Only federally recognized tribe in Iowa becomes first Native voice in 2020 election

By Addison Kliewer
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(NORMAN, OK) When word got out there would be an event centered on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) on the campus of the University of Oklahoma (OU), it spread quickly. Taking place at the OU Memorial Union, students, community members, both Native and non-Native packed the seats to hear guest speakers including special guest speaker, Abigail Echo-Hawk.

MMIW has gained the spotlight in a state and federal level after coming under scrutiny for missing and murdered Indigenous peoples across the U.S. Case after case of unsolved missing and murdered Indigenous peoples have surfaced demanding action and justice from victims’ family members, community members and tribal citizens.

Taking the podium, Dr. Jessica Blanchard, with OU’s only Native American fraternity Sigma Nu Alpha Gamma, approached the podium to share words on behalf of the university’s relationship with Indigenous peoples.

"Today 39 Tribal Nations across the state of Oklahoma as a result of center and colonial policies that were designated to eradicate and assimilate Native people," Begay said.

Begay went on to say, "You're the only Native people," Begay said.

Abigail Echo-Hawk discussed and shared information involving MMIW cases with students and community guests on the University of Oklahoma’s campus.

(Photograph by Kathryn Stacy/Gaylord News.)

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Oklahoma House Judiciary Committee Chair Strikes HB3345 “Ida’s Law” Supporting MMIW

(OKLAHOMA CITY) On Feb. 11 at the Oklahoma State Capitol, 11 items were slated for discussion and to be voted on by the House of Representatives’ Judiciary Committee.

Of the many items discussed and voted on, determining which bills would move on to the Oklahoma House of Representatives floor, HB3345 was struck from the agenda by Judiciary Chair Chris Kennedy, House Representative District 93.

HB3345, also known as Ida’s Law, is a bill designed to eradicate and assimilate Native people, Begay said.

HB3345 would create a position within OSBI that would oversee missing and murdered Indigenous cases, it was named after Ida Beard, who went missing in 2015 and is currently open.

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Representative Mickey Dollens, District 93 discusses what his future plans will be after HB3345 (Ida’s Law) was struck from the House Judiciary Committee’s agenda for a vote by committee chair Chris Kennedy, District 93. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

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Dollens said he’s been working on the bill with community activists and tribal citizens across the state for the past six months.

"I’ve been down to Comanche Nation and..."
Why Oklahoma’s gaming compact dispute never went to arbitration

By Tres Savage, Editor in Chief, NewsOK.com

If you spend enough time listening to Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt and the leaders of three tribal nations, you might think he was the one who called it quits on this New Year’s Eve over the Model Tribal Gaming Compact, both parties rarely, if ever, repeat some version of the same statement. We are here to sit down and work this out.

In reality, a 2018 ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit of Appeals functional by summarizing the two sides: ability to resolve their dispute, about whether the gaming compact would survive, never resolved through arbitration.

In December, the Indian Gaming Parity Act, in a joint effort to resolve the gaming compact dispute, asked both parties to attend a mediation session with Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt’s State of the State address Feb. 1, 2020 in Oklahoma City. (Photo via Facebook)

In response, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt declined the invitation and stated, “This is nothing new for Indian Country, right? When the other side wants to reach their duty and responsibility in a contractual agreement. This is nothing new to the tribes in Oklahoma, and they’re handling this just right,” Kevin Allis, NCAI chief executive officer said. Currently casinos are operating as usual, despite Gov. Stitt’s threats from Gov. Stitt to breach their duty and respond to a request for comment. The NCAI’s position on the compact dispute.

In the new year. Both sides insisted the compacts expired Jan. 1 or if they automatically renewed for an additional 15-year term. The Choctaw, Cherokee and Chickasaw Nations, later joined by the Muscogee (Creek) and Potawatomi Tribes, filed a lawsuit on Dec. 31 against the Oklahoma Tax Commission, asking the federal district court to consider the entire gaming compact provision alleged to be violated or in violation of any provision of the law, either party shall have the right to arbitrate such dispute and specify in their arbitration provision the arbitral forum of their choice.

This ruling, however, was neutralized by the 2008 U.S. Supreme Court decision invalidating the entire dispute resolution provision of the compact, asking the federal district court to consider the entire dispute.

As a result, Oklahoma took the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court. Sharp and two other representatives of the tribe and the federal district court to consider the entire dispute provision, asking the federal district court to consider the entire dispute. The federal district court issued an order enforcing the arbitration decision, and it ruled that Oklahoma’s motion for de novo review was denied by the 2008 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Hall Street Associates, LLC v. Mattel, Inc., which had established new precedent that prohibited parties to an arbitration from seeking de novo review of the legal determinations of an arbitrator.

According to U.S. Supreme Court decision, the 2008 federal district court decision neutralized the 2008 U.S. Supreme Court decision invalidating the entire dispute resolution provision of the compact, both parties with quick up entities to come into Oklahoma.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana and Lt. Gov. Gary Miles, along with other Oklahoma Tribal leaders, attended Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt’s State of the State address Feb. 1, 2020 in Oklahoma City. (Photo via Facebook)

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An opening brief has been submitted on behalf of Jonny McGirt, the Native American inmate whose U.S. Supreme Court case is poised to re-open the sovereign status of millions of acres of land in Oklahoma.

McGirt, a 71-year-old citizen of the Seminole Nation, has been sentenced by the federal government, not Oklahoma, for the sexual assault of a child. But his legal team told the Supreme Court on Tuesday that Oklahoma can’t prosecute him.

The argument is based on the location of McGirt’s alleged crimes. Murphy, the Department of Justice, the state of Oklahoma, and the Seminole Nation are all parties in the case.

“Congress, in short, never legislated to disestablish the Creek reservation,” the team led by attorney Ian Gershen said in a 54-page brief made public Tuesday.

“Congress never granted Oklahoma jurisdiction over territory that it had legislated to disestablish,” the brief asserted. “And if the justice Department prefers to present its views, it has several months to mull and come up with a decision, presumably leaving the justices only a couple of months to hear arguments, and decide whether to rule in favor of McGirt, or rule in favor of Oklahoma. There is no credible claim that the federal government cannot handle the additional prosecutions.”

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BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

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The second annual Casino Marketing Executive Exchange Feb. 24-26, 2020 at the Fashion Island Hotel in Newport Beach, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 38th annual Protecting Our Children Conference March 29-April 1, 2020 in Denver, Colo. Hosted by NICWA. For more information or to register contact Lauren Shapiro at training@nicwa.org.

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and Arapaho Tribes Government Affairs Office. I think
I’m just the one to facilitate and listen and take all of the
recommendations that were gathered in the interim study
back in September and then we put together Ida’s Law,
as well as compamills,” Dorell said.

In working with tribes, Ashley McCoy, Alphonsee Shawlow, and LaFerida Mor-
gan, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Government Affairs
officer, have been assisting in creating the bill with Del-
lena.

Oklahoma HB3345

I’d like to look like,” McCoy said.

In their efforts in planning the bill, Morgan said they looked at
American Indian tribes across the state and representatives have done in the

“That was something we had to spend a lot of time on, just reading and basi-
cally searching out to see what could I do. I did the research, the reading of the
writing, helping go back and forth with Mickey Dollens
the legislative side and Ashley organized the whole internal group and we both got
connected to all the people in the tribes and introduced him in the
and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

In working with the community, McCoy said that
they worked directly with the families of victims who
are currently missing or have been murdered.

“All through this process
and the Cheyenne, and I have
been working in those tribes
and Ashley and I have been
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their testimony at the study session, this
is not just at the political level this
is actually going directly to the
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In looking ahead and planning what’s next,
Morgan said she’s going to al-
low for time to get there. Morgan

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and everybody's starting to fall a little bit, so it's just now waking them up and getting them going for that last little bit of the day,” Baros said.

In encouraging participation among elders, Baros said the program just started elders’ chair exercise classes.

“Chair’s elder class exercise, we really try to focus on what we teach them the basics of their basic movements and how that can help them maintain their activities and their arm’s strength are either maintained or developed more so they’re more able to maintain their activities and daily living. My first session in January was just a basic intro to basic chair exercises, and as that progresses I’m going to start incorporating some basic band work, some ball work, progression stages to keep developing and maintain all of that,” Baros said.

Admits there has been little participatory feedback from the elders. “If they don’t have any feedback, he hopes participation will grow through word of mouth.”

“It’s not too bad, I’ve had maybe a whole page total said about my classes for here at Concho and then I had five in my book at the pink and white living center. But otherwise than that I think it’s the same with my boot camp. When I started only I had four or five show up at first and now I’m up to 20 to 25 that show up to my classes, so I think once he now it coming or go or keep them coming I’m going to keep the activities going and word of mouth gets out about how beneficial it is and not as hard as some people think it is, then the more beneficial, more productive and participation we have. With boot camp classes that are held, Baros said the ideal camp is for 4-5 sessions is for a full body workout.

“Some days I’ll schedule it to where it’s primarily a lower body focus or some days it’ll be a lower body focus but I try to keep it a full body focus and I started incorporating equipment like our sand bags and our kettle bells,” Baros said.

With each activity incorporating health and exercise for different age groups, Baros said a lot of research has gone into each activity planned. Along with incorporating his own personal experience as a fitness trainer.

Baros said that based on his experience and what he’s seen, drawing participatory habits has been the biggest challenge.

“You’ve got to really try to get them interested in what we’re going on, and I definitely think word of mouth is a big plus, because thing they can do to get help this bill back on the agenda,” Morgan said.

Morgan said that while it will be a few days to see if there is any progression or changes to position the bill on the agenda in the coming weeks. The next judiciary committee hearing is set for Feb. 25.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislative Checklist for enforcing Idaho’s Law would make more families feel safer.

“At the end of the day that’s the bottom line is that we want to make women, girls, boys and men who are tribal citizens feel safe and it can be, that is a complicated issue due to the jurisdictional boundaries in Oklahoma and the channels of law enforcement that one has to go to if there is a crime committed in Indian Country,” Dollens said.

With Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) being recognized at the federal level by legislators, there are many paths to the top of the mountain and just because one path doesn’t mean we should give up, we should continue looking at all of our options on the table,” Dollens said.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislative Lobby Day will be held Feb. 17, allowing for opportunity for supporters to lobby for Idaho’s Law.
Warren Quinn, the University of Oklahoma tribal liaison offices, welcomes guests and begins the opening ceremony of the Iowa Caucus on Monday, February 3, 2020.

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... going to court for something," said Teresa Alexander, a legislative assistant to Senator Chuck Grassley, a Republican from Iowa, who is leading the caucus rollout efforts.

Alexander paused and said the state is currently in the process of building and testing the app that will be used for the 2020 Iowa Caucuses.

"The California Indians are listening to this right now," said Brown. "The Iowa Democratic Party responded by collecting paper records of the results and checking them against the numbers reported by the volunteers who ran individual caucus sites. The results released in June included the subsequent revisions."

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Housing Authority will be advertised for the 2020 Elder Law Program. The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Housing Authority’s service program will be accepting applications.

NEW BUSINESS HOURS

New business hours are effective February 11, 2020 through March 5, 2020.

Iowa State Capitol is the turning moment across the United States for all of us."

Little did they know that their votes were not being reported as Iowa Democrats struggled to collect the results from across the Hawkeye State.

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"We really need to focus on changing policies, at both the state and federal level, we need to demand justice and ensure that we get the proper protection from law enforcement, we need to work within our own communities and combat the domestic violence too, we need to provide resources for our young ones and to be a part of this cultural activation," Echo-Hawk said.

"When the settlers first watered to these lands, they burned our villages down, they raped their women and children and they killed our people and they wanted to make sure that the ways that they started to attack us so violence against our women and our children. I don’t want you to think that we don’t have a long history with our other Indigenous folks because there is, but it is one that we want and we want to be heard on our land, we want to be heard because there is, but it is happening to anybody, but it is happening to our women and in this talk we talk about violence against Indigenous women, we barely know about them," Echo-Hawk said.

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Harley Seger had been a Social Work graduate for more than 25 years. Seger is here to assist patients in navigating the health care system and ensure that their needs are met through the help provided by her. She began her career as a Social Worker in Colorado for over 25 years. Seger then moved her practice to Oklahoma for a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and went on to pursue a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Kansas. Upon graduation, Seger began her career as a Social Worker through an organization in Arizona. Her career has taken her through many places throughout Indian Country including Alaska, New Mexico, South Dakota and finally back home to Oklahoma. 

Seger is the Patient Advocate, Seger acts as a liaison between patients and any health care provider that they may come into contact with while visiting CSU. When patients are not sure where to turn or what the next steps may be, Seger can guide them step by step to help them understand the sometimes complex health care system.

Seger's office is located inside and outside of Clinton Indian Health Care Center. Upon entering the clinic, Seger can be located by walking to the front desk and introducing yourself, or give her a call at 580-331-3440.

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CSU: New Patient Advocate

Harley Seger Surveyor

Harley Seger Surveyor, who was born June 15, 1982, is a Surveyor and Mary Old Camp in Clinton, Okla. Seger was married to Robin Surveyor on Feb. 1, 2020 at the age of 37. Seger grew up in the Canton and El Reno communities and later moved to Oklahoma City. This is when he met the love of his life, Robin Surveyor. They were united in marriage in 2020. Seger loved his sons Harley Surveyor II, Jacob Surveyor III, and Aaron Braudrick more than anything in the world. Seger loved taking them fishing and on secret missions that they both enjoyed every last one of his kids. Seger loved being a father and loved them very much.

He was always the favorite uncle. Harley lovedtrakin' jokes and you could hear his laugh a mile away. He had a certain charm about him, kissing babies and everyone loved him. Seger was always shaking hands, his laugh a mile away. He was always telling jokes and you could hear the laughter coming from miles away.

Seger was preceded in death by his father Delwin Whiteshirt, his grandson Aaron Braudrick more than anything in the world. Seger loved taking them fishing and on secret missions that they both enjoyed every last one of his kids. Seger loved being a father and loved them very much.

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Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes

Tara Conway, MS, RD, CDE & CDA Diabetes Wellness Program

February is National Heart Month and there is a strong correlation between diabetes and heart disease. Heart disease also affects people with type 2 diabetes, may be two times more likely to die from heart disease than adults without diabetes. The American Heart Association considers diabetes to be one of the seven major controllable risk factors for cardiovascular disease. At least 68 percent of adults with diabetes have hypertension and diabetes, their risk for cardiovascular disease doubles. Abnormal cholesterol and triglycerides are found in patients with diabetes.

Why are people with diabetes at a higher risk for cardiovascular disease? Is there a way to control these factors? Research shows a five to seven percent weight loss has shown improvements in overall health. If you smoke, please stop. A study found that at least 150 minutes of exercise each week, approximately 30 minutes a day, increase your fruit and vegetable consumption, decrease high fat, processed, fried foods and fast foods. Take small steps to improve your health. Make one goal at a time and never give up.

For a personalized weight management by email, contact Tara Conway at the Diabetes Wellness Program. For more information and tips on health and wellness visit the Cheyenne-Arapaho-NSN.Gov. or call Tara Conway, MS, RD, CDE at 405-422-7422.

For the time being our Language & Culture Program activities will continue. Any tribal members are still able to come to the offices and seek information from the staff. Thank you for your patience and understanding and please help us to accommodate this minor setback.

Thank You

On behalf of Knowledge, Healing and Mortality families.

To those people who have made a difference to our family. We are very much loved and missed. Thank you for everything.

On behalf of Rowlodge, Sleeper and Morton families:

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone that helped and/or donated their kindness beyond for our family. We would like to thank the below people for their assistance.

With much appreciation.

A-Ho!

On Feb 29, 2020 is our year sis, our bro will soon follow! Miss and love you! Have a great year sis, our bro will soon follow! Miss and love you!

Happy 57th Birthday Mom Selene & Happy Birthday to my favorite nephew Frank ‘Spiderman’ Whiteskunk

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Send YOUR special greetings by emailing lomelodie@cheyenne-andarapaho-nsn.gov.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

To apply please submit a tribal application, resume, diplomas, transcripts, valid copy of driver's license and a copy of CDIB (if applicable) to the Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or call 405-422-7498 or email atisdale@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov. Or download application by visiting http://cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov.

CLASSIFIEDS

Environmental Specialist II
EPA
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
High school graduate or G.E.D. certification required, must have valid Oklahoma driver’s license and possess a minimum of one year related experience or successful completion of one year vocational technical certification. Possess computer skills, writing and communication skills with strict attention to detail and accuracy. Must be familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho service areas and ability to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities. Oklahoma driver’s license required. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Sexual Assault Advocate
Domestic Violence Program
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Prefer a master’s level LPC or at least four years of experience working with victims of sexual assault. Ability to work flexible hours and outside normal work hours including after 5 p.m. Willing to attend training relevant to position. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license, OSBI and criminal background check required. Preferable knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho Native American cultures and values. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Lead Equipment Operator
Road Maint. Program
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Must be able to perform with little supervision and work independently. Heavy equipment operator’s certification is preferred and must have high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Must have acceptable driving record and provide a current Motor Vehicle Report. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and adhere to the Drug-Free Worksite Act. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

LEAGALS

Summons & Notice of Hearings

LEARNER & ORGANIZATIONAL SPECIALIST

DEPT. OF EDUCATION

Closing Date: Feb. 18, 2020

Bachelor’s degree in one or more of the following fields of study, education, human relations or Native American studies, or be working towards required degree. Must possess current Oklahoma driver’s license, ability to pass OSBI background check and drug screening. Must be willing and able to perform related travel normally associated with position. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

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Jaylin Reveles, 16, looks to defy the odds in her ja-
nin year of basketball for the El Reno Lady Indians.

“Growing up I used to play point guard, but when I came to high school I started
becoming a shooting guard because my coach wanted me to shoot more,” Reveles
said.

As a former student from Darlington Element-
ary School, Reveles said her basketball career began
in the grade schools where she attended.

“My dad had a team and he would coach all of us, he
kept us all together basically so we would play school ball and summer ball together so
we alljust grew up playing together,” Reveles said.

As her biggest accomplishment in basketball thus
far, Reveles said her team made it to state during her
time in Darlington and on and off the court my coach
is always there for me, we have a really good bond, she’s basically like another
mother,” Reveles said.

Since joining the high school level on the basket-
ball court, Reveles believes she’s grown a lot as a player. “I didn’t think I would be
here where I am now,” Reveles
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Reveles hopes to attend college after graduation in 2021 and continue playing basketball. Her parents are
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2020 Elders Denver
March Powwow Trip FAQ

1. When is the elders trip to Denver Pow-
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The buses will depart Oklahoma early Thursday morning, March 19 and return
late Sunday evening, March 22.

2. Where can I get an application?

You can pick up an application from the Department of Administration Office (415) 431-430, you can call the
Department of Administration Office (405) 422-7351 and on the current website at www.cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov. No gas cards or reim-
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that your application be emailed to you.

3. Can I drive my own vehicle?

You will be re-
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The buses are taking 10 tribal member elders on the
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No, only tribal member elders qualify for the expenses paid on this trip. Other
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No. Only transportation, lodging, food, and planned
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8. Do out-of-state tribal mem-

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Yes, you can attend but you are responsible for your own travel expenses to Denver. Colorado and back, if they choose to do so.

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10. Can a relative who’s not an elder be on the trip in the assigned room?

No. Only elders approved for the trip can be in the
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Yes, we will try to comfortably navigate the

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Art can transcend past all words and speak as loudly as if someone was yelling through a megaphone. A blank canvas can be transformed into a powerful message from the artist. The art pieces created from students at Geary High School encompassed some of those powerful messages. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes collaborated with Geary High School art teacher Narciso Arguelles to host an art competition/exhibit entitled, ‘Searching The Horizon,’ held at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla.

"As an artist myself I started out of high school drawing and it has taken me many years to get recognized for my art. It's a great accomplishment when you receive an award for your art and when you compete it's always about sharing your talent," Gordon Yellowman, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Dept. of Education assistant executive director told the students and guests in his opening remarks. Arguelles approached Yellowman with the idea of partnering with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to showcase the students’ art in a competition/exhibit.

Co-sponsoring for the event were the tribes’ JOM Program and Higher Education.

"I want to recognize the JOM Program director Francine Williams who has really gone out of her way to support this event, Emily Wilson and Raven Morgan, Higher Education counselors and counselors of our Rick West Art Scholarship. Rick West provides the scholarship money for students who want to go to college for art," Yellowman said.

Winning Best of Show, with her ominous depiction of half of a woman’s face emerging from the side of an eerie sketch of what resembles a bare wintry tree, was 17-year-old Geary High School junior Camryia Ewing.

"Honestly there was a point in time I was going to give up on it because I didn't like the way it was turning out, but at the time I had things going on. I was a little sad, in a dark mood and I hope when people look at it they can see that," Ewing said. "To me it shows how dark people can be in their feelings and that everything is not all fairy tales and good all the time." Ewing won a $500 art scholarship.

First place award was presented to 17-year-old senior Landon Holt, whose art piece reflected the forgotten ancestors by the younger generation.

"Our generation has kind of forgotten our ancestors and this is us forgetting what they've done for us in the past. I think we kind of forget the sacrifices our ancestors did for us, at least that's from my perspective," Holt said.

Holt is also a wrestler at Geary High School and will be competing at the state level in a few short weeks.

Other award certificates presented at the exhibition went to Molly Cox, Elizabeth Woods, Kiera Evans, Ezra Howard and Serena Williams.

"This is my first year teaching here, and although I will be leaving to do an art residency I will be back next year," Arguelles said. "In fact, this art exhibit is going to be showcased in Turkey also. I am blessed to have such great students and such a great community," Arguelles said.