Nez Perce 8.3M settlement goes to tribal citizens

By Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

On May 13 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Sixth Legisla
ture convened for their regu-
lar monthly meeting in Con-
cho, Okla.

One of the items on their
agenda was to appropriate and
direct Nez Perce settle-
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itia payment, which passed through legislature and was
signed into law by Governor
Eddie Hamilton (regardless of age) in the
form of a per cap-
itia payment. The payments were mailed

Tribal citizens 18 years and older will also receive their annual Gaming per cap-
a payment in August 2017.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho
tribes, this event, which
is part of the ongoing soil health partnership between the tribes and NRCS, will
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about some of the options
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health of their soil through
extreme weather events.

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June 15

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Reminiscing fallen heroes
on Veteran’s Memorial Day

By Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

During the weekend of
Memorial Day, it may be
common to hear of big sales
occurring across stores, retail
shops, car dealerships and
more than often some look at
Memorial weekend as an ex-
tra day off from work.

The reality of Memorial
Day is it could have a more
sincere meaning for veterans
and their families who have lost
loved ones.

On May 25 the Cheyenne
and Arapaho tribes held their
annual Veteran’s Memorial Day
service at the Concho
Community Center in Con-
cho, Okla., commemorating the lives of those who
were active in the military.

As military veterans,
friends and family gathered
to remember those who gave
their lives during active duty,
the wind carried the flags
flying high above the com-

munity center.

The service began with
a Memorial drum song and
with each beat respective to
the many beating hearts pres-
ent, a life that was once dedi-
cated to the armed forces was
remembered.

Through stories and tes-
imonials that were shared
during the ceremony, gratitude
uplifted spirits.

“It’s important for us as
family and tribal members to
remember what all our Vet-

erans have done for us, the
Bible has told us that there is
great joy to give you your life for that of another,”

Eddie Hamilton, Governor of the
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tribes, said.

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**Sexual assault victim/survivor leads response and resource team trainsings**

Linda Terrell has a mission in life … to help as many rape victims/survivors as she can.

“So many years ago I was doing the same thing I was doing when I was 17,” Terrell said. “I was a 23 year old student in the University of Oklahoma social work program, and I was so determined to do something. I’m a social worker by profession, and I went to the police department and found out that there was no one there to help these kids. That’s when I started volunteering with a local women’s group.”

“My life became a before and after … my life before the rape and my life after the rape.”

Terrell said it has been her passion to help people understand the importance of working as a multi-disciplinary group to better meet the needs of the victims and better meet the needs of the criminal justice system in prosecuting sexual assault cases.

“Because both of those needs need to be met so the victims can begin to start healing right away, so they can get justice and closure. And I get that … I know how that feels,” she said.

Because for Terrell it would be 28 years later before she would see her daughter incarcerated and incarcerated.

“That is what we know about serial rapists, whether they be strangers or non-strangers, that they will go through, the tests and what would happen, but said, “It was kind of interesting to watch myself from the outside go through all these emotions that I knew logically what I was going to do. Just like Lady Gaga said at the academy awards, until it happens to you, you don’t understand. It completely changed my life and I didn’t realize the depth it changed my life. My life has always been a before and after. My life before the rape, and then my life after the rape.”

After 28 years, she said she knew that wasn’t what she did and went her way. “I was an all out assault victim/survivor.”

“By sharing our stories we can help others, that they deserve to be believed and they deserve to find some comfort and peace. Very few women get the opportunity to see their perpetrators get convicted and many less get to see their perpetrator actually incarcerated. As a professional, law enforcement especially, victim’s needs to hear, “I’m sorry that happened to you,” and they need to hear, “I believe you,” Terrell said.

“These training issues the address the ideas with professionals. It’s about understanding the myths of sexual assault for communica-"
Youth rally interweaves comedy into alcohol/drug prevention and awareness

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

Combining comedy and education meant the audience had the attention of Native youth, eagerly awaited the first youth rally at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

The rally was organized by a Partnership For Success (PFS) grant, in partnership with the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board (SPTHB) and funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Nicholson posed a question that a majority of the youth found difficult to answer, “What do you want to be when you grow up?”

Many answered with, “I don’t know.”

“One of these kids answers, ‘I don’t know, I don’t know what to do, I don’t have any dreams, I don’t have no goals or ambitions,’ not everyone, but a majority of them don’t know,” said Nicholson. “It’s very difficult to answer, ‘What do you want to be when you grow up?’”

Nicholson said an issue most commonly known throughout communities is a lack of communication.

“Some kids don’t know how to communicate with their parents and some parents don’t know how to communicate, so there’s a gap between getting things out there which leads to a lot of other issues,” he said.

With the hope of change for the future, Nicholson hopes his motivational messages serve as a building block to creating positive mindsets, and what better way than to be entertained and motivated.

“Communication is one but mainly listening to our youth because they’re the ones that are coming up, we have to be here to support them and listen to them. I hope tonight was just a catalyzer to get us started,” Burton said.

Nicholson said there is a lot of Indian communities really hurting because of drugs and alcohol, “I see a lot of Indian communities really hurting because of drugs and alcohol, like I have something that’s going to help you, I hope you will want to accept it and I can’t do anything more than that. This is what I have; it’s up to you to use it. That’s all I can do and then I walk away and pray that communities continue to bring in speakers or practice what I said at home,” Nicholson said.

As the evening progressed filled with chuckles and laughter, Nicholson’s entertaining approach brought laughter to a new level as his motivational messages seemed to resonate with each giggle.

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Oklahoma tribe’s launch of international gaming website stalled

By Brianna Bailey, NewsOK.com

Oklahoma tribe’s launch of international gaming website with the Pokertribes.com deal “in clouded by a federal investigation,” said the tribe is still confident it will eventually be able to develop Pokertribes.com as a new level as his motivational messages seemed to resonate with each giggle.

The tribes paid Universal Entertainment Group $9.5 million to develop Pokertribes.com in 2012 but the website never launched and the project was mired in litigation with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Reggie Wassana, speaker of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal legislature, said he could not comment on the situation due to pending litigation.

“We can’t comment on a matter in litigation,” Wassana said. “Nothing has been filed.”

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Memorial on new crop species and wheat; ongoing research

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Graduation Honor Dance for Dr. Natalie Meilani Gayle Boyiddle
June 1
| 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Nov. 4, 2017, at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla., as well as many other.

Sponsored by the Stevens County Fair, Troutbeck and the Kingfisher High School booster club.

Fourth place-Tessa Paha, Adrian, Okla.
Third place-Zella Peka, Adrian, Okla.
Second place-Beth Romane, Leavitttmore, Doug Bearshield, Puyallup, Bearshield, Shanna Bearshield, Diane Downer, and Emmalope Bearshield.

Best in Show-Medora June Babies: Martha Miles, Betty搬家 casa, Judi Norton, and Minnie Spotted Corn.

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EMPLOYMENT

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma, and a copy of CDL (if applicable) to Personnel Department, 100, 89, Okemah, OK 74859 or email atis-department@oa-tribes.org

CAREWORKER
Indian Child Welfare Worker
Closing: Until Filled
Qualifications:
Prefer bachelor’s degree in social work or related field or combination of education and experience.
Requires one year of experience in professional related capacity. Knowledge of and understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. Able to work flexible work schedule shown). Must have ability to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. with no physical barriers. Must be capable to communicate effectively to patrons and supervisors any findings of physical or mental health. Must have completed 10th grade and be at least 18 years of age, have a GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must sign employee contract stating you will be open from 10 a.m. - 12, The Per Capita office, will be required to update your check before. We need to add in more information about the orga- nization to the tribal people. We have made efforts for the Redmoon Gourd Clan members to continue to represent this gourd clan in the most effective way possible. Participation by mem- bers has increased since the reorganizing of the clan and effecting others. If anyone has questions or wants to contact the gourd clan, they can do so by the following contact list:

Teaching Child Development / Clinton Location
Closing: Until Filled
Qualifications:
Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma, cross training or have completed the 10th grade and be in the process of obtaining a Ged for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must sign employee contract stating you will be required to update your address at the Enrollment Department and tribal members posted at the EnrollmentDepartment and GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must sign employee contract stating you will be open from 10 a.m. - 12, The Per Capita office, will be required to update your check before. We need to add in more information about the orga- nization to the tribal people. We have made efforts for the Redmoon Gourd Clan members to continue to represent this gourd clan in the most effective way possible. Participation by mem- bers has increased since the reorganizing of the clan and effecting others. If anyone has questions or wants to contact the gourd clan, they can do so by the following contact list:

Bus Driver EdO’s Call Beavers
Closing: Until Filled
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LEGAL NOTICES

Keeping Tradition Alive
To Whom it may concern:
This is a reminder Re: 5/1716 and new communica- tion to the tribal people. The Redmoon Gourd Clan had sent a letter with in- formation about the organi- zation and the contacts needed to add in more information about the clan so the public will have a bet- ter understanding of what we are striving to do. Since reorganizing the clan some changes have been made by the members, and we want that more will be made in the future. We en- couraged the input of our members on any decision made. During our meetings with the members one of the topics discussed was the new members to the gourd clan. The clan agreed that any initiations of new mem- bers will be at the Redmoon Powwow, at dances the group were sponsoring and if the gourd clan agrees to do them at other dances as well in the future.

Our members have voted to apply the Redmoon Gourd Clan into any kind of groups or branches of any kind, even the use of the Redmoon Gourd Clan name. There is not any kind of side groups or single per- son leaders of this gourd clan, only officers that help communicate with the members. Everyone is wel- come to be part of this effort to keep this gourd clan intact as one group is better for ev- eryone involved.

Nez Perce Settlement
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Nez Perce Settlement

Public Notice
Nez Perce settlement checks were mailed out May 31, 2017. The Per Capita Office is currently closed to the public until June 12, although office phone lines will be open during this time. If your check returns back to the Per Capita office from the United States Postal Ser- vice, you will be required to update your address at the Enrollment Department and in order for your check to be released to you or provide a current utility bill with ad- dress shown). There will be a list of tribal members posted at the Enrollment Department and if you have an address change, please return checks to the Enrollment Department at 405-262-0345 ext.27275 or the Enrollment Department at 405-262-0345 ext.27600 after 10 a.m. to see if your name is on this list.
Eighteen year old Rayna Patton will be a senior next year. Her biggest challenges will be getting through each day without her mentor, hero and person she looks up to the most, her sister Phyllisha. But what she will be doing is continuing to strive to break school records at Kingfisher High School in the shot put and discus. Funny thing is, she will be striving to break her own records that she currently holds.

When did you first begin participating in track and how? In the seventh grade our coach told us if we played basketball we had to also have to do track. I saw my sister doing the shot and disc so far? She made it look like fun and I wanted to do it because I saw my sister doing the shot and disc.

What is your biggest accomplishment in your sport so far? Last year when I broke the discus record. The first time I broke it was at our Kingfisher track meet by two feet and as I went on through the season I improved and then broke that record at the Lather track meet.

What is the best advice you've ever been given and who gave that advice? My track coach, Coach Arrington, at last year’s meet. Before I threw he told me to just clear my mind, go out there and have fun and not to think of it so much as just have the most fun you are or can be and you are one up there, and show everyone what you came here to do.

Do you have a saying or motto that you live your life by? Every time my sister does something better than me, I think to myself, if she can do it, can I do it and can I do it better than she can and I always try my hardest to beat her and my goal is to beat her. I tell myself I can do this every day. Who or what inspires you the most? My sister. What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are key to you being successful in this sport? We lift to strengthen our legs and our core. We run to get more on our legs.

What is your favorite meal before or after a meet? The meal before is a sandwich with orange juice. Afterwards I ALWAYS have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with orange juice. Who has had the biggest impact on your life? My sister. What are some of your hobbies or what do you like to do in your free time? I like to hang out with my friends, but I like to make music. I have my own music that I have always made and I think it is one thing that most people probably wouldn’t think was important.

What would be a dream thing you would like to do? To get into a good college. To not let people get in the way of your dreams. What is your biggest challenge for yourself? Right now I want to go on to college and continue to do track and I am hoping to get into a good college. How would you describe your athletic abilities of all time? I don’t really have one. What is your motto that you live your life by? I like watching LSU softball. What is your immediate plan after graduating high school? What would be your advice to younger kids coming up and playing with you? Have fun and as soon as your junior and senior years begin it goes by way too fast, so try and make the most of your life.

Rayna’s parents are An- dra & Chris Patton. She has one sister Phyllisha and two brothers, Chris and Eric.

Darrian Diwayan signed her letter of intent to play basketball at Haskell Indian Na- tions University on May 11, 2017. Diwayan played under Coach James Kelly at Riverside Indian School.

The Tribal Transportation Program plans to begin construction of the Black Kettle Road Phase II Project on Monday, May 1, 2017. The Black Kettle Road Phase II Project consists of continuing construction of a new pavement and expansion of the roadway currently in place extending from the Corcoran pow- er line to the Haskell Indian Nations University campus. This project is part of the USDOT Transportation 2014-2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant, the completion of which enables the university to continue to grow and provide services for女主 and others. A copy of the project plans, as well as the environmental compliance study, will be available at any location that would become a part of the new roadway.
NATIVE AMERICAN CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Requirements:

- Must reside in Service Area
- Elder must be 65 years or older
- Respite Provider should be the age of 18 or older and cannot reside in the home with elder
- Home visits will be made
- Provider’s reimbursement will be made

The Native American Caregiver Program consists of helping our elders as well as those who assist them by alleviating the spouse or family member from their everyday caregiver duties with the elderly.

A Respite Provider comes into the home and assists with light duties such as cleaning, walking, dressing, toileting needs, just to name a few.

This is an 8-Week Program with a contract amount of $550.00

For more information contact Vanessa Martinez, Clinton Tribal Nutrition at 580.331.2311 or by email martinez@c-a-tribes.org