Memorializing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Latoya Lonelodge

The feeling of uneasiness and disheartenment are emotions most associated with loss and are very seldom talked about among Native families and communities. When tragedy strikes, the severity of trauma is endless and for some the experience is unforgettable to move past. With strength and courage, guiding advocates, friends and family members of victims who have gone missing or lost their life due to violence, heartfelt stories of the true nature of loss were brought to light.

According to a report in July 2017 from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Indian women were the second highest population in the United States with the highest rates for homicide. On May 3 Native Alliance Against Violence (NAAV) sponsored an outreach event and walk to bring awareness to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. The event marked the very first in promoting awareness involving the true nature of loss.

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Big tobacco guilty of lying to the public

HED/MPOWER Educating Tribal Members in Commercial Tobacco

Submitted by Darrell James

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ HED-MPOWER is pleased to announce a settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and all major tobacco companies regarding an 18-year court ruling holding them responsible for deceiving the public concerning tobacco’s harmful effects and marketing to children.

They have to disclose they intend to use any other forms of advertising. But we need to move forward.

Since the end of the 15th century, Lady Justice has been commonly referred to as being “blind.” She is depicted with a blindfold to represent impartiality and the ideal that justice should be applied without regard to wealth, power, color of skin or any other status. On May 4 Lady Justice peeked out from under her blindfold fleetingly to take in the brilliant shine of Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Justice Center.

The official grand opening of the Tribal Justice Center was greeted with lots of handshakes, laughter and accolades to the many who made a dream reality.

“Today we’re here to open up the building and have a grand opening, and when you’re out there sitting in the chairs or up here that’s always a good thing. We’ve opened up a few buildings over the past 10 years for the tribes and that’s always a positive. It shows we are making progress. It’s been many years since this building has been planned and under Eddie’s administration it was finally done so I do want to thank Eddie and Cornell’s administration for their due diligence for working with Paul (Fuentes) who has put a lot of energy into this and made it happen,” Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Peggy Wassana said in his opening statement.

Wassana pointed to the grand open tribal logo-depicted on the front of the Tribal Justice Center as he pointed out there was only one thing he hated about the building, “if you look across there (the street) it makes the others look so bad,” he laughed and said, “but I appreciate all the hard work. The old building showed we were still in that era of the 60s and 70s and now we get to move forward into 2018 and that’s an improvement. And we want to keep just improving.”

And the governor was correct in saying Paul Fuentes, Tribal Court Probation Officer, has put a lot of energy into seeing the Tribal Justice Center become a reality. After years of collecting data, filling out paperwork and research, Fuentes submitted and received a Category 1 Planning Grant in 2010 from the U.S. Department of Justice to complete a Correctional Facility Comprehensive Master Plan.

The outcome of the master plan was that the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes would benefit from a Tribal Justice Center to address judicial and social issues. In October 2008 the tribes received Reinvestment Tax Recovery funds from the Chesapeake Energy Corporation when the tribes’ Tax Commission announced a one-time funding opportunity opened to all tribal programs.

The Judicial Branch submitted an application, was awarded funding to enter into Phase I, construction of the master planned three-part justice center. Construction on the
El Reno woman killed in accident on the Kilpatrick Turnpike

(EL RENO, OK) Donna J. Rush, 63, was pronounced dead at 10:50 p.m., May 1, at the scene of an accident which occurred near Council Road on the Kilpatrick Turnpike.

Reports from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Rush was traveling west in a 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt when it struck by a vehicle headed east.

The driver of the 2000 Prelude that collided with her vehicle, said her husband, OHP said, was Arthur Wesley Straehla III. The report said Straehla was taken to the hospital in Edmond. Straehla reportedly refused any treatment at the scene of the accident.

An OHP report said an odor of alcohol was detected on her breath, but the investigation is far from over.

An OHP spokesperson said it is too early to describe it as a "homicide investigation." "It is an accident investigation," the spokesperson said.

The OHP spokesperson said Straehla "invoked" his Fifth Amendment rights at the scene of the accident, which prevented the state troopers from asking for any more information, other than his driver's license to the troopers working the accident.

Rush was a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and was employed at Fred’s as a clerk at their El Reno location.

(Update: On May 12, Straehla was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in his car on the first and second degree, reckless driving. It was reported Straehla had a blood alcohol of over 140 mph.)

Donna was born June 22, 1952, in Ponca City, Okla., where she graduated from Red Rock High School in 1970. While attending high school she was a member of FFA and FBLA, Homecoming Queen, Carnival Queen, Senior Class Vice President, Red Rock Rocket cheerleader.

She was raised at Red Rock, Okla. where she graduated from Dakota State University. She was a member of the Otoe Indian Baptist Church, where she was baptized on May 15, 1975, where she was memorialized.

She loved being a Christian and devoted to have a clear mind, pure heart and devoted soul. She said her favorite things to do were being a Christian and glorify God through Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. She said my children and grandchildren and watch the morning and evening sunris and sunset.

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Special Session of legislature passes all items on agenda

Rosemary Stephensen, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribune

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A Resolution to amend Resolution 87-LSS-2013 the Tribal Complex in Concho, OK.

A Resolution approving the creation of a Department of Transportation.

A Resolution to approve the Budget for the Office of the Tribal Council for 2014. Item number seven in es-

A Resolution authorizing Governor Wassana to sign the Cooperative Agreement

between the Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Plains Re- gional Office and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma for an easement in order to allow the Tribe to develop Fire Management.

Hearing to discuss the above agenda items, all legislators were present. In addition to the above agenda items, all legislators were present. The first three items deal- ing with the contracts of Su- preme Court Justice Lindsay G. Robert and Rivas, the legislation asked that a specific date and time be implement
d into the actual contract. The contract for Concho Wildland Fire Management to reimburse the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the tribe or the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma for use of any trib-

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tions there will be three different processes, community readiness analysis and cultural community assessment.

“Each one will determine which age group we will be reaching out to. The first one, community readiness is self-explana-
tory, making sure the community is ready to recognize there is a problem and make sure that information will be coming out regarding suicide prevention awareness. The Native Connections is about behavior change and behavioral awareness,” Ramos said.

“It is a concern, if it is a youth grant, then we will be asking different age for young people ages 15 to 24 and for those aged 25 to 34.”

In the start up process of Native Connections the first year will entail community outreach, con-
ducting interviews to gather information and data.

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Special Tribal Council Meeting 10 a.m., Saturday June 9, 2018

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RESOLUTION #7L-SS-2018-0227-005

May 11-15 is designated National Prevention Week. Whether it is alcohol prevention awareness, drug abuse, prescription drug abuse, or suicide prevention aware-

Native Connections, another positive step Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are taking in preventive initiatives

Rosemary Stephensen, Editor-in-Chief

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things. So good luck to all of you," Lt. Gov. Miles said.

The keynote speaker for the event was Lacee Harjo, Coordinator of Indian Affairs for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Kim Merryman, a member of the Choctaw Nation, grabbed the attention of attendees with the emotional story of her missing daughter, Emily. Merryman was murdered on the Navajo Reservation.

"People come to me and tell their stories and one of the things that really got me doing this was after Emily was killed I started getting messages from friends of hers who tell me how much they appreciated the event they came to do come out of situation domestic violence and abusive situations and so after that, they would tell me how they did not know what to do, that feels like her voice is joined on the telephone with her and it’s a really hard thing to say and I think that’s more often the case it’ll be easier to be able to share," Merryman said with a strong sense of emotion.

While no one has been held accountable for the death of Morgan, Merryman said they have leading suspects but are still missing critical information.

While missing and murder cases involving native women often go unsolved, family members said it is happening here, we’re just not hearing about it because our native people don’t get the news.

Zina Dee, sister of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizen, Ida Beard, relies heavily on the support of women and friends who have come forth with information linked to Beard, who has been missing for six years.

"We’re never going to give up on her and we know there’s a reason she’s not here," Dee said.

The MMIW event sparked an opportunity within the community for family members for support and to speak on behalf of victims and survivors and even find closure to telling their stories.

By going through something that go through the same thing and you’re not alone. You can talk to anybody that has the same situation or

knows someone who knows what you’re going through and knows how to talk to you. This is an opportunity for us to start and talk about that kind of closure, somebody knows, one day they’ll get to the right person who can give them information that will be able to find them and be able to find us would be amazing if we had a place like that. Even if she’s dead or we don’t know," Dee said with a hopeful glaze in her eyes.

As the entire room of the community center filled with sympathy and compassion through each of the words of support that were shared, physical support grew at hand as participants accompanied each other for a memorial and awareness walk.

While resources and information about violence and sexual assault were available for the better future of native women, the hope for advocates highlight.

"I think that it’s very important that the community comes together and that Native American girls who have either been murdered or missing, are victims of human trafficking or their loved ones, they have a piece, the hope that we’re raising and the awareness and the law are important for advocates highlighting awareness."
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It was a night full of pride as many families hugged their beloved inductees as they were honored. Harjo said for the future, she hopes OCIE can encourage students to be more involved in events.

"The challenge bowl is coming around, the conference is coming around, the legislative day is coming around and I think their voices need to be heard and more of our kids stand up and make a difference, as far as what happens at the state capitol, it’s so important and how we prepare, educate and get our kids involved is pretty important so I hope we do a better job this coming year in doing that," Harjo said.

For more information on OISH or to submit a nomination application visit www.oklahoma-ocie.org.

Congratulations to the Canadian County Elementary School Honor Society Students 2017-2018 from Darlington School.

Top row l-r: Julia Long (5th Grade), Paige Primrose (6th Grade), Pauline Black-Harmen (6th Grade), Whitney Smith (6th Grade) and Bryce Baldwin (6th Grade).

Middle row l-r: Byleigh Burns (3rd Grade), Haylee Mayes (2nd Grade), Blake Lamberlin (6th Grade) and Janie Batacay (7th Grade).

Bottom row l-r: Esmal Barto (1st Grade), Kevin Young (Pre-K).
This is a story of courage, faith and love. The courage of one woman’s battle to overcome breast cancer, the faith she maintained throughout every moment of everyday and the love that carried her when she was unable to walk alone. The love of her family, her friends and total strangers who came to know Hauli Gray through Social Media and local news broadcasts.

Hauli’s story of being diagnosed with breast cancer is not a new story. Many women, young and old, have been diagnosed even here in this country with breast cancer. What is unique and uplifting about Hauli’s story ... is Hauli. From her steadfast faith in God, her upfront attitude in the face of excruciating pain and side effects from chemotherapy to her beaming love for her husband, Cecil, her two children, Glory and Tahlis, and every one she meets along her path. She gave each of us a rare gift when Hauli allowed us to walk with her through a live Facebook video journal of her journey with her through a live Facebook video journal of her journey with her through a live Facebook video journal of her journey with her through a live Facebook video journal of her journey with her through a live Facebook video journal of her journey with her through a live Facebook video journal of her journey with her through her very first chemo treatment. Strange as that sound may, gift, Hauli gave each of us the rare gift of looking inside someone’s life battling to overcome breast cancer, the feelings and emotions surrounding that battle, to having to fight. We, as insurance companies, have the right to have the best recommended treatment for the right to have the best recommended treatment for the right to have the best recommended treatment for the right to have the best recommended treatment for the right to have the best recommended treatment for her long term health. Life couldn’t have been more perfect for 32 year-old Hauli last summer. Happily married to the man of her dreams, a beautiful 4 year-old daughter and a husky handsome 2 year-old son. She worked at a job she loved working with Native youth, and was even doing some modeling for a new apparel line called L.A. Deer Apparel. As the saying goes, it was the calm before the storm.

“Back in June my son turned 2 and we were in the weaning process, and July, August comes around and we both noticed something was different about my left breast and my husband said you need to go to the doctor and get that checked out,” Hauli said. She made an appointment with her OB GYN and was surprised when she didn’t say anything about the lump in her left breast.

“So a week goes by, then two weeks and I notice a spot appears on my skin above the lump, like an old bruise or something. I told my doctor and they said we are referring you to OU Breast Health Network,” Hauli said. That was in September 2017 and from then on she said she has seen many doctors, had ultrasounds, mammograms, and a biopsy performed. By this time September had quickly slipped away and in October, two days after Hauli’s biopsy the doctor called saying words no woman ever wants to hear, “You have breast cancer.”

With tears welling up in Hauli’s eyes, she said the first thing that came to her mind was she is still breastfeeding her son when she had her breast cancer.

“The second thing I thought about was can my daughter get it.”

So began Hauli’s battle the chemotherapy treatments, severe side effects, excruciating headaches, body aches, many tears shed, many prayers as said as she walked through each day holding tight to her faith in God, her family and her friends.

Knowing she would begin to lose her beautiful long dark brown hair, Hauli decided to lose her hair on her own terms … and that’s exactly what she did, hosted a “shave my head” gathering with some of her closest friends and family. Each person taking a turn clipping a piece of her hair and finally shaving her head.

It was another example of Hauli’s positive proactive approach for victory over cancer.

After 16 weeks of chemo and a mastectomy, Hauli was to begin treatment six weeks after her surgery. The treatment recommended specifically for her case by her doctor was proton therapy due to the close proximity of Hauli’s heart and lungs to the area to be treated with radiation, conventional radiation treatment could and would affect her other organs long term.

“With proton we can go straight in, to the lymph nodes with the radiation and step it before it gets to the heart,” Dr. Gary Lawson of ProCure Proton Therapy Center said. “There are just certain circumstances where there really isn’t any good way to do this than to use proton therapy.

But her insurance company, Blue Cross / Blue Shield (BCBS) of Oklahoma said no. Not once, but twice. In an attempt to appeal to BCBS to change their denial decision for a third time, Hauli and her husband went to the media.

“Not only am I fighting breast cancer, we are also in a fight with our insurance. I don’t want any further troubles as I get older.” Hauli struggled to speak through tears during the press conference. “I don’t want problems that traditional radiation can cause, to my heart, to my lungs, and that’s what I am afraid of. If this is the safest way then that’s what I want to go with. I was wrong all along I used to be about surviving cancer, now it’s life after cancer. Now I am thinking what kind of life am I going to have after this is over.”

All the while days were slipping by as Hauli and her husband appealed BCBS’s decision and Hauli needed to begin treatment six weeks after her mastectomy and that date was already here.

“Not only am I fighting breast cancer, fighting, you know, with my life right now, we’re also in a fight with our insurance. I lost a breast, that’s a part of me that’s gone forever and I’m trying to get over that. You almost want to feel shame because it was like I was whole and now you’re not,” Hauli said. While everyone waited for BCBS’s third decision, it finally came. Denied.

With no other choice Hauli and her husband turned to Indian Health Services (IHS) as their secondary insurance and was working on a decision from them … when a miracle happened.

ProCure Proton Therapy Center announced it would cover the entire cost of Hauli’s treatment, regardless of the decision from IHS. A lucky break? Some might say no, but for Hauli and Cecil whose faith in God and prayer are unwavering … the answer is a miracle.
Tribes’ ETA Program honored at annual NINAETC Conference

(The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Employment and Training Administration (ETA) attended the 39th National Indian and Native American Employment (NINAETC) and P.L. Law 102-477 Training in Marksville, La April 9-13. “Together Achieving Balance” was the theme for the conference. The NINAETC/477 conference provides training for Native American programs operating the Department of Labor’s Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 166 or Public Law 102-477. The training sessions are designed to address issues, solutions, as well as sharing innovative practices related to employment and training. Graduates get the opportunity to share challenges, successes, and voice their concerns relating to Native Communities. This was not the first time the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes were represented at the conference in Louisiana. ETA Director Erwin Pahmahmie Jr., recalls speaking during the “remembrance” ceremony in 2012. Ms. Eli Spettedbird was one of the individuals honored in 2012’s remembrance and Pahmahmie shared about his journey and how much people like Ms. Spettedbird made a difference in sharing joys and the struggles of life. The ETA Program was honored as one of the four programs that exemplified outstanding leadership among the grantees community. The award represents the program’s success in providing services, following guidelines, and achieving goals mandated in the program plan. “It truly was a humbling time for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to be recognized and many congratulations were expressed by the Division of Indian and Native American Programs (DNAP) Division Chief, Athena Brown and Federal Project Officer, Jennifer Whitmore.” Additionally, Pahmahmie was elected as the co-chair to represent the section 166 Grantee Community. The 40th National Conference will be held in Durant, Okla., at the Choctaw Nation’s Casino Resort in April 2019. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes ETA Program’s success and leadership will continue to benefit the Native community at the local, regional and national levels.

Native Connections

A new report by the CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics highlights what Native American health experts have long known: Suicide among Native youth is a crisis, and one that is not receiving the attention it needs.” The article went on to state, “Suicide looks very different in Native communities than it does in the general population. Nationally suicide tends to skew middle-aged (and white) but among Native Americans, 40 percent of those who die by suicide are between the ages of 15 and 24. And among the young adults ages 18 to 24, Native Americans have higher rates of suicide than any other ethnicity and higher than the general population.” Communities have been quiet on the best kept secret everybody knows about because you don’t hear it or see it on the news. The idea of lost my town, not my community, certainly not my tribe and not my family, my child, all these taboos within Native communities … we have to be able to speak about it.” Ramos said. “Breaking those barriers by being culturally competent and not stigmatizing what we’re talking about is important.” If you or someone you know needs help call 800-273-8255 for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

New Mexico Bound

Gov. Reggie Wassana and Lt. Gov. Gib Miles hosted an out-of-state meal and greet with Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens in the Albuquerque, N.M. area on May 25. Gov. Wassana gave a presentation on upcoming projects and progress the tribes have made during the first three months in office. Lt. Gov. Miles shared his vision for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, while John Youngbull, CEO of Lucky Star Casino briefed the crowd on casino operations; also stating the Wassana Administration has the largest revenue turn among the tribes in the state, to state, “Suicide looks different in Native communities than it does in the general population. Native American people have high rates of suicide than any other ethnicity and higher than the general population.”

Burger Day

Above: Tribal youth Elijah Tihdewon won the Burger Eating Contest by eating 10 fried burgers in 10 minutes! (Photo / Clara Bechbody)

As warm weather is upon us and we are in the midst of growing season, it is important to be vigilant about your hydration levels. Hydration is key to maintaining your health and can impact your daily activities and overall well-being. To ensure you are properly hydrated, it is important to follow some basic guidelines:

1. Drink water and other water-based fluids regularly throughout the day. This can include water, fruit juices, and other water-based beverages.
2. Monitor the color of your urine. A light yellow color indicates proper hydration. A dark yellow or brown color indicates dehydration.
3. Pay attention to the frequency of your urination. A normal urinary frequency is about 6-8 times per day for adults. Increased frequency may indicate dehydration.
4. Check the hydration status of your body by monitoring the elasticity of your skin. If your skin is less elastic than usual, it may be a sign of dehydration.
5. Pay attention to your thirst. Thirst is a key indicator of dehydration, but it should be used in conjunction with other signs and symptoms.
6. Keep fluid intake consistent throughout the day, especially during times of higher activity and exposure to heat.
7. Hydrate before, during, and after exercise. It is important to replace fluids that are lost during physical activity.
8. Monitor your body weight and rehydrate as needed. A decrease in body weight of more than 1% can indicate dehydration.

By following these guidelines, you can help ensure that you stay properly hydrated and maintain your overall health. Remember, hydration is key to maintaining your health and well-being during the warm months.
The Western Plains Weatherford Genealogical Society will hold their regular meeting May 27, 7 pm, at the Western Oklahoma Historical Center, Inc., 520 West Main in the Circle City Building. All membership election of officers is on the agenda.

Dr. W. Edward Rolison will present his new book “Route 66: Oklahoma’s Route 66, Hotel Calvert and Builder Claude Calmes.” Dr. Rolison and Carol Duncan have done extensive research for the Oklahoma History newspaper and newspapers of the hotel in operation. Dr. Rolison received his PhD at the University of Missouri in Political Science. He taught at SWOSU from 1966 to 1984. Copies of the book to 2001, will be available for sale.

This meeting is for all genealogists and family historians in Concho and surrounding counties. Contact: LAU MCMICHELL, 580-445-8404.

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Sylvia Lavato

April 20, 2018

Sylvia Lavato passed away May 4, 2018 at Weatherford Indian Baptist Church in Weatherford, Okla. Services were held May 5-7, the same venue. Interment followed at Chief Black Shadow Cemetery.

Sylvia was the mother of eight children: Mildred Palmu, Ethel Palmu, Charlotte Clark, Mildred Clark, Mary Clark, George Lee Clark, Lee Clark and Cheryl工程机械.

Sylvia was a member of the Weatherford Indian Baptist Church. She was a Christian woman and she practiced her faith throughout her life.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents Fredrick Sweezy and Sylivia Slangs, sisters, George Lee, Lee and Cheryl, brother, Bob Sankey and many nieces and nephews.

Sylvia was a shining star in the family and in the community. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Sylvia was always there for her family and friends. She was always there to lend a helping hand and to offer words of encouragement and comfort.

We stand together in this time of mourning and will always remember Sylvia's kindness and generosity.

Sylvia's legacy will continue on, as must we!

Sylvia was one of a kind, and we will miss her dearly. She will be in our thoughts and prayers always.

Sylvia, we love you and will always remember you.

Sylvia was a woman of faith and a humble person. She was always there for us, always ready to help.

Sylvia was the type of person that everyone knew and loved. She was always there for us, always ready to help.

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**Criminal History Review**

To work with difficult clientele, knowledge of the C&A/Native American culture, history traditions of the Cheyenne, and communication skills are required by planned activities. Seven years of experience in planning, organizing, supervising and implementing programs. Must be available to work nights and weekends required by planned activities. Must have good writing and communication skills. Native American preference.

**Language Coordinator**

Valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must be insurable for government fleet insurance. Knowledge in greeting and working with patrons and superiors any time content areas. Leadership and supervisory skills, be willing to attend various professional conferences. Must be able to communicate effectively to patrons and superiors any time. Must relate to Indian and Non-Indian communities, clientele, and public general. Maintain a high level of confidentiality on all Indian related matters by request of Cheyenne Arapaho Tribal member. Must possess good writing and communication skills.

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