. One seeks to condemn the family's land, a technique normally used by governments to gain access to land needed for the public good. The other sues the Interior Department, seeking to reverse the IBIA's unfavorable rulings. Citing the pending litigation, the company's press representative, Gary Hanson, declined to comment for this article.

Shifting into Reverse

Terry Beckwith says that what Native landowners want is simple: "We want to protect ourselves and our land, and maximize the money we can make on it." He notes basic problems that need fixing, for example, some of the most cursory BIA forms date to the 1940s and 1950s and are still used today. He says they should be updated and expanded to include the purpose and time span of the agreement, remedies in case of damage to the land, such as an oil spill, and other necessary items.

One solution is to return control of land and resources to tribes, reversing some of the worst effects of allotment, including fractionation. The federal government, which once wanted to "pulverize" tribes, has in recent decades flipped the script, instituting regulations to give tribes more say in their own leasing deals (this does not affect individuals' agreements, which are still fully subject to the BIA bureaucracy). Meanwhile, buyback programs, including the 2010 Cobell settlement, have helped tribes rebuild their land bases by funding the purchase of tribal members' allotments. By 2015, tribes had regained and placed in trust 1.5 million acres via Cobell, according to the Interior Department.

Some tribes are reconstituting their homelands their own way—and taking control of

their own economic development. In South Dakota, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe operates the Tribal Land Enterprise (TLE), a land buyback program that long predates that set up by Cobell. Since its establishment in 1943, TLE has acquired about a million acres.

TLE's strategic purchases have facilitated the development of projects that make sense to tribal members, and that's been a big part of the program's success, according to tribal member and TLE director Ann Wilson-Fredrick. These include a grocery store on a reservation where there are few, 600 units of badly needed housing and a wind farm. With more land available to Rosebud's ranchers and farmers, they can increase production. The tribe can also put business and environmental regulations in place and choose to set aside land for spiritual and ecological reasons, adds Rosebud tribal member Wizipan Little Elk, CEO of the tribe's economic development corporation and a former Interior Department official.

All of this is done with an eye on the future, says Little Elk. "We like to say we have a one-thousand-year plan."

In the shorter term, Patrick Adakai and his relatives continue to fight Western Refining in court. He says his relatives' goal is not just a better deal for themselves but improving how leasing is handled, including better BIA record-keeping and more landowner control of the valuation process. "We are doing this for our Indian people, so they can improve their lives. This is for the children and grandchildren."

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DARLINGTON CHIEFS FOOTBALL TEAM NEW GAME IN TOWN

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

There's a new football team in town, dressed in blue called the Darlington Chiefs.

And though a new team, they are gaining in experience with each pass completed and each block executed, winning their first game against Geary on Oct. 5.

Darlington School Board unanimously voted last spring to approve the new football team, adding one more athletic outlet for the students to participate in. Currently Darlington has led the Organization of Rural Elementary (ORES) in basketball.

"We had 19 kids come out this year, which was great," Reggie Island, football coach said.

When Island and coach Parry Roman Nose volunteered to coach the first year football team, they hoped for at least 12 kids and were both surprised when 19 turned out to play.

"We have a lot of our

kids that have never played football before and that's really exciting for us as coaches because teaching them while they are so fresh and implement our ideas, it's been almost a blessing," Island said.

He said being able to watch them grow into their positions and teaching them from the ground up is as exciting as watching them play for the first time.

"We have gotten better with each game we have played this year. We had a late start on our schedule this year, but next year are hoping to have a full eight game schedule put together," Island said.

Though a short season, the new Darlington Chiefs football team showed excitement and enthusiasm as they ran out onto each field of play.

The team consists of students from 6th to 8th grades and each player must meet academic



Quarterback Evan RomanNose, #4, runs the football against Geary on Oct. 5. The Darlington Chiefs would go onto win their first game against Geary. (Photo by Latoya Lonelodge)

requirements to participate. The team will be playing in the ORES Division III.

Darlington School first opened its current building in 1967, offering Pre-K through 8th grade. Formerly known as Mountain View School from 1912-1967, was located southwest of Concho, Okla.



Number 23 Mario Doyebi makes the tackle against Geary. (Photo by Latoya Lonelodge)

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Eat processed and prepared foods less. Highly processed and ready to eat foods tend to be higher in sodium. Salt is used to preserve a food for longer shelf life. Eat these foods such as pizza, cured meats like bacon, sausage, hot dogs and

deli or lunchmeat and ready to eat foods like canned chili, ravioli and soups.

Cook more often at home. When was the last time you ate a meal with your family? You can enjoy home prepared foods where you are in control of the sodium (salt). Use little or no salt when cooking, even if a package or recipe says to add salt, add a little less. When using canned vegetables with salt added, be sure to rinse and drain the vegetables.

Buy frozen vegetables when on sale.

Try new flavors. Skip the salt and try salt free seasonings such as fresh herbs, spices, garlic and vinegar, black pepper or lemon juice.

Use caution with condiments. Foods like soy sauce,

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ketchup, pickles, olives, salad dressing and seasoning packets are high in sodium. Try low sodium soy sauce and ketchup and only sprinkle a small amount from a seasoning package, not the whole package.

Read food labels. Read the nutrition label to find foods with low sodium. Always pick foods labeled low sodium, reduced sodium or no salt added.

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The Big Event & Monster Dash

Fourth annual Big Event to take place at Clinton Indian Health Center Oct. 21-22

(CLINTON, OK) In partnership with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, CSU will host the fourth annual Big Event. The 2016 festivities will feature a health fair 9 a.m. -3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21 and the Monster Dash 5K Fun Run and One Mile Walk 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 22 with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. All activities of the two-day event will be held at the Clinton Indian Health Center in Clinton, Okla.

The Health Fair will highlight over 18 health and wellness vendors, including programs of CSU and the C&A tribes, Custer County Health Department and western Oklahoma community.

"Participants will find health resources and education, screenings for both blood pressure and blood glucose, HIV/AIDS testing, flu vaccines, Native American Hand Games, and a Basic Life Support course will be offered," Kristie Purdy, event co-organizer said.

While visiting the Health Fair, show your school loyalty and find out if you bleed crimson or orange. The Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) will host an on-site blood donation center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the Health Fair. OBI has Bedlam-themed t-shirts for all those who make a donation. Each person who gives will be able to select an OU crimson or OSU orange t-shirt. OBI serves more than 140 hospitals and medical facilities across Oklahoma.

All ghosts, goblins, and princesses are encouraged to register for the Monster Dash 5K Fun Run and One Mile Walk. Pre-registration for the Monster Dash is free and may be found at www.monsterdashclinton.eventbrite.com.

Be sure to stay after the race and join in the fun for the costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for the scariest, funniest, most creative and cutest costumes through Cheyenne District 3 legislator and Arapaho District 3

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and the Health Education Program for co-sponsoring these activities

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legislator. The following categories will be judged: 5 years and under, 6 to 12 years of age, 13 to 17 years of age, 18 and older and family. If your kiddos' costume needs a little finishing touch, be sure to stop by the face painting booth, sponsored by the C&A tribes' Health Education program. Little ones are invited to pick out a pumpkin of their own to decorate from the pumpkin patch.

"Each year momentum and support for the Big Event has grown," Purdy said. "We would like to thank Arapaho District 3 Legislator Patrick Spottedwolf, Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Reggie Wassana, C&A Tribal Health Board, C&A tribes' Tradition Not Addiction, and C&A Tribes' Health Education Programs for partnering with CSU to bring health education to the community."

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POWWOWS & EVENTS CALENDAR

Annual Bigfoot Storytelling

Oct. 20 at the Southern Plains Indian Museum in Anadarko, Okla. Free event for all. Inflatables, 11 a.m. Bigfoot bake off, 4:30 p.m. pumpkin carving contest, 5 p.m. fun walk and more.

Comanche War Scouts Veterans Powwow

Oct. 22, 2016 at the Watchtaker Hall, Comanche Nation Complex in Lawton, Okla.

MC Kinsel Lieb, Ponca, HS Jimmy Kemble, Ponca, HLD Linda Big Soldier, Iowa, HMD Gary Unruh, Kiowa, AD Freddy Bandaras, Apache, Co-Hosts Kiowa Women Warriors, Comanche Tribal Veterans Association, Honored Veteran Ray Williams, U.S. Army Sgt. Major (Retired), Oklahoma City.

Special invitation to Iowa Tribal Veterans, Ponca Tribal Veterans, Tonkawa Tribal Veterans, Comanche Little Ponies and all Veterans.

Gourd dance begins at

1:30 p.m. Call Larry at 580-483-8449 for more information.

The 14th annual Elder's Conference - Empowering Native Elders to Thrive in a Changing Society

9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Nov. 5 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. Open to all Tribal elders 55 years and older.

Health related topics, health screenings, arts & crafts and much more. For more information call 405-

422-7723.

Memorial Gourd Dance in Memory of Deacon Gerald Chavez

Nov. 5 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

MC Burl Buffalomeat, HS Fred Mosqueda, HGD Henry Harjo, HL Karen Miles, Honored Veteran Cody Ayon, AD James Sleeper and Honored Family Deswood and Louella Koshiway.

Special invitation to the Redmoon Gourd Clan. For

more information call 405-694-5324.

The 25th annual Austin Powwow & American Indian Heritage Festival
Nov. 5 at the Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker Lane in Austin, Texas. Begins at 10 a.m.

MC Tim Tallchief, AD Bill Takes Horse, Co-AD Emiliano Flores, HMD Dijay Yarholer, HLD Alva Fiddler, HGD Lowell Nibbs, Head Judge Juquin Hamilton, Northern Drum Sage Point

and Southern Drum Otter Trail.

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

Nov. 18-20 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton Okla. Revival starts 7 p.m. Nov. 18 led by Delfred 'Bunny' WhiteCrow.

To add your event email details to rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org or call 405-422-7446.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to our beautiful girls! Michelle's 4th birthday on Oct. 22nd and Kynadee's 8th birthday on Oct. 23rd! We love you two very much! You both fill our hearts with so much joy and happiness! Love, mom, dad, Dylan, Caleb, Kyle, Ryan, Rylee and Lauren!



Happy Halloween
LaShayla & Keely Green
Konner & Kaiden Pratt
 love.
mom Bonnie and dad
Kenneth Pratt

October 7
 I want to wish a special 1st Happy Birthday to: Audree Marie Angel Spang
 Sending you my kisses and love.....
 Edward Garcia 1st granddaughter, great grandmother Francis M. Garcia, may she rest in peace. siempre contigo
 your loving grandma Hopez-Garcia



Happy 17th Birthday
 LaShayla Green
 October 19th
 Love,
 Mom Bonnie and Dad Kenneth Pratt



Enjoy Your Retirement - Congratulations

Mark Cody retires from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services Law Enforcement. Cody transferred to the Concho Agency in 2004 and became the Chief of Police from 2008 to Sept. 26, 2015.

"I performed law enforcement services for the tribe for 12 years and have made many friends along the way. As a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, it was an honor to serve my brothers and sisters of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. I wish the tribe continued success in all departments and societies. A-ho."



October 16, 2016
 Happy 18th Birthday
 Shanie Micaela Ledezma
 I love you daughter very much
 your always in my heart & I'm sending you my love & kisses your very special to me
 God bless you & my grandbaby on your birthdays & many many more years to come
 Te quiero miya mucho love your mother;
 Edwardlie Hopez Garcia
 siempre contigo

Happy Birthday
 Ethan Smoker Green
 October 14th
 Love,
 mom Bonnie & dad Kenneth



Congratulations
 PFC. Hutchinson
 Basic Training
 Graduation Sept. 9, 2016
 Son of Jaime & Eric Neuenschwander. Grandson of Denise Hutchinson. Great grandson of Geraldine and Donald A Hutchinson. Great great-grandson of the late Eula Hill.

Suicide prevention

Contributed by Aaron Edenshaw and Jonell James
 Clinton Service Unit Licensed Clinical Social Workers

"The person who completes suicide dies once. Those left behind die a thousand deaths, trying to relive those terrible moments and understand... Why?" - Clark (2001)

September was national awareness month for suicide prevention. What once was a random act, is now prevalent in Oklahoma communities. Different sources reveal suicide is among the leading causes of death among the youth.

In 2012, statistics indicate the State of Oklahoma ranked third in the Nation for mental health disorders, including both youth and adults. Oklahoma youth between the ages of 12 to 17 years of age, suffered with mental health and substance use disorders. Although suicide ranked fourth (1999 to 2006) as the leading cause of death among the youth, it's an intentional act in contrast to unintentional injuries, which increases the devastation. (*National Vital Statistics System, 2012.*):

- Any Mental illness 20 percent (103,630).
- Seriously considered attempting suicide, 15 percent (47,106).
- Made a plan about how they would attempt suicide, 14.6 percent (45,546).
- Attempted suicide 7.4 percent (23,085).
- Attempted suicide resulting in an injury, poisoning or overdose, having to be treated

by a doctor or nurse 2 percent (6,239).

- Dependence or abuse of illicit drugs or alcohol, 4.9 percent (25,234).
- Dependence or abuse of illicit drugs, 2.4 percent.
- Non-medical use of pain relievers, 6 percent.

There are many reasons our loved ones commit suicide. To the one contemplating suicide, it is the only option to stop the pain. A person may feel helpless and powerless to change a situation and suicide is the escape. Anyone can experience suicidal thoughts, any race, gender, age, or economic status, does not matter. After a suicide, families are then left to carry the burden of the sudden and unexpected loss.

Teen Suicide Risk Factors and Protective Factors

Suicide prevention seeks to reduce risk factors and strengthen protective factors to help protect teens from suicide.

Risk factors

- Depression and other mental health problems
- Substance abuse
- Lack of social connectedness (social isolation)
- Lack of direction and establishment of life goals
- Adverse life situations (abuse, bullying, poverty, and major loss)

Protective factors

- Positive life skills (problem-solving and healthy coping)

- Social connectedness (sports, teams, groups, and clubs)
- Positive social support from family, friends, and community
- Positive academic experience and achievement
- Suicide Warning Signs
- Social withdrawal
- Severe depression (not eating, sleeping, talking, or engaging in activity)
- Not taking medication (anti-depressant/psychotropic medication)
- Complaints of feeling depressed, hopeless, and/or worthless
- Giving away items of worth (video games, skate board, collections, etc.)
- Writing goodbye letters
- Medication gone missing or finding empty pill bottles I the home
- Physical evidence of cutting (forearm, shoulders, thighs, and abdomen)
- Lack of emotion and lack of expression (chronic unhappiness)

"Suicide doesn't end the chances of life getting worse, it eliminates the possibility of it ever getting any better." -Unknown.

If needing to schedule a Behavioral Health appointment, please call 580.331.3485.

For help call the Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-TALK.

In Loving Memory ...



Wanda Lee (Walker) Birdshead was born Aug. 22, 1949 to Sampson and Cordelia (Howlingbuffalo) Walker in Lawton, Okla. She departed this life Oct. 6, 2016 at her rural home near Canton.

Wanda grew up in Longdale, Okla. and attended Longdale Public School. She received her GED certificate from O.C.U. in 1972. Wanda

began working at the U.S. Gypsum plant at Southard, Okla. in 1975 after working at the Hollytex spinning mill in Watonga. She spent her entire career in the mill department where she became a foreman in 2005. Wanda was the only woman to become a production foreman at the Southard plant. She retired in 2010 having accumulated 35 years of dedicated service.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parent, one brother Rodman Walker and one sister Alta Brawley. Survivors include her husband Lawrence Birdshead of the home, four children, son Anthony Birdshead and wife Patty of Geary, Okla., son Kenny Birdshead of Seattle, Wash., daughter Moosiey Goljenboom and husband John of Putnam, Okla., and daughter Sharon Birdshead

and Mark Hafner of McLoud, Okla., grandchildren Jess Birdshead (Amanda), Josh Birdshead, Anthony Birdshead Jr. (Marie), John Birdshead, Jeremy Birdshead, Amanda Goljenboom, Amber Supple (John), John Goljenboom Jr. (Beth), Samuel Goljenboom (Alisha), Sonya and Cheyenne Deatherage and great-grandchildren Nevaeh, Dalton, Ambre, Alta, Rachelle, Jason X, Jorden, Lilliee, Jeremy, Bruce Wayne, Dominic, Peyton, Alexis and Raine.

A wake service was held Oct. 10, 2016 at the Canton Native American Gymnasium. Funeral services were held Oct. 11, 2016 at the same venue with Rev. George Akeen Jr. officiating. Interment followed at the Cantonment Cemetery west of Canton Lake.

Cheyenne grandma

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into bull riding in 1998.

A man she considers her "step-cousin" from her Cherokee community started raising bulls in an arena in Little Kansas, Oklahoma, and needed help bucking them out of shoots to appraise their quality. One Sunday evening, there was one bull left in the shoot, and the guys at the little arena taunted her.

"They were like, 'Come on, Carol, we dare you,'" Limpy said. It was a small, but aggressive bull.

"Man, my heart, I was scared," she said. "I got on it. It was like, flash; the next thing I knew, I was 10 feet over." She'd been tossed into the air and landed with a thud.

"They tell you, 'Whatever you do, get up, if you're half dead, get up,'" Limpy said. She was hooked.

She aspired to make the national finals for women's bull riding, an accomplishment that required her to compete in three to four rodeos. So when the all-women's rodeo came to town in Grove, Oklahoma, she jumped at the opportunity.

But the bull riding vest she wore was too large, so when she got bucked off, her elbow got caught inside and lodged against her ribs on the landing. In typical Limpy fashion, she got up, saying, "I think I'm all right," she said.

Then she started throwing up. She had broken three ribs. But she stayed to pull the rope for another rider before heading to the hospital. A couple of months later, she made it to the stockyards in Fort Worth, Texas, for another rodeo, but broke another rib.

"That was the end to my year of bull riding," she said. And the start of her race car-driving career.

Initially she was interested in fixing cars, and when she went to a couple races at 412 Speedway (now Flint Creek Speedway), she noticed there were a few female drivers. The

track owner let her test out her skill behind the wheel of a 1977 Monte Carlo with a four-barrel carburetor and 350 horses under the hood.

"Your adrenaline gets the best of you," she said. "I was hitting it to the floor."

She raced at 412 and competed at Thunder Valley Speedway in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She even did a hot lap at Salina Highbanks Speedway in Pryor, Oklahoma. But in a 2001 race at 412, she was run into the wall and suffered a concussion.

"I couldn't see for three weeks," she said. "Everything was real blurry."

That ended her racing career, and she tried to lay low for a couple of years. That is, until 2004 when she saw an announcement that the Tulsa Tornadoes, a women's full-contact football team, were having tryouts. She made the cut and played nose guard alongside Mandy Calmus, the sister of Rocky Calmus, former University of Oklahoma superstar and an NFL linebacker.

In 2010, Limpy's daughter had a daughter of her own, followed by a son in 2012. Limpy entered her newest full-contact endeavor: being a grandmother to two.

"I think that's a sport right there," Limpy said. Wheeler, too, is a grandma of one. "We're both always chasing kids," Wheeler said, finishing the sentence.

Of course, Wheeler is protective of Limpy and wants her to settle down, just be a grandma, stop with her athletic antics. After all, Limpy's only other fight, the one at the Toughman contest last year, resulted in a brutal loss. But when Limpy found out about an upcoming match-up in mid-August, she complimented and was extra sweet to her partner before announcing her plans.

"She tried to butter me up before she sprung it on me," Wheeler said.

And Farmer, Limpy's opponent, who is a

financial advisor for retail businesses, is not ready to give this fight away. She got into boxing four years ago at Western Avenue Boxing Gym, after her husband left and she received a skin cancer diagnosis.

"I was kind of going out of my mind and just needed something to focus my energy on," Farmer said. She got her boxing moniker, "Hardtimes," because of when she took to the sport as refuge. She's even sponsored by Hardtimes Beef Jerky, a client of hers. On fight night, her trunks will feature the company logo, an old hobo with a bindle.

It was difficult to find an opponent for her given that women's boxing in Oklahoma, let alone in the heavyweight category, is not super popular. So when the trainers at Western Avenue Boxing Gym paired her to fight Limpy, she was ecstatic.

Farmer, who is almost 5-foot-4 and 275 pounds, specializes in power punches. But when she met Limpy at their square-off photos, Farmer couldn't bring herself to match the aggressive expression that her opponent flashed.

"The whole mean mugging that people do, that's not me," Farmer said. "I smiled at her the whole time."

Travis Hoffman, one of Carol Limpy's trainers

That doesn't mean she'll be delightful in the ring. Sure, she had her doubts when they proposed Limpy, a grandma, as her opponent.

"I was like, 'I don't know if I can hit someone my mother's age,'" she said. "But when I met her at the photo-shoot, I was like, 'This is one tough chick.' I mean, I respect her being a grandma and all, but once we get in the ring, she's not a grandma anymore."

Limpy might have some advantages given her unconventional boxing style.

"With heavyweight fighters, they tend to throw wider punches, more overhands and

haymakers, but Carol, she works her jab well with her right hand," one of her trainers, Rebecca Hoffman, said. "And she knows how to go straight down the pike inside when people are throwing wide punches. You don't really see that often in female heavyweights."

She could pack a bit more into her swing.

"I'd like to see her pivoting her punches more, getting more power out of her punches," Hoffman added.

"If Carol's really aggressive and takes Beth down in the first couple rounds, it's gonna be her," said Travis Hoffman, Rebecca's husband and Limpy's other trainer. "But if it goes to the third round, then I think Beth has a really good chance. Carol's gonna be screwed when it goes past the second round."

Travis, of course, is just impressed Limpy has taken on boxing as a grandma.

"Anytime someone takes on something like this, especially at age 50, it's an amazing thing, especially if there's fear involved," Travis said. "You've got to go in there willing to lose. It's an easy life to live if you go into everything and think you're going to win. You've got to learn how to deal with loss healthily. That in itself shows her great strength. That should be passed on in her platform of work. Dealing with disappointment, that's what breeds chances in life."

As Limpy de-gloved and packed up for the day at the gym, Wheeler expressed both her support and trepidation.

"I'm like, 'Please don't break any more things,'" Wheeler said. "I hope that by the time you're 50, you're really done."

But Limpy will be 50 in December. So she's negotiated with Wheeler to be "done" at 51, because she wants to go skydiving with her daughter. And maybe fight another Toughman competition and just one or two professional boxing bouts.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Deadline for Change of Address and W9 forms is Nov. 10, 2016

Adult Change of Address and W9 Process:

Please read instructions on the Change of Address form and W9. The Change of Address form requires all areas to be filled out according to instructions and to be notarized. If all areas are not filled out according to the instructions, the forms will be returned, which will delay your paperwork. The W9 requires your full name, address, social security number, signature, and date. The address placed on the W9 will be the address the check will be sent to. Please keep in mind this address should match with Enrollment's mailing address.

Please submit all Change

of Address and W9 forms to the Enrollment Department by Nov. 10, 2016. Forms can be mailed to you by calling Enrollment Department at 405-422-7600 or 1-800-247-4612 ext. 27600 or printed off on our website at www.c-a-tribes.org/content/department-enrollment.

Change of Address form will need to be notarized before submission. Enrollment Department will forward all updated forms to the Per Capita Office.

Per Capita Office will mail your check or any letters concerning your account to mailing address on Change of Address and W9. Once paperwork is processed, Per Cap Office will review ac-

counts to determine if any past due checks are available for reissue.

Minor Change of Address forms need to be notarized and signed by legal guardian. All original guardianship documents should be turned in with Minor Change of Address forms if needed.

If you have any Child Support, Student Loans or Federal Garnishments that need to be addressed, or questions, please contact the Per Capita Office at 1-800-247-4612 ext. 27725 or (405) 422-7725. All garnishments of Child Support, Student Loans, and/or Federal Garnishments need to be submitted to the Per Capita Office by Nov. 15, 2016.

EMPLOYMENT

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

Physical Fitness Assist. Health Education Closing: Oct. 18, 2016

Qualifications:

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Transit Driver II-On Call Tribal Transportation Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

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Community Development Director Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Under the direct supervision of the Executive Director of the DOA, incumbent is responsible for planning and coordinating the implementation of community development projects and public facility improvements, public services and other related projects. The Community Development Program will also oversee the building and zoning function of the tribal community. Associate's or bachelor's degree in construction science is preferred. At least two years experience in construction management, project planning, AIA forms and contracts, shop drawings and specifications, familiar with as-built drawings, blueprint, AutoCAD, construction budgeting, scheduling, bonding, estimating, change orders, chart of accounts, financial management and ethics. Proficient computer skills including but not limited to Microsoft Office Suite. Valid state driver's license required. Native American preference; tribal member preferred. Must have knowledge of and experience with tribal governments. Must have effective interpersonal skills including the ability to communicate effectively in writing and verbally.

SALARY: Negotiable

Security Officers (2) FT/PT/On Call Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license and have reliable transportation. Must be 18 years of age. Must be able to attend C.L.E.E.T 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 American or veteran preference; all other qualified persons welcome to apply.

SALARY: Negotiable

Operations & Maint. Housing Authority Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

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

SALARY: Negotiable

Public Notice Attention Tribal Members:

If your name is listed below, the Per Capita Office has your 2015 December Minerals per cap check. We need you to complete a Change of Address form and W9 at the Dept. of Enrollment so your 2015 December check can be sent to the appropriate address.

If your minor child has not received their 2015 December Minerals per capita check or for any additional assistance, please contact the Per Capita Office at 405-262-0345 ext. 27725 or 800-247-4612 ext. 27725 or for questions on the Change of Address forms, please contact the Dept. of Enrollment at 405-262-0345 ext. 27600 or 800-247-4612 ext. 27600.

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

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If your name is listed below you have become eligible for the 2016 August Gaming per capita distribution. You will need to submit a current W-9, your original Social Security Card and an Adult Change of Address form to the Dept. of Enrollment before you will receive your Minor to Adult per capita payment. If you fail to do this before Aug. 15, 2017, you will no longer be able to claim the 2016 Gaming per capita payment per the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution.

For any additional assistance, please contact the Per Capita Office at 405-422-7725 or Dolores Reiner at 405-422-7472. Should you have any questions regarding the Change of Address form, please contact the Dept. of Enrollment at 405-422-7600.

Please turn in all required documents to the Department of Enrollment by Aug. 15, 2017.

- Adrian Archuleta
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- Ashlee Mitchell
- Cheyenne Black
- Cheyenne Hutchinson
- Christian Johnson
- Craig Evans
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- Duncan Holmes
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Dear Editor:

I happened, by accident to read your article on Col. Ralph L. Dru in the Aug. 1, 2016, Volume 12, Issue 15 newspaper.

Col. Dru, or Doctor Dru as he was known to many in Louisiana, from Shreveport area to our Bayous in the Deep South and Mississippi.

Col. Dru gave scholarships to many Native tribes, my tribe, Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Okmulgee, Okla., was just one of many.

I am very proud and honored to have danced as southern straight dancers at many powwows with Dr. Dru, but most of all the privilege of saying Col. (Doctor) Ralph L. Dru was my mentor, fellow Native Veteran and my friend. He was loved by all that ever met him and will be missed by many.

Thank you for a great article on Col. Ralph L. Dru.

MVTO (Thanks)
 Vance Beaver
 Deridder, Louisiana

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 DAVID LEVI)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: DAVID LEVI

You are hereby notified that Misselda Miller has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody on the 2nd day of June, 2016. That said Petition is hereby set for a hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 7th day of **DECEMBER**, 2016 at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Custody should not be made permanent.

Dated this 5th day of OCTOBER, 2016.

Ann Wilson
 Ann Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
 Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
 Misselda Miller
 628 S. Highland Dr.
 Mustang, OK 73064

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Excellent working knowledge of Housing Authority policies & procedures, which will enable the organization to meet all its goals and objectives. Performs tasks that require advance skills in management, organization, planning, administration and finance, and an in-depth knowledge of Indian Housing/TDHE operations & objectives. Bachelor's degree in business administration, public administration, housing or related field or a combination of education and five years of experience working in the area of Indian Housing with two years of supervisory experience. Higher education may be substituted for work experience, as well as work experience may be substituted for bachelor's degree requirement (one year of work for one year of education). Must have valid driver's license. Must be able to pass background check, as well as a drug test. Resume's and applications may be returned to the Housing Authority of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma located at 1503 American St, Anadarko, OK 73005, 405-247-7305, or can be sent via fax to 405-247-3557 or e-mailed to finance@apachehousing.com. Applications must be submitted by close of business on Nov. 11, 2016. Native American preference applies.



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CONTACT: Thomas Fasthorse, Adm. Asst.-TERO Officer (405) 422-7490

October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Here are 26 ways you can make a difference

1. Volunteer! Plug in your zip code at domesticshelters.org to find shelters and domestic violence agencies in your area.
2. Donate goods. Domestic violence survivors who leave an abuser often have little more than the clothes on their backs. Donations of household goods, uniforms, toys and small appliances can make a big difference. Check with your local shelter to see how you can help.
3. Wear purple clothing or ribbons on Thursday, Oct. 20 in support of domestic violence awareness, and share your photo with the tag #PurpleThursday.
4. Distribute purple ribbons to visible community members such as clergy, law enforcement officers, court officials, librarians, postal employees and emergency room staff.
5. Part with a few dollars. Many shelters and agencies run on shoestring budgets. Even a small donation can make a big difference. You can even donate to DomesticShelters.org, which likewise is a non-profit on a very tight budget.
6. Join the #MoveToEndDV ambassadors program. Ambassadors reach out to local domestic violence shelters and ask them for a wish list of goods and services they need,

then connect with local businesses that might be able to fill the wish list.

7. If you run a business, pledge your time, money, products or services in the #MoveToEndDV business program.
8. Join the Goodreads group Reader with a Cause. Members read and discuss the ways today's books cover equality, empowerment, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.
9. Write an op-ed or editorial raising awareness about domestic violence for your local newspaper.
10. Ask the editor of a high school or college newspaper in your community to run a story on teen dating violence.
11. Publicly thank community members who are working to end domestic violence with a letter to the editor of your local paper or a statement in social media.
12. Share articles from DomesticShelters.org on social media. Not sure what to share? How about one of these hero pieces on ordinary people doing extraordinary things to help survivors of domestic violence?
13. Educate yourself. Would you know if a friend was being abused? By the time bruises appear, abuse may have been going on for years. Know the warning signs.
14. Know what to do. If a

friend or loved one is being abused support them even if they make choices you don't agree with. Don't insist that they leave their partner, but help them develop a safety plan. Take a minute to read through this list of 25 ways you can help.

15. Donate cell phones, batteries and accessories to Hopeline, which provides phones to domestic violence survivors and funds to agencies that help them.
16. Sign up for a weekly email from DomesticShelters.org that offers articles for people experiencing domestic violence, survivors, friends and family, and others.
17. Watch and share the 1-minute Shatter the Silence video and download the One Love My Plan app that can help you evaluate whether someone is being abused.
18. Organize a silent witness exhibit, purple lights night or clothesline project to raise awareness of domestic violence in your community.
19. Send letters to religious organizations in your area asking them to address domestic violence in their meetings or newsletters in October.
20. Host a candlelight vigil in your community to honor survivors and victims of domestic violence.
21. Work with a local animal shelter to encourage people in the community to



They Cheyenne & Arapaho Social Services/Domestic Violence program hosted an awareness event on Oct. 5 at the main tribal headquarters in Concho, Okla. The event was to kick start October's Domestic Violence Awareness month. The Dept. of Social Services will be hosting a community event at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Concho Community Center. (Photos by Charlotte Hudson)

22. Organize a walk-a-thon, 5k fun run, comedy night, backyard barbeque with friends and donate the proceeds to your local shelter or agency.
23. Ask a local restaurant to donate a percent of their profits on a certain night to your local shelter or agency.
24. Start a supply drive. Enlist your community and collect clothing, personal care items, diapers and toys to donate to your local shelter.
25. If you know a shelter that's not listed on DomesticShelters.org encourage them to connect - it's easy and free.
26. Share the stories of survivors who are thriving on your social media accounts.

Hope To Heal a Community

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

Domestic Violence Awareness Event

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016
11:30 a.m.
Concho Community Center
Concho, Okla.



PETTING ZOO

CARNIVAL GAMES

INFLATABLES

FACE PAINTING

PHOTO BOOTH

CAKE WALK

STORY TELLING

ACTUAL BIGFOOT SIGHTINGS

JACK O LANTERN CONTEST

BIGFOOT HUSTLE

FUN WALK

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Community Health Representative (CHR) Program and with Co-sponsors RESPECT, Health Education, Culture and Heritage, O & M Department, Diabetes Wellness Program, and CAYC proudly presents

1 MILE WALK

CONCHO, OKLAHOMA - CONCHO POW-WOW GROUNDS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MAX BEAR, Director of Culture and Heritage and Haunting Concho Stories!!

5:30pm-6:30pm - Jack-O-Lantern Contest - BRING YOUR DECORATED JACK-O-LANTERN for the contest
6:00pm-7:00pm - BIGFOOT Cake Walk - Specially decorated cakes with the big, hairy guy!!
6:00pm-6:30pm - CONCHO BIGFOOT Stories and actual accounts from tribal members who have seen THIS GUY!!!

SPECIAL CONTESTS

6:30pm - 7:30pm

- *Hastylez hosting the "Thriller" Dance Contest!!!! Brush up on that Moonwalk!!
- *Guys Only - Concho Witch "Fancy Shawl" Contest
- *Women Only - Concho Green Goblin Straight Dance Contest
- *OPEN TO EVERYONE - Masquerade Dance Contest

7:30pm - 9:00pm -

COME JOIN THE BIGFOOT HUSTLE/FUN WALK!

A 1 mile walk in the haunted woods trail where Bigfoot was last seen. Enter at your own risk!! - MUST SIGN WAIVER AT REGISTRATION TABLE (This course has mildly strenuous terrain and small children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, THEFTS OR KIDNAPPINGS!
THIS IS AN NON-ALCOHOL, NON-TOBACCO, DRUG FREE EVENT!!
VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO COME HELP OUT THE CHR PROGRAM - please call 405-422-7670

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COME SUPPORT OUR YOUTH
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2016 INTERTRIBAL VETERAN'S STAND DOWN

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2016

10:00 TO 17:00

COX CONVENTION CENTER, OKC

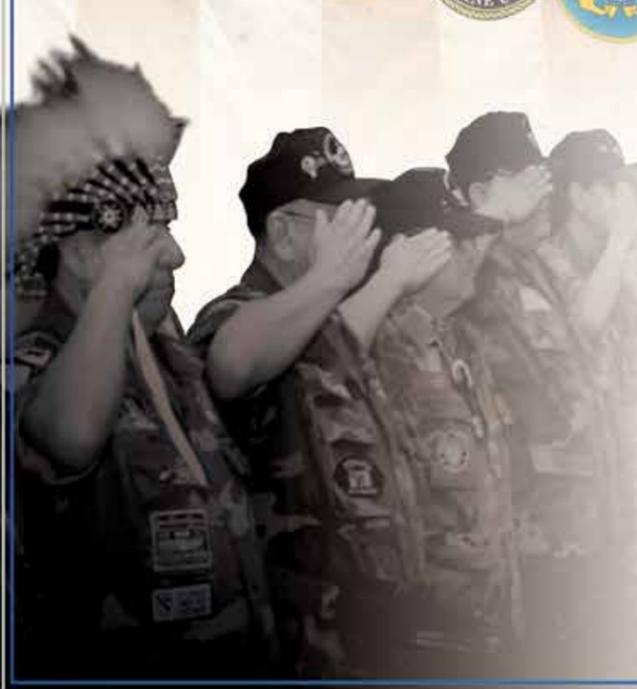
ON-SITE VA REPRESENTATION, WELLNESS CHECKUPS TO INCLUDE DENTAL/PODIATRY/AUDIOLOGY, CAREER SERVICES, FREE HAIRCUTS FOR VETERANS AND WIDOWS, AND MUCH MORE.

FOR MORE INFO (THAT INCLUDES; BOOTH SPACE, TRIBAL PARTICIPATION, LEADERS, PROGRAMS AND HONOR GUARDS) PLEASE CALL:

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This

WEEK

at

Lucky Star CASINO

CONCHO • CLINTON • CANTON • WATONGA
CONCHO TRAVEL CENTER • HAMMON TRAVEL CENTER

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

PLAYER'S CHOICE

EARN 10PTS GET \$10
EARN 20PTS GET \$20
10AM - 4PM

MONSTER MASH DRAWING AT 8:30PM



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★ MATCH PLAY ★

\$10 DAY PLAY

11AM TO 2PM
AND/OR
\$10 LATE NIGHTS
11PM TO 2AM

EARN ENTRIES TO MONSTER MASH MYSTERY CASH

★ MATCH PLAY ★

\$10 DAY PLAY

11AM TO 2PM
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11PM TO 2AM

SUNDAY FUNDAY

COME AND GET \$10 Star Play with 10pts earned Monday-Sunday 10AM - 11PM

Senior's 55+ Day 10AM - 11PM (Excludes Concho location)

THIS OCTOBER, WIN UP TO \$5000

PLAYING THE MONSTER MASH MYSTERY CASH MATCH AND WIN BOARD!



EARN ENTRIES DAILY
3 POINTS = 1 DRAWING ENTRY

DRAWINGS EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 8:30PM

MATCH 3 AND WIN:
\$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000
OR \$5000!

Must be a Star Card Player. One promo per person, per day. See Player's Club for details.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST!

CHECK IN AT 8:45PM
JUDGING BEGINS AT 9PM

CONCHO & CLINTON

1ST PLACE \$750
2ND PLACE \$500
3RD PLACE \$250

CANTON, WATONGA,
CONCHO & HAMMON
TRAVEL CENTERS

1ST PLACE \$500
2ND PLACE \$200
3RD PLACE \$100



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