According to a recent study published in American Indian Economic Development magazine, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes generated an economic impact of $12.9 billion to the state’s economy through the production of goods and services, including nearly 96,000 jobs in the state and $4.6 billion in wages and benefits to Oklahoma workers.

For the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, their share of that impact amounts to $261 million, including 1,924 jobs in Oklahoma and nearly $100 million in wages. The Tribes directly employ more than 1,400 individuals within their government, staffing, and operating 13 facilities in Oklahoma counties.

An interview with Governor Reggie Wassana in this issue covers the Tribes’ economic development efforts over the past year. The Tribes have invested millions to improve their facilities, provide more services for elders, veterans, and youth, among others.

“These upgrades include new carpet in our tribal facilities, as well as a remodeled bar area and a new restaurant. At another facility, the Tribes are replacing a facility comprised of three trailers put together with a brand-new facility featuring an all-barroom board.”

The revenues now generated from these economic enterprises go toward helping the people of the Tribes live better lives. The Tribes have developed what they call “economic enterprises” to provide more services for their members, preserve their culture, and help our youth and veterans as well,” Wassana said. “We’re able to produce a product from our casinos with a budget of approximately $40 million per year that we can allocate for all those programs,” said Wassana. “We’ve also been upgrading some of our facilities that have been there since the 1990s.”

The Tribes have an economic development plan to include more progressive, get a lot more done, and generate more revenue.

Outside of gaming, Wassana said that the Tribes also operate and run two travel centers, own cattle, and have approximately 450 head of buffalo. Future plans include expanding the Tribes’ economic development efforts to include a processing plant for beef and buffalo, constructing cellular towers for rural communications, and exploring opportunities in the hemp industry.

We have almost 13,000 acres of land, so we’re looking at trying to produce hemp and other things that want to make products from hemp,” Wassana said. “I think we’re going to head in that direction because it could be as big a market for the Tribes as the casino industry.”

In some of the counties in which the Tribes operate, Wassana said that there are the largest employers, which benefit not just the Tribes, but the community at large.

“7) It helps anchor and provide stability in the communities,” he said. “We’re able to help some of the schools and some of the civic functions that go on. Some events may not have happened or occurred if it wasn’t for the Tribes actually helping supplement or donating to those events.”

“We’re always trying to help the local community grow or maintain their growth so they can be productive,” Wassana continued. “If the economy wasn’t there after those towns would have to consolidate some of those towns would have to consolidate their school systems with other local school systems, so it’s just vital importance to the local communities.”

When there is a downturn or when there isn’t any economic development going on locally, the Tribes are always there to create jobs and help keep those communities going.”

Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor Reggie Wassana

Inauguration of newly elected officials for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes moves forward

By Andrew Ricci, Native Business Magazine

Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana: Continue Expanding Tribes’ Economic Impact

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana released a statement regarding his objection to Bill 7L-RS-2019-12-006. He stated, in part, “Unfortunately, I was not able to attend this Regular Session. To my knowledge there has never been a tie vote in the Legislature in which the Governor has had to make the deciding vote. Nonetheless, the Constitution, Article VI, Section 7 requires a specific process to be followed to validly enact legislation. Because this Regular Session was adjourned in my absence without me being able to make the deciding vote during the Regular Session, I cannot take any action outside of the adjourned Regular Session because it would be considered to be outside of the constitutional legislative process and would thus be a nullity in law. In other words, since Bill 12 must not pass nor fail, they have simply died. However, I had been present at the Regular Session and it would have voted ‘No’ to both of these bills. (Note: there were two bills resulting in a tie during the

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AP) After decades of flying the flag, the Little Shell Tribe will be the newest Native American tribe recognized by the federal government.

The recognition is for the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians, who have sought federal recognition for years.

The tribe, which has more than 5,000 members across Montana, has pursued federal recognition at least since the 1930s, and now stands to gain the respect and rights that come with federal recognition.

The tribe has said some of its members are descendants of settlers from Chief Little Shell of the late 1800s. The tribe argues that they have been forced off a reservation after Chief Little Shell's death in 1889.

The tribe now has access to certain health benefits and other social services that other federally recognized tribes have.

“Being new to the job, in July he made an announcement that an agreement with the National Indian Gaming Commission under Supreme Court given therein.”

On Jan. 4, 2020 four Legislator Robert Reczku, Cheyenne and Arapaho District 3 Legislator Travis Whiteman Jr., Cheyenne and Arapaho District 1 Legislator Bruce Whiteman, and Arapaho District 3 Legislator Darrell Johnson, both Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members, issued a statement saying they were not getting it.

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“We just passed a resolution in our tribe that we want to see a gaming compact that is in the interest of our citizens, but ultimately make their own choices.”

“Not that I've been in many, but there are a lot of bars with people sitting around smoking and drinking.”

Miles said any move to end smoking in tribal casinos would hurt their bottom lines.

“Taking smoking out of casinos could hurt both of the casinos because they would lose somewhere down the road.”

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The Little Shell Tribe, along with the other tribes seen in the image, continues to fight for federal recognition.

“When the customers decide to ask for something that is sensitive to and provide to us,” Morgan said. “It’s an ongoing concern that leaders have been discussing ways to mitigate the health-related issues of smoking, which is prohibited by the state. Morgan said consumer demand drives casino operations.

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“My job,” he said, “is to help our Tribal Governments, to make sure they have access to the moneys and health care that they need.”

“We’re at the finish line, and we’re trying to get it right. We’re trying to make sure that the agreements we have in place are meaningful in that we agree to it, we revere them, and we are a little puzzled by why the state is taking a different position.”

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Robert Bobbi Simpson

Robert “Bobbi” (Whiteman) Simpson was born Jan. 30, 1942 in Eagle City, Okla. to Dale Gene Whiteman Beaver and Noma Kay Bates. She passed away Dec. 24, 2019 in El Reno at the age of 77. Bobbi graduated from Coloso Indian School and attended college at SWOSU and Rose State Colleges. She received her degree to be a Licensed Practical Nurse. She lived in Canton, Woodward, Geary, Oklahoma City and Watonga areas before moving back to Geary. She worked as an LPN in those areas for many years. She was a member of the Geary Indian Baptist and Swappingback Indian Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and children. She attended Swappingback Indian Baptist Church. Survivors include her children, Jasiah Rowlodge, Alissa Rowlodge, and grandchildren, Buddha, Madoline, and Ryan. She was preceded in death by her parents Dale Beaver and Nona Kay Bates. She passed away Dec. 24, 2019 at In- tegris Canadian Valley Hospital in Yukon, Okla., at the age of 87. Bobbi was preceded death her parents Dale Beaver and Nona Kay Bates. She passed away Dec. 24, 2019 in El Reno at the age of 87. Bobbi graduated from Coloso Indian School and attended college at SWOSU and Rose State Colleges. She received her degree to be a Licensed Practical Nurse. She lived in Canton, Woodward, Geary, Oklahoma City and Watonga areas before moving back to Geary. She worked as an LPN in those areas before retiring as the Charge Nurse at the Geary Community Nursing Home. She enjoyed reading, playing Bingo, making slaw, attending benefit dances, powwows and reminiscing about her grandma Ella Bates. She served on the Geary Indian Baptist and Swappingback Churches. She attended the Geary Indian Baptist and Swappingback Churches. She attended好吗。
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26, 1982 and last on Jan. 23, 2007. So happy birthday our baby boy, brother, dad, grandpa, you are sending us loads of love today and every day, continue to watch over you over us and all of us who are left to walk this mother earth. Forever missed until we see you again son, mom, Vida Blackwolf.

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Like the wind, wild and free, Martin Fingernail, 16, would say what a fire spirit. For Fingernail, when running the terrain, the outdoors is his gym and for his mind to wonder free.

Born in Black River Falls, Wis., and raised most of his life in Oklahoma, Fingernail, a junior, is part of the cross-country team at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla.

In being a part of cross-country, Fingernail described the sport as 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical.

"You got to have a good mindset, you always have to stay positive with all your thoughts and just always have something that you want to work towards, an ambition, something, or you have a superstition that you could follow," Fingernail said.

Putting his hand to his chest, Fingernail described what kept him focused on running.

"I have my medicine bag right here and I keep this with me whenever I run, sometimes it beads on my chest and I always think of the drum, I always think of our ceremonies, I always think about what you could follow," Fingernail said.

While focused on running for the season, Fingernail explained what some of his main goals were.

"Some of my goals for this season were just to not get in trouble and stay on track for the state championships," Fingernail said. "I'm running at my park, this was the first time, Fingernail said that his mother, Beatrice Fingernail, used to run cross-country in high school and that's where his influence came from to run.

"I was kind of scared to do cross-country at first, I just played baseball and I wasn't very good at that honestly, and so with cross-country, my mom said I should do it, so I just kept trying hard, she was pretty happy about it and I like seeing her happy. I just did it for her and I did pretty good at it," Fingernail said.

For the 2019 cross-country season, Riverside Indian School placed 10th at state and Fingernail finished in 62nd out of 162 runners.

"The cross-country season just went by so fast and I really enjoyed it, this was my first time going to state and I ran pretty good too. I was third runner out of the team, everybody there was so consistent and all my people and I ran for them and I represent them and I enjoy running," Fingernail said.

When focusing on running, Fingernail said he feels free.

"Especially at home when I'm running at my park, this past weekend I was running on a Sunday and I was working on my form because my coach here, he said I needed to work on my form a bit, so I started working on my form. I felt so smooth and it just felt so good and it was just so awesome, like running is something I could do all day, it's awesome, it clears my mind and I just feel so free," Fingernail said.

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As Martin, this is what you've trained for," he said and the used to be in the army, he was yelling really loud and I was like, 'damn he's right'. I just kept pushing and I started catching up to other people and started passing everybody, I was running with them, I could hear them yelling and I just pushed, kept pushing and almost got to the end, the end was intense too. I was like wow… it was so awesome, at the end I just kicked so hard and I caught up to several people actually and it was just so awesome," Fingernail said.

"It was so fast at the end, at the regional meet, the time was 19:36.3 and at state it was 19:38.2. As a coach and runner, I am very happy and proud of Martin, he has a lot more that he can improve on, I believe he could become a very fast and good runner. It depends on him over the summer break and how much he decides to invest," Nells said.

"I like to make music, I like to dance too, at pow-wows and also just hip-hop dancing," Fingernail said.

In continuing to work towards his goals in running for cross-country, Fingernail said the best advice he's ever been given was by an old roommate.

"Be yourself," by Emer - son Ray, Tubby, he was my roommate last year and he always gave me good ad - vice," Fingernail said.

Fingernail said he hopes to attend college after graduating high school in the hopes he will gain a cross-country scholarship.

"Martin became a solid leader, never gave up and was the most consistent var - iety runner he never com - plained, was always ready to do more and he was ready to help his teammates and fam - ily anyway possible as need - ed," Nells said.

Martin's parents are Be - atrice Fingernail and Eddie Henry. His grandparents are Linda Delay and Mar - latice Fingernail and Eddie Henry. He has five siblings, Jordan Fingernail, Jordan Fingernail, Ter - cyna Stands, Chloe Henry and Deion Henry.
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201 N Neosho St
Weatherford, OK 73096
(580) 774-0080
Promo Code: GOVERNORS
RATE: $134.00 per night
Available: 10 King, 10 Double Queen

Holiday Inn Express & Suites of Weatherford
3825 E Main Street
Weatherford, OK 73096
(580) 774-0400
Promo Code: GOVERNORS
RATE: $97.00 per night
Available: 5 King, 10 Double Queen

Wanderlust Crossing RV Park
1038 S Airport Road
Weatherford, OK 73096
(580) 774-0400
RATE: $45.00 per night
Full hookups, free WiFi, laundry, bathroom