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Cheyenne and Arapaho leaders advocate on behalf of tribes in Washington, D.C.

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Staff Reporter

Native American literature blossoms and flourishes as up and coming Native American authors continue to shape and influence the literary world.

Tommy Orange, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizen, made his mark in the world of literature with his new novel, There There. The novel has captured the attention of many, readers and literary critics alike, as it becomes a New York Times bestseller.

Orange tackles the themes of Native American history and culture but captures readers by embracing the untold stories of the “urban Indian.” Orange discussed the ins and outs of writing There There, using his home location as the featured setting.

The novel takes place in Oakland, Calif., where Orange was born and raised. There There intertwines the lives of 12 characters, many of which are Cheyenne.

“There There is a novel about growing up Native in Oakland… All the characters are grappling with various different struggles, having to deal with identity, and different things that native people face in contemporary times, but the thing that pulls all of them together is a powwow at the Oakland Coliseum, which is where everything is knit together and they figure out how their lives are connected, the end at this powwow kind of pulls the whole novel forward to the whole time,” Orange said.

In writing the novel, Orange said his inspiration came soon after learning that he was going to become a father, as he was not always the fond of writing.

“I didn’t grow up writing, I didn’t do very well in school and I didn’t get into writing until after I graduated college. I went to school for sound engineering, graduated in 2004 and I started working at a youth bookstore the summer after I graduated and just really fell in love with fiction and so I knew I wanted to write, I’ve been writing a bunch of short pieces and short stories and I knew at some point I wanted to write a novel because I love the form of novels and I had found out I was going to have a son, the idea to write a story about a bunch of characters, how their lives intersect and how they all end up at this powwow, at the Oakland Coliseum, it just popped into my head one day and so I can’t really say exactly where it came from, I’d been wanting to write something in another form, like a novel for awhile, having a son kind of just made me take things a little bit more seriously,” Orange said.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana presents U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren with a Pendleton blanket. Warren was the guest speaker at an Oklahoma City rally on Sept. 22. (Photo / Chris RomanNose)

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana and Lt. Gov. Gib Miles attended meetings with senators, representatives and the Dept. of Interior in Washington, D.C. Picture 1: Executive Office Legal Counsel Hershel Gorham, Miles, Governmental Affairs LaRenda Morgan and Wassana. (Photo / Chris RomanNose)
The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women Executive Director Deleana OtherBull, addresses tribal, state and federal officials at the fifth annual Tribal Leaders Summit in March 2018. (Photo courtesy of The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women)
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes announce 2018 grants designed to improve public safety in American Indian and Alaska Native communities

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

More than $17 million awarded to 19 Tribes

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Robert J. Troester, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, announced 2018 grants totaling more than $113 million to improve public safety and combat violence against children, women, and tribal citizens. The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP) awarded the funds to assist tribes in developing and strengthening their justice systems, and improving public safety and community policing. The tribal grants were announced during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on October 12.

“The Department of Justice is committed to promoting public safety and reducing crime in American Indian and Alaska Native communities,” Attorney General Jesse Panuccio, who made the announcement, said. “These grants will support our dedicated and talented public safety professionals as they work to improve the lives of tribal citizens. This investment strengthens our tribal law enforcement and judicial systems, and also demonstrates how we are working together with our ag

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trick, he is a friend to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, and Wassana decided to briefly stop by his office. Unable to speak too long, he made it a pleasant surprise to meet tribal member, Alexe NDAO, Tribal Council Chair, the Transportation and Infra-structure Committee in the Intertribal Trans- portation Federation in Washington, D.C.

Thursday, Sept. 12 - The day ended with visiting the G2E Global Gaming Expo in Las Vegas, Nev. Tribal commu-nities and opposition to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) re-organization plan. Wassana said he appreciated all the government of-ficials taking time to listen to his concerns and looks forward to working with them in the near future.

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"Part of the urban Indian experience is not having a direct connection to a land base or a language re-cognizable to-it but there being a struggle to find one. We need to find spaces where we can talk and develop community. We need a space where all kind of native land bases to move to cities in the same way that pop-u-lation and generation has been trans-ferred in and out of cities in stories that haven't been told and I want to try to do that," Orange said.

"His work is coming from research and instances in personal ex-periences, Orange said it took him a long time to develop the idea for his novel There There. In influencing Orange's work, he points to the stories of his people who have a relationship to the land and this idea with what was happening in the contemporary cycles of violence to the tribe is just through my family to do something, Orange said.

"We are doing some research because I was applying for a grant from the city of Oakland and I was just trying to figure out something from Oakland that was related to Oakland and there's a lot of work being done there," Orange said.

"And the thing that he does is he's giving us all the tool kit that we need," Orange said.

"We need to understand that there was a separation of Native people with the idea of what it means to be native and what does it mean to be native or you're from the city and trying to find ways to wrestle with that in a way that doesn't feel good and not so much that we have to put the same work in as good as possible. You still have to put the same work in to get back to the page and try to make it work as good as possible. You still have to put the same work in to get back to writing," Orange said.

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Canines, owners enjoy eighth annual Pawsitively Pampered fundraiser for Pets and People Humane Society

(YUKON-OK)—Half the dogs and owners at the 8th Pawsitively Pampered fundraiser for Pets and People Humane Society were there on September 9 for reunions with volunteers and foster families who brought them together in memory of Sweet Eva Hebert.

The humans enjoyed shopping at 35 vendor booths and food trucks while Pets & People’s volunteer dog washers and groomers pampered the pets.

The outdoor, family-friendly fundraiser was held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 9 at the YNB Parkway location at 1550 Garth Brooks Boulevard in Yukon.

Pawsitively Pampered was supported by more than 150 volunteers, five food trucks and a DJ.

Pets and People Event Co-Coordinator Peggy Nichols reported washing 161 dogs, cutting nails for 178 and grooming side of 66.

“This is a fun event,” long-time volunteer Pets and People leader Edy Bauer said. “It’s not too hot. Not too cold. It’s perfect. And the dogs are having a blast!”

Pets & People is dependant on Pawsitively Pampered to help cover costs of medical care and other expenses for dogs and cats that came into the program during the busy summer months.

Pawsitively Pampered fundraisers Stacey Sprague and Nichols have organized the event for eight years. Sprague lines up and coordinates the vendors, while Nichols recruits volunteers and manages the dog wash and grooming side of the event. Sprague’s business Sprague’s Backyard is also an event sponsor.

“I wanted to find a way to give back to Pets & People Humane Society,” Sprague said. “I love planning events, so this is what I came up with.”

This is a fun event,” Sprague said. “We have a lot of returning vendors who come back year after year. Some vendors, however, were new. Pawsitively Pampered is always a little bit different every year. Last Saturday, Leandra Sage from Good-Wildeindian Farms, a winery in Leister. “I am an animal advocate so I thought this would be a good way for us to do this. Plus it gives an exposure. It’s been a good day.”

Lorinda Ray brought her three Maltese-Shephard mix dogs to the event for the first time. “It’s easier to get them for their baths here,” she said as volunteers washed her dogs.

“I enjoy it. It’s for a good cause. It gets them out around other dogs. I like socializing with them when we can.”

Jerilyn LongKnife, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes’ R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program event planner and the Cheyenne & Arapaho Youth Council Advisor, brought a group of youthful volunteers.

“We came two years ago and are excited to come back this year,” LongKnife said.

Pawsitively Pampered major sponsors include Sprague’s Backyard, YNB, Fairfield Inn, Stevenson’s Tool Sales, Double L Tire, Taco Addict, Perroh, The Hoppe Shoppe, Arvest Bank, The Oils Gal, Dressed in Defense, Paws 4 Purpose and In-terbar.

Other sponsors were Amy Young and Family. In memo-ry of Amy’s Mork Bazer, Chickie’s Sired Pet Bakey, Boutiques in Bakery, Boutiques in Bakery, Boutique with the Gray Family, Serendipity Beauty Co., in memory of Sweet Eva Hebert and Blue Ivy Designs. Other sponsors included R.L. Sprague.

“This is the second Sunday of September of every year. It’s the perfect place. Bring your animals and your family for a day of fun.”

Pets and People has lots of other opportunities for those who want to help.

DEADLINE October 14, 2018

Applications need to be turned in by deadline for Tribal Elders to receive upcoming Holiday Bonuses

For more information about Pets and People, visit http://www.petsandpeople.com, @petsandpeoplehumanesociety on Facebook or phone 405-350-PETS (7387).


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Concho, OK 73022

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Election Commission Article IX, Section 14, of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution states, "Every voter in the Cheyenne District shall register to vote in any Cheyenne District they reside. Cheyenne voters who do not reside within a Cheyenne District shall register to vote in any Cheyenne District." According to the Cheyenne District 3 voter registration record, the following voters have not registered during the current year. Voter Registration Form for current address and information and eggs for breakfast. Spaghetti squash is a great alternative to grain based pastas. You can scoop out and pop two halves into the microwave or oven and cook until tender. Sear with a fork and bush with white fish. A half cup of cooked squash is full of fiber (3 grams) and contains more than 10 percent of the daily values of Vitamin C and Folate. Substituting mashed squash for potatoes in shepherds pie. For more information and tips on wellness contact Tara Conway at the Diabetes Wellness Center at 405-427-6785 or 405-247-4612 ext. 27685 or email, tconway@c-tribes.org.

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Fall is here and so is the cooler weather and a time for comfort foods, wood socks and a cozy fire. Fall is the season for winter squashes, butternut squash is a go-to winter vegetable, (can’t wait for butternut squash soup). Pumpkin is also another delicious squash full of fiber and vitamin A, which is good for your skin amid the fall chill.

Pumpkin Curry is a dish that is sweet and savory. Using coconut oil and coconut milk instead of butter and cream switches and coconut milk instead of savory. Using coconut oil makes for a great dish that is sweet and warm beverages!”

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Kirkland Lee Blackbear, 42-year old resident of Kingfisher, Okla., passed from this life on Sept. 1, 2018. He was born to Clarence Blackbear and Lynette Coffey in Waynoka, Okla., on Feb. 28, 1976. He attained his GED with a diploma in construction and drove a tractor.

On July 15, 2009, Kirkland married Tiffany Nicho- las of California, son Jayln James, Arian Nicole, Jayla Irene, and Kirkland Lee II “KJ.” Kirkland enjoyed drawing. His friends always commented on how much talent he had. He took particular joy in going to the park with his children and breathing in the fresh air. Most of all, though, Kirkland loved spending time with his family.

Preceding Kirkland in death are his great-great grandparents James Blackbear, great-grandpa Jim Medicine Elk, grandma Lydia Medicine Elk-Coffey and grand-parents Henry and Bessie Tom. Surviving Kirkland are his wife Tiffany Blackbear of Kingfisher, son Trea Blackbear of California, son Jayln James Blackbear of Edcuma Springs, daughter Arian Nicole Blackbear of Edcuma Springs and son Kirkland Lee Blackbear “KL” II of Kingfisher. His father Clarence Blackbear, grandson Michael Blackbear, grand-daughter Addi Warner and one more grandchild on the way.

Kirkland’s children dedicate this announcement to their grandparents and other relatives and friends.

A traditional Cheyenne and Arapaho wake service was held Sept. 25 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held Sept. 26 at the same venue.

List M. Stoneroad
June 29, 1976
Sept. 15, 2018

Dillie Gene Reed Nov. 22, 1938
Sept. 17, 2018

Mountains, Mists
On the mountain you must go
To find what it is you seek.
And that which you discover
Will be yours to keep.
For it is your mountain.
And for others the time
You choose to be the best
Where they contemplate
Waiting for answers to questions always asked.
As the tides flow in and out
Serene solitude when you hear the mountains cry
Brought a call to the son of Mother Earth
And only she knows why
Some are lost, others weary, most incomplete.
And the mountains bottom is where most reside.
Not the top but sacred ground of the
Mountains in our lives, they are all the same.
They’ve been here long before we came.
Create your journey and your map
Marking mountains wherever they are.
Remember the days in the shadows you’ve walked
And how the light of wisdom came in the mountains you’ve crossed.
Your life inside early morning light
Shining onto you from the mountains side.
Melting hopes of ‘hope cascade off its peak
Blessings in the water from the springs you drink.
Mountains are where you find yourself who-climb.
And a hindrance to those who refuse its time.
Mountains seem to lead you to where you see
Where souls travel who love to climb.
Learning as they go along the way
And happy the mountains are there to return.
Walk or climb, a choice we must make.
My life is a journey, not a race.
So many they are and them we can’t escape.
Everyday I think God for the mountains He’s made.
Nicholas Earl Faulkner
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To apply please submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of driver's license and a copy of CD (if applicable) to the Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or call 405-422-7498 or email atisdale@c-a-tribes.org.

**Arapaho Cultural Specialist**

**C&A Language & Culture Program**

Closing: Until Filled

**Qualifications:**

- Valid Oklahoma driver’s license.
- Must have an acceptable driving record and be able to lift a minimum, 50 lbs. with no physical barriers from doing so.
- Must possess the ability to communicate effectively with patrons and superiors any findings, incidents, activities and daily responsibilities.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Teacher Child Care Program**

Concho

Closing: Until filled

**Qualifications:**

- Required to be 18 years or older and have a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Must obtain CDA or Mastery Certification to substitute for educational requirements. Family with the C&A former reservation and service area. Must demonstrate professional conduct. Must have valid Oklahoma’s driver’s license. Must be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Master Teacher Child Care Program**

Concho

Closing: Until filled

**Qualifications:**

- Required to be 18 years or older and have a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Must obtain CDA or Mastery Certification to substitute for educational requirements. Family with the C&A former reservation and service area. Must demonstrate professional conduct. Must have good writing and communicative skills.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Arapaho Project Manager**

C&A Language & Culture Program

Closing: Until Filled

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college. Five years of experience in Cheyenne traditional activities and project management. Supervisory experience may substitute for educational requirements. Familiar with the culture, history and traditions of the Arapaho. Must be familiar with the C&A former reservation and service area. Must demonstrate professional conduct. Must have valid Oklahoma’s driver’s license. Must be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne preference. Must be available to work nights and weekends as required by planned activities. Must have good writing and communicative skills.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Anita Greenwell**

1516 Blend Dr.
El Rino, OK 73036

**Closing Oct. 4, 2018**

**Transit Drive II – FT**

**Tribal Transit Program**

Closing: Until Filled

**Qualifications:**

- Must possess CPR and First Aid Certification or be willing to attend various training programs to obtain certification. Must pass pre-employment drug screening process and be subject to random drug testing. Should be able to lift, at a minimum, 50 lbs. with no physical barriers from doing so. Must possess the ability to communicate effectively to patrons and superiors any findings, incidents, activities and daily responsibilities.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Director COMIT**

Closing Oct. 4, 2018

**IT Systems Specialist**

Closing Oct. 4, 2018

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor’s degree in computer science or related field or related experience with certifications. Preferred minimum five years of experience working in fast-paced IT help desk environment. Experience implementing, configuring and maintaining multi-faceted virtual server environment. Experience in working with Firewalls and Network Security. Experience in maintaining Windows servers. Experience in the operation of help desk or other client facing support services. Proficient in maintaining Microsoft Active Directory. Ability to multi-task is required, adaptability as daily priorities are subject to change. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable
OJ Birdshead, Geary High School

Born and raised in Geary, Okla., Oscar John (OJ) Birdshead Jr., hopes to make a name for himself on the basketball court one last time in his senior year of high school. Standing at 6’1, OJ is a power forward for the Geary Bison’s Basketball Team.

When did you first begin playing and how?

I first started playing in the fourth grade, it was just really a couple of my buddies and said let’s play and I said alright.

What is it about the sport that you love the most?

I don’t know, it just interests me, I think it’s cool.

What has been your biggest accomplishment in the sport so far?

My biggest is I missed a lot of games last year because I got in trouble and I was pretty cool, I think it’s cool.

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What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?

Well, biggest accomplishment in the classroom is getting my work done and keeping good grades.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

Just stay focused in the classroom. She’ll do better, if she sees me do better.

Who or what inspires you the most?

I’d say my little sister, she looks up to me a lot, she inspires me to do better, if she sees me do better she’ll do better.

What does your routine workout consist of to stay fit for your sport?

A lot of running and drinking water. I run everyday usually, whenever I can, during lunch, breakfast, after school. It don’t matter.

What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport?

I really like to focus on shooting, better my shot, and running. I like staying in shape.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game?

Spaghetti

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

My mom, we’ve been through a lot together, I’ve always been right there by her side, to see everything she’s been through and to never give up.

What is your favorite saying or motto that you live by?

Be fearless.

What is your biggest accomplishment in your life so far?

Biggest accomplishment in my life so far is graduate college. The only one I’d say my little sister, she looks up to me a lot, she inspires me to do better, if she sees me do better she’ll do better.

What would be a dream come true for you?

The dream for me is to graduate college because none of my siblings never done that, I know nobody in my family really does that so that’s the big thing I want to do.

What are your immediate plans after graduating high school?

After graduating, find a college to go to.

What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?

Stay focused in school and don’t skip school, is what’s going to get you through.

OJ’s parents are Oscar John Sr., and Shelley Yates. His grand-parents are Normalom Pyatt and Deboront Birdshead. OJ’s siblings are Crist, Kayla, Brittany and Bri-anah.

Interview by Lanaya Lomakwe

The Office of Veteran Affairs would like to invite any veterans that would like to attend the Stand Down sponsored by the Otoe Missouria Tribe in Red Rock, Oklahoma on October 5, 2018. We will be leaving from the Concho Community Building at approximately 10:00 am. Tribal Transit will be available for their regular scheduled route to Concho. Veterans will ride for free for this event. Please contact the Office of Veteran Affairs if you anticipate riding to Red Rock with us so we may get a count on how many will be attending. If you would like to volunteer as a driver, please let us know as soon as possible.

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