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On Feb. 7 in Washington, D.C., the National Museum of the American Indian introduced the artists whose concepts will go forward to the second stage of the competition to design the National Native American Veterans Memorial.

Before describing their proposals, the finalists said a few words about the ideas and experiences that led each of them to take part in the project.

DanWieSaWeh Jones (Ponca Tribe of Indian Affairs, Mvskoke) and Enoch Kelly Haney (Seminole) talked about their experience of displacement from their home in Oklahoma after the war. His design reflects Dinh’s belief in Vietnam after the war. His placement from their home family’s experience of displacement.

Anthony LeadingFox (Cheyenne & Arapaho) is an artist and professor of philosophy and history, believes that a memorial should be a communal space, rather than an object, and that remembering is a communal act, as well as a personal one. Both Daniel SaSuWeh Jones (Ponca Tribe of Indian Affairs, Mvskoke) and Enoch Kelly Haney (Seminole, Heney (Seminole). © Photo / Travis Hehen, National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian)
Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education graduation banquet set for May 3

(Concho-Ok) The annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Graduate Banquet will be held on May 3, 2018 at The Frisco Center, 101 South 4th Street in Clinton, Okla. The graduation banquet will be held in honor of the spring 2018 graduates and college graduates who have graduated during: December 2017, May 2018 or at end of Summer 2018. In the interest of honoring the achievements of ceremonies and honored education will be announced at a later date. A buffet meal will be served. Graduates are asked to be there before 5:30 so a single photo and a group photo can be taken. An invitation to the banquet will be mailed to eligible graduates by April 15. Graduates are invited to bring two tickets with them to the banquet and keep one enveloped.

Graduates, be sure your office that received verifications from the College of your graduation you are eligible to graduate this year. If you do not receive an invitation to the graduation banquet after April 15, and you believe you have met all requirements for graduation, contact your student counselor again. Request them to send to our office a letter verifying you are on schedule to graduate. Therefore, send the letter of verification to our office at Higher Education, PO Box 167, Concho, OK 73022.

High School graduates who are enrolled tribal members will be invited after we have received a completed Gaming application, a copy of their CDIB (tribal enrollment verification); and a letter from the school counselor verifying eligibility to graduate. High School graduates will receive a $150 check at the banquet unless they cannot attend, then a check will be mailed to the address listed on the Gaming application. College graduates will receive an incentive award check after our office has received their transcript with the degree conferred.

If anyone is aware of a high school graduate receiving the honor of Valedictorian or Salutatorian of their respective school, please inform our office. If graduate students are receiving outstanding awards, please inform our office.

Tribe members if you have family members or friends that will have a graduate this May please provide information to them so they may send the necessary documents to our office. Some tribal members may live out of state or they may not know about our banquet, please ask them to contact our office at 405-422-7646; 405-422-7439 and 405-422-7660. For additional information or questions please email emwilson@c-a-tribes.org; wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org or bpruizophiel@c-a-tribes.org.

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American veterans and their families is long overdue. She hopes the memorial will give visitors a sense of awe and reverence.

Leroy Transfield (Māori: Ngai Tahu/Ngati Toa) envisions “The Sacred Circle represents heaven, earth, and the path to harmony. The memorial would be a circle and allows private meditation space on interior benches. The outer wall is comprised of four sections with the five finalists. The competition jury will judge the final design concepts and announce a winner July 4. The memorial is slated to open on the grounds of the museum in Washington, D.C. in 2020.

The authors of each completed entry remained anonymous throughout the selection process and were not revealed to the museum’s jury of Native and non-Native artists, designers, and scholars until after the conclusion of the jury session. The jury unanimously selected the five finalists.

The competition

Recognizing the importance of giving “all Americans the opportunity to learn about the rich heritage and tradition of service by Native Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States,” Congress commissioned the museum to build a National Native American Veterans Memorial. The museum, together with the National Congress of American Indians and other Native American organizations, formed an advisory committee composed of tribal leaders and Native veterans from across the country who were to assist the museum in reaching Native American communities and veterans. From 2015 until the summer of 2017, the advisory committee and the museum conducted 35 community consultations to seek input and support for the memorial. These events brought together tribal leaders, Native veterans and community members from throughout the United States and resulted in a shared vision and set of design principles for the memorial.

The first phase of the design competition received 120 completed entries from across the world. The authors of each entry remained anonymous throughout the selection process and were not revealed to the museum’s jurors of Native and non-Native artists, designers, and scholars until after the conclusion of the jury session. The jury unanimously selected the five finalists.

These five entries will undergo further development throughout the second stage of the competition to a level that fully explains their spatial, material, and symbolic qualities and how they respond to the vision and design principles for the memorial. The final design concepts will be shown at the museum in Washington and New York from May 19 through June 3. The competition jury will judge the final design concepts and announce a winner July 7. The memorial is slated to open on the grounds of the museum in Washington, D.C. in 2020.

Holly Stewart is a writer and editor on the staff of the National Museum of the American Indian.

Harvey Pratt’s design concept for the National Native American Veterans Memorial is entitled Warrior’s Circle of Honor (Courtesy photo)

High School senior graduation assistance

Cheyenne and Arapaho seniors who will be eligible to graduate in May can apply for a $100 graduation assistance, to be paid to the vendor/company address and applied toward senior expenses, after submitting the following four documents:

1. A letter from the school superintendant or counselor stating the senior has enough credit hours and will be eligible to graduate with his/her class in May.
2. A CDIB (certificate of degree of Indian Blood) from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Enrollment Office, not a copy of your tribal id card. If you do not have a copy of your CDIB you may call our enrollment office at 405-422-7660) to request one to be sent to our office. You may also request us to send one to you. There is no charge for CDIBs.
3. A copy of the order form or invoice with a balance due and be sure the company or vendor address is clearly listed. The payment will be mailed directly to the vendor or company in approximately two weeks after we have received the request. The assistance is no more than $100. If there is a balance due that will be the parent’s responsibility.
4. A completed Education Gaming application. The gaming application can also be copied from our website www.c-a-tribes.org/education.

Srivatsa and Hinonoei
In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes’ Constitution, pursuant to Article V, Sec. 3 (b) Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature. On February 9th, 2018 a resolution was submitted from the Legislative Office to call a special Tribal Council meeting. The resolution was sponsored by A3 Legislator Patrick Spottedwolf and C2 Legislator George Woods.

A resolution to approve FY 2018 funding for the Food Distribution program passed unanimously. On Jan. 30, 2018 in Concho, Okla. The special Tribal Council meeting shall be held at the Clinton Community Building, Clinton, Okla. The agenda of the special Tribal Council meeting is being held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The special Tribal Council meeting shall be held at the Clinton Community Building, Clinton, Okla. The agenda of the special Tribal Council meeting is listed below:

The purpose of this meeting shall be to vote on the following resolutions:

1. To remove Jennifer Plummer, Tribal Council Coordinator
2. Appoint an Acting Coordinator to fulfill the remaining term, until the October 6, 2018 Annual Meeting

Any resolution is available to the public. Office of the Tribal Council, P.O. Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 Jennifer Plummer, Tribal Council Coordinator, 405-246-8175 Office phone: 405-422-7430

January special session of Seventh Legislature

By Latoya Lonelodge Staff Reporter

The first special session of the Seventh Legislature was called to order at 2:03 p.m. on Jan. 30, 2018 in Concho, Okla.

The agenda included eight items to be decided:

1. A resolution to approve contracts with Joseph Eve for Casino Audit.
2. A resolution to change the amount of the engagement letter with RSM US LLP.
3. A resolution to approve FY 2018 funding for the Food Distribution program.
4. A resolution to approve a change order to amend the engagement letter with RSM US LLP.
5. A resolution to authorize the Governor to sign joint contracts and a change order to amend the contracts with Joseph Eve for Casino Audit.
6. A resolution to engage an independent certified public accountant to provide an annual audit.
7. A resolution to amend the engagement letter to construct the Fonda Community Hall.
8. A resolution to provide an annual audit, tax and consultation services for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

A resolution for the Governor to sign contracts and any other documents needed to construct the Fonda Community Hall.

A resolution to commit Tax Commission funds to construct additional floor space at the El Reno IHS Clinic.

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Workshop coming to Concho

Do you want to know more about the opioid epidemic that is affecting children in Oklahoma? The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are offering special workshops for those who want to learn more about the epidemic and how to combat it. The workshops will be held at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Health Center in Tsalua, OK. For more information, please contact Tara Conway at 765-422-0787 or email tconway@c-a-tribes.org.

The 36th annual Conference on Native American Art

The National Committee for Native American Art (NCNAA) will host its 36th annual conference in Tulsa, OK, from April 20-22. The conference will feature a variety of workshops and presentations on topics such as Native American art, culture, and history. For more information, please visit the NCNAA website at www.ncnaa.org.

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Health Center will be holding a workshop on Native American art on April 23-24, 2018. The workshop will focus on the history and culture of Native American art, as well as the role of art in preserving cultural heritage. For more information, please contact Tara Conway at 765-422-0787 or email tconway@c-a-tribes.org.

I am really excited to see all of the communities coming together and putting a stop to the epidemic. The workshops are aimed at helping those who are close to this epidemic, whether it be family or friends. In order to be close to this epidemic, we need to understand the starting point, the problem, and how we can help to solve it.

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These workshops are a great opportunity for those who are interested in Native American art to learn more about the history and culture of the art. They are also a great way to connect with others who share a similar interest.

The workshops will be held on April 20-22 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Health Center in Tsalua, OK. For more information or to register, please visit www.ncnaa.org.
Suzanne Florence Wil- son was born on Jan. 30, 1942 in Berne, Mont., to Emer- sion and Mary (Standing Elk) Wilson. She passed away on Jan. 17, 2018, at her home in Weatherford, Okla., surrounded by family at the age of 77 years and 1 month. Suzanne was raised in Bir- nemont, Mont., where she attended school at St. Labre and in Hammond, Okla., where she graduated from Hammond High School. She made her home in Denver, Co., in 1954 when she moved there to participate in a school enrichment program, founded by the Native American Indian. Suzanne was the first to participate in lay counseling work with the American Indian. She is survived by two sons, Mark Frank Wilson of Denver, Co., and Gary Frank Wilson of Clinton, Okla., two sisters, Katie Medicinebull and Ruby Howlingwater, brothers, Roy, Jess, George Wilson, and Susan Wilson. She was preceded in death by her brother, Horace Howlingwater, her parents, Emerion and Mary Wilson, and two of her brothers. Funeral services were held Feb. 4, 2018 at the Concho Community Build- ing in Concho, Okla. Interment followed at the Concho Community Cemetery. For more information call 405-623-0572.

Funeral services for John David White Eagle, Sr. were held Feb. 26, 2018 at the Hammon Community Build- ing in Hammon, Okla. Funeral services were held Feb. 5 at the Indian High School Auditorium. Interment followed at the Hammon Mennonite Ceme- tery.

Robert Roy Woods Sr. was born on April 28, 1944 in Canton, Okla. Richard Haag was born on Dec. 22, 1940 in Okla. An all-night wake service was held Feb. 5, 2018 at the Hammon Community Build- ing in Hammon, Okla. Funeral services were held Feb. 7 at the same ven- tue. Interment followed at Canebrake Cemetery in Canton, Okla.

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**EMPLOYMENT**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES/ CONCHO**

Closing: Until Filled

**Qualifications:**
- Enrolled C Ata tribal member preferred, other tribes considered dependant on qualifications.
- High School diploma or equivalent required. At least 18 years of age. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license.
- Salary: **Negotiable.**

**Office Manager C-2/A-2 Legislative Office/ Concho**

Closing: Until Filled

**Qualifications:**
- Minimum High School diploma or GED or business office work experience equivalent of two years. Working knowledge of computer software programs such as Microsoft Office Tools experience; knowledge of computer systems and/or communications systems.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to build relationships through strong interpersonal skills. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference will be given.
- Salary: **Negotiable.**

**Receptionist C-2 Office Camacho**

Closing: Until Filled

**Qualifications:**
- Enrolled C Ata tribal member preferred, other tribes considered dependant on qualifications. High school diploma or equivalent required. Ability to work, prioritize, and delegate skills must be solid. Knowledge of tribal and community resources in order to refer clients to various agencies. Must have a high level of confidentiality.
- Salary: **Negotiable.**

**FOOTER CARE WORKER SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Closing: Until Filled

**Qualifications:**
- Prefer Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Require one year of experience in professional related experience.
- Knowledge and an understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. Ability to work long hours and willing to work other than normal working hours including weekends, holidays and after 5 p.m. Must understand and be able to implement the program’s goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Must have basic knowledge of early child, head education and children’s welfare casework and child abuse and neglect indicators. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to work in a confidential environment. Ability to maintain confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. Maintain criminal background check that can have significance on clients. Must possess a current Oklahoma Driver’s License to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele. Must complete OKDHS OCS310-all training. Must complete Supplemental Application.
- Salary: **Negotiable.**

**Tribal Social Services Program/ CONCHO**

Closing: Until Filled

**Qualifications:**
- Must meet the requirements of Master’s Degree of Social Work and demonstrated basic professional competence in the techniques, methods, theory and practice of social work.
- Must possess a working knowledge and understanding gained through graduate and study and supervised work of case work groups and/or community organization practice and the skill to apply these factors to department clientele: Knowledge of various laws related to the administration of the department programs including but not limited to the Indian Child Welfare Act, HIPAA, confidentiality and other regulations that can have significance on clients. Ability to prioritize, manage and complete multiple tasks and responsibilities while time management and delegation skills must be solid. Knowledge of tribal and community resources in order to refer clients to various agencies. Must have a high level of confidentiality.
- Salary: **Negotiable.**

**Legal Notices**

All Food Distribution clients that receive Social Security benefits must update their 2018 Award Letter by March 1, 2018. In accordance with USDA policies, our program must have updated income verification for households on file. If you do not receive your award letter, please contact the local Social Security Administration office at 877-840-7858.

**Electors Commission Public Hearing highlights**

The Election Commission met on Thursday, Feb. 8. Klint Cowan, Election Commission chair, and other commissioners were present except commissioners Stephanie Meat.

First item on the agenda was approval of A1 commissioner seat vacancy. C Ata chairman Ken Lawton, of the A1 Commission was present at the meeting. There was also a resolution from 2014 from former Gov. Edmond Gribble’s administration for the appointment of A1 Commission Director, Melvin Meat. There was also a resolution from 2014 from former Gov. Gribble’s administration for the appointment of Meat’s appointment as Coordinator for A1 election. The resolution was filed that Meat’s term had expired and Hamilton sought nominations for her position in 2016. It was discussed that several people have her name for A1 commissioner. As a reminder, however no one was contacted or told the position was already filled. No recommendations were evaluated for A1 Election Commission for a new commissioner.

The Election Commission proceeded to make a motion to declare A1 election commissioner seat vacant and a date of April 2 was voted to begin the nomination process for the position of A1 election commissioner. This will go to a Special Election. There was also a vote to suspend the pay of current commissioner Meat and to request her to inform her of the Election Commission’s decision to terminate her to her. Meat will have an opportunity to have a hearing with the other Election Commissioners.

Item two on the agenda was discussion of the budget. The Election Commission will have to submit a mid-year budget modification, as they will be over budget due to the elections.

Item three on the agenda was the upcoming training that Ink Impressions will be doing with the Election Commission. They will be training the Election Commission on their ballot process for the upcoming special election. The expended date for the training is Feb. 15. Item four was approval of the minutes from previous meeting.

Item five on the agenda was new business. Discussions took place on the payment to Tins Ballot for the past election. They are owed approximately $150,000. Also discussed was the past due amount owed to Ink Impressions from former Gov. Janice Browder’s administration, which was never paid and current. Ink Impressions is owed over $36,000.

The Election Commission will host a veteran’s luncheon on Thursday, March 15th at the Red Deer Community Center. TIME: 11:30hrs.

1130 Opening Prayer
1135 Opening Remarks
1140 Welcome to the Native American Combat Readjustment Counselor, VA Service Connected Veterans Group.
1215 Serve Lunch
1215 Open Discussions, VA Service Connected Veterans Group.
1300 Closing remarks, VA Service Connected Veterans Group.

**CANCER AWARENESS**

Cervical Cancer Awareness
Art Show & Chocolate Festival

Clinton Indian Health Center
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
2 pm to 6 pm

**Where there is awareness, there is hope.**

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Rylee Ortega, Seiling High School

Interview by Lanessa Lovejoy

Born in Clinton, Okla. and raised in Seiling, Okla., bright-eyed Rylee Ortega, 18, hopes to remain a state champion and defend her 2x State Title in basketball. In her final chapter of playing high school basketball it was an amazing moment, something we thought we’d never come to do. We worked hard to get it, it was awesome to know we won back-to-back,” Ortega said. Standing at 5’8, Rylee plays post for the Seiling High School basketball team.

When did you first begin playing and how? I first began in 5th grade and it was a requirement in 5th and 6th grade in elementary to play. What is it about the sport that you love? I love how my team can have a great outcome. School wise, ask more questions so I can know what’s coming up in class and do extra homework for bonus.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in? When we were playing against Okarche on our state game, we all came together, it was huge for us, we really wanted to win. It was tough because we were ahead and then they’d get ahead of us, we were sick and we had to talk about how our defense needed to step up.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice? The best advice I’ve gotten is we need to work together as a team, no drama. Our coach always tells us defense wins championships, which means a lot to us, we want to talk about how our defense needed to step up.

What kinds of music do you like? I love how my team can have a great outcome. School wise, ask more questions so I can know what’s coming up in class and do extra homework for bonus.

What are your hobbies (what do you like to do when you are not playing sports)? Hanging with my friends and being around my family. What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to? I listen to what’s being played now and R&B 2000’s.

What is one thing you wish you could change in the world? I wish I could change some of the things in the world.

What is the best advice you’ve ever been given and who gave you that advice? ‘Keep going no matter what’.

What is your favorite athlete of all time? The Lakers.

What are some of your favorite memories? ‘The Lakers.

Who or what inspires you? My family.

Where do you see yourself in the next five years? I see myself in college.

Where would you like to go to college? I see myself in college.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game? I love how my team can have a great outcome. School wise, ask more questions so I can know what’s coming up in class and do extra homework for bonus.

Did you do a lot of running and a lot of drills for shooting. What is one or two things you need to work on? I need to work on my 3-point. My sister is really good at it.

What is your most memorable game played in high school so far? My most memorable game played in high school so far was against Okarche on our state game, we all came together, it was huge for us, we really wanted to win. It was tough because we were ahead and then they’d get ahead of us, we were sick and we had to talk about how our defense needed to step up.

What was the most surprising thing about your sport? I don’t think anything about my sport is surprising.

What is your favorite food? Meat and potatoes.

What is one thing about yourself that no one else knows? I’m a family person.

What are your plans after graduating high school? I see myself in college.

What would you do if you could change one thing in the world? I see myself in college.

What sports have you played? Basketball and track.

Do you have siblings? Yes.

What are your future goals? I see myself in college.

What is most important to you? I see myself in college.

What do you want to do when you grow up? I see myself in college.

Is there anything you would change about your life? I see myself in college.

What is your siblings favorite sport? Basketball and track.

What is your favorite song? I see myself in college.

What are some of the things you do when not playing sports? Hanging with my friends and being around my family.

What are some of your pet peeves? ‘The Lakers.

What are your biggest accomplishments in the sport so far? I see myself in college.

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For senior Jacob McQuown it’s a dream come true. To continue with his football career on a scholarship to Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The 6’1 offensive guard was one of El Reno High School seniors who recently earned a spot on the 2017 All-District 5A-1 team.

“I am really nervous, but overall I am really happy because it’s the next step in my life. I am really looking forward to going to Northwestern and continue with my football career,” McQuown said. “I chose Northwestern over SWOSU because their football program is really nice, I really liked it, it’s a really nice school and it’s where I wanted to be.”

McQuown, a three-year starter blocked for an offense which rolled up 2,004 yards and threw for 1,729 for a total of 3,732 yards.

“Jacob was dominant and was one of the best offensive linemen in the state,” El Reno High School football coach Chuck Atchison said.

McQuown said it’s all a process, starting with academics and all the way to the football field, “Academics for sure matters. That’s what comes first is school. Without school I wouldn’t be able to even play football, and ultimately that’s what matters the most. Honestly it’s all a process, grinding everyday, playing your heart out, laying it all out on the field. That’s why I am here right now because I played my heart out and grinded it out every day.”

With the full support of his family, McQuown also gives credit to coach Atchison for how far he has come.

“Coach Atchison, he has been an amazing mentor and coach, he has molded me into the man I am right now because without him I wouldn’t even have the opportunity to go to this school. I knew going into this I had a good support group, but he has been there the whole time, helping me because he actually reached out to these coaches, recruited for me and sent my films out to these coaches. Simply an amazing guy,” McQuown said.

McQuown is the son of Paula Levi and David McQuown, and the grandson of Jerry Levi.