Food Distribution Store expands with new location in Clinton, OK

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

The newly established Food Distribution Store (FDS) located in Clinton, Okla. is beginning to expand operations and reach more areas. The goals of the FDS includes the distribution of food services needed among the communities. Current staff has become a challenge due to the expansion of services needed among the communities.

The process first started in 2014 and has since progressed its way to a newly remodeled store located in 2016. Due to the growth of its need for services within the Food Distribution store, limited staff has become a challenge due to the expansion of services needed among the communities.

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“We have an annual homebuyer’s program meeting in Concho, Okla. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

Debra All-Runner, resident coordinator, said the main concern with CAHD is making sure tribal members are aware of any services available to them.

Each tribe is capable of supporting their own homebuyer community meeting. In order to support the CAHD’s community homebuyer meeting in their area, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Department (CAHD) is offering a Down Payment Assistance Program (DPAP) to help tribal members interested in homeownership.

The DPAP is a financial aid program that provides assistance in homeowner closing costs for tribal members that are qualified for financial funding from private sector lending or mortgage companies. Tribal members who are not currently working on a project with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Department may qualify for DPAP.

“Due to the numbers and our staffing, it’s hard to be in two spots at once,” Lime said.

One of the primary benefitting factors that Food Distribution services is tailgating. Food Distribution currently holds tailgates as a placement for individuals who are unable to travel to the Watonga FDS location. The Food Distribution tailgates are conducted in areas such as Clinton, Hammon, Selig and Elk City.

“Tailgates are for the food distribution out of Watonga. We load up a box truck full of about 90 percent of the foods of what we have on hand. We try to take them out to different towns, less than 10,000 population towns are approved to get the food package. We get to go out to these locations and serve our same services out of the truck in a private environment,” Lime said.

Two tailgates were held at the Clinton location for the month of February. For the month of March, Clinton FDS will be able to determine how many people they can service with their current staff at the new store location.

“Facial March we can get a better idea of how many people can see it in a day because when we did our first tailgates in February our average people off of tailgates trucks were about 50 people each tailgate. So it’s going to be a little different,” Lime said.

Food Distribution is currently federally funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). US-DA’s primary goal is to benefit the health of others and help assist with those who have limited means to put food on the table.

While the Watonga Food Distribution store serves within the area, there are challenges in which tribal members face traveling to the store in outside of the city limits. Lime said that Woodward or El Reno currently could not receive food packages because they are exceeding the 10,000 limit population.

“I know there’s a lot of CDIB members who could use the benefits but due to the guidelines we can’t. We can go around El Reno, we can go around Woodward but we can’t go inside the city limits,” Lime said.

Locations are mainly based upon needs and the population.

For the future of FDS expansion, progress begins with adjusting to the new Clinton store location.

“We’re trying to get adjusted to the volume because the volume, the participation, the warehouse past, is still trying to get adjusted to how much food we need everyday. It’s still a learning process but I don’t see anything stopping us from what we can service outside of the building,” Lime said.

By closely monitoring progress, Lime said, “Once we watch this process monitoring, we get two or three Food Distribution can handle the store, the second location, all with current staff, we want to hopefully waive Woodward or El Reno to get them in the lines of receiving the package.”

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“The primary goal for Food Distribution is to get the food to whomever qualified to get the food package. I know on the outside it’s that hard to manage life, your lifestyle, and to stay at the forefront in the time we’re in,” Lime said.

If you’re able to qualify with the guidelines that we offer and if you’re unqualified on SNAP (Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program), with a CDIB at Food Distribution, you could be eligible for food benefits without coming out of pocket to stay at whatever you have going on in life.”

Food Distribution serves to assist the youth and families with food assistance to enable healthier lifestyles. They provide foods to low-income households on the reservation or in designated areas within the state of Oklahoma.

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With the support and encouragement of the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) and the CHIA (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma), the two entities joined together to create the “Spirit Charter of El Reno Public Schools,” being signed into effect on Feb. 13, 2017. Written within the charter under the sub-heading EL is: “We wish to instill in our students and staff.”

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Reckless on our world before us
And that is the story I will tell. Standing Rock is only one chapter somewhere in the middle of a long story.

Tensions continue to simmer as the Dakota Access Pipeline becomes more of a reality with every passing day

The healthy backers of the project are within weeks of completing the final portion of North Dakota. Oil could be flowing even before the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe hope supporters on March 10 will march and pray in a plane to Washington, D.C. when the easement was issued. It was an insult to me and to the tribe. Chairman Harold Frazier from Cheyenne River shared a similar experience in a sworn declaration submitted to court in this week. He said the Trump administration never responded to his requests for consultation before approving the pipeline even as the Army Corps sought his assistance in clearing the NoDAPL encampment.

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Thank you,

From Tyson, Toya, Tommy, Clyde and Nora.

Terrance White Antelope

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Veterans join the last few remaining residents of the #NoDAPL encampment in North Dakota as they were evicted during the fourth week of February 2017. (Photo / Standing Rock Rising)

By Jenni Monet

On Thursday, as North Dakota police moved in with a fleet of bulldozers, Humvees, and armored MRAP vehicles, Gov. Doug Burgum signed into law four bills that would bring harsher punishment for protest-related activity in the state. The bills, his press statement said, were meant to protect landowners’ rights. But for the 46 people arrested that day, their stand was about defending historic treaty territory.

“We’ve always been around this river, and that’s why we’re here to protect this river,” said Harold Frazier, chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, the sister nation to Standing Rock. “That river brings life to the people.”

Frazier has become a vocal supporter in the ongoing yet shifting movement to stop the Dakota Access pipeline. Despite Thursday’s razing of the main demonstration camp, Oceti Sakowin, he and dozens of water protectors, or protesters, have vowed to continue the fight to guard the Missouri River from a potential oil spill, if and when the pipeline is completed.

“As police slashed teepee-like structures open and arrested peaceful resisters, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer signaled that the $3.8 billion energy project was on its way to completion. “We feel very confident we will get the pipeline moving,” said Spicer.

Less than a week after taking office, President Donald J. Trump advanced the Dakota Access pipeline through an executive memorandum. It’s unclear whether he still owns stock in the energy project. Staffers claim he relinquished his investment, yet no evidence has been produced to substantiate those claims. Meanwhile, the CEO of Energy Transfer Partners, the operator of the pipeline, had donated more than $100,000 to Trump’s presidential campaign.

With this knowledge, some water protectors say they knew this day would come. “This isn’t the end by any means,” said Wasté Win Young, as she walked to the Cannon Ball Bridge during a final prayer ceremony held moments before the eviction deadline on Wednesday. “This is the spark. The whole world is waking up now,” said Young, a Standing Rock Sioux tribal member.

The Cheyenne River tribe has joined the Standing Rock tribe in its continued legal battle against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which recently reversed an environmental impact statement that had halted construction of the project.

During the three hours it took police to dismantle the sprawling stretch of remaining teepees, tents, and yurts, Chairman Frazier stood on a bluff overlooking the ravaging of Oceti Sakowin. “We will be back!” he shouted. The moment captured the sadness, but also the resilience, permeating the reservation.

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