Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes welcome three Supreme Court Justices to the bench

On Thursday, Aug. 16 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma swore in their new sitting Supreme Court Associate Justices, Dennis Arrow, Ryland Rivas Sr., and Lindsay Robertson at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Justice Center in Concho, Okla.

According to the 2006 Constitution, pg. 15 Article VIII Judicial Branch, Sec. 1(a) Composition The Supreme Court shall be comprised of one Chief Justice and four Associate Justices. And Sec. 2 Selection Each Judge and Justice shall be selected upon nomination by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature and approval by the Tribal Council, provided that, if the Legislature fails to approve or disapprove a nominee for Judge or Justice within thirty days of nomination by the Governor, then the nominee shall be deemed confirmed by the Legislature, provided further that, if the Tribal Council fails to approve or disapprove a nominee who has been confirmed by the Legislature, or who has been deemed confirmed by the Legislature, within sixty days of confirmation by the Legislature, then the Judge or Justice shall be deemed approved by the Tribal Council.

The three associate justices were confirmed by the Seventeenth Legislature on Saturday, April 16 and approved by Tribal Council on Aug. 4, 2018. Arrow, Rivas and Robertson previously served on the Supreme Court benches for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes until 2012.

Following the swearing in ceremonies, Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana spoke with members of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. He also thanked the three justices for their service and wished them well in their new role.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Economic Development Director serves farmers and ranchers, the more opportunities we have for the next Nation to Nation Tribal Consultation in Shawnee, Okla. (Photo by Rosemary Stephens)

Cheyenne and Arapaho Economic Development Director attends the seventh annual Nation to Nation meeting in Shawnee, Okla.

Shawnee, OK. – The Oklahoma Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (OTCAC) and the Oklahoma Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Rural Development (RD), and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Other leaders from various state and tribal agencies were also in attendance. Tribal leaders had the opportunity to discuss which USDA programs are working well, and which are not working well, with several agency heads including NRCS State Conservationist Gary O’Neill, Rural Development State Director Dr. Lee Demeny, and NASS Regional Director Wil Hand.

“This meeting was once again successful in bringing together leaders from USDA, Oklahoma’s sovereign tribes, and the State of Oklahoma to discuss agriculture and the issues facing Native Americans who farm and ranch,” said Dr. Carol Crouch, NRCS State Tribal Liaison. “The more opportunities we have to discuss these agricultural issues facing our native farmers and ranchers, the more opportunities the various USDA agencies will have to improve their relationships and better serve those traditionally underserved farmers and ranchers.” Plans are already underway for the next Nation to Nation Tribal Consultation in 2019.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana speaks with members of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) during the seventh annual Nation to Nation Tribal Consultations in Shawnee, Okla. (Country photos)
Meet The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Casino Enterprises Leadership Team

Charlie Wellbourne
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Recently Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana announced Charlie Wellbourne as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the tribes’ casino enterprises. He stated Wellbourne’s extensive experience and background in casino regulatory and management areas will help lead the way into the next level at the casinos.

Mack Haag
General Manager
Concho Travel Center

Kara Latman
General Manager
Lucky Star Casino

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New Native American farm fund to distribute $266 million in landmark civil rights settlement

The largest U.S. philanthropy serving Native American farmers and ranchers has been established to distribute $266 million from a landmark 2010 civil rights settlement in which the U.S. government agreed to pay for almost 20 years of official discrimination, court filings show. The suit alleged that the Agriculture Department discriminated against Native Americans in loan programs from 1981 to 1999. The fund may issue grants for business assistance, education and technical support, and recipients may include new nonprofits as well as certain agencies of tribal governments.

The fund can spend the money at its discretion over the next 20 years under terms filed with a federal judge in Washington.

Free car tags for veterans

Governor Wassana announced that the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are now offering tribal tags at zero cost for active duty and veteran tribal members. Governor Wassana said he appreciates the Seventh Legislature approving the free Cheyenne and Arapaho tags for all Honorary Discharges United States of America Veterans enrolled in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Bill at the seventh regular session on July 14, 2018.

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For more information, call the tax commission at (405) 422-7843 or toll free at (800) 247-4612, ext. 27483.
The Seventh Legislature was called to order at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019 for a special session called by Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal member Phyllis Nabilsi to the position of Health Board Member.

A resolution to confirm Michelle Tippeconsee to the position of Health Board Member.

A resolution to confirm Debra Woolworth to the position of Gaming Commission.

A bill to enact the 2019 annual budget. The director of Finance confirmed that Governor Trump took office.

A resolution to confirm Phyllis Nabilsi to the position of Health Board Member.

Phyllis got her nursing degree back in 1999. She's been working in the health care industry ever since as a nurse, as reflected on her resume. Phyllis is an undergraduate student at the University of Oklahoma, where she also understands policy and how it works and how to relate it to departments with the Tribe and Indian Health Service.

At Legislative Session Balzak Naibili, if she was willing to work with IHS and physicians about not prescribing opioids and to use some type of alternative medication for pain, Nabilsi responded, “When Mr. Barton was up here, he talked about opioids and I think there’s an over-prescribing of Oxy and abx. I think all that is happening. I think they are way over prescribed, just a medicine that doesn’t have a narrative in it, in use. The second thing, I think the Treasury, the revenue department estimated there were 10,000 people who had their grants could be used interest or the possibility that the U.S. Supreme Court and the administration’s Justice Department subsequently asked the U.S. Supreme Court to take up a challenge to the agreement, which was reached before Pres. Donald Trump took office.

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Higher Ed greets students on first day at Redlands Community College

Students were greeted bright and early Monday morning by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education program staff at Redlands Community College (RCC) on Aug. 13, marking the first day of fall classes. For the Higher Education staff it was an opportunity to provide more and better services to our Tribal students so that they be successful in obtaining a degree and continuing their education on a four year degree plan," Whiteman said.

In providing assistance, Higher Education helps enrolled Tribal students in colleges with scholarship assistance. Freshmen receive $3,500, seniors receive $2,500 and doctorate students receive $4,000.

"As the morning progressed, the familiar faces of stu- dents appeared, briefly stopping to talk with the staff of Higher Education.

Richard Pedro, RCC student and Tribal citizen, is a sophomore, "I’m studying criminal justice and majoring in it, I was wanting to at least get into being a homicide detective or something like that in the future. College has been good to me, I went to Northeastern State Uni- versity (NSU) my first year of college and transferred over to RCC," Pedro said.

Petra, JCC student, RCC student and Tribal citizen, was influenced by a family member to attend college and said, "if you go to school, I’ll go to school," Sam said. She is majoring in accounting,

"My sister graduated in January. She got her degree and has a job and she started her family. It’s pretty exciting. I have four kids and I told them, “if you go to school, I’ll go to school,” Sam said.

For more information on college assistance contact Higher Education at 405-422-7560.
Interviews with CATV and the Tribal Tribune during a visit to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Concho Headquarters on Aug. 23. (Photo/ Latoya Lonelodge)

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Environmental Program welcomes South Central Climate Science Center to next meeting Sept. 5

Guest Autumn Taylor and special invited Guest Speaker Mike Durglo

(COUNCIL-OK) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Environmental Program will be hosting their monthly Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting 10 a.m. Sept. 5 in the large conference room at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes headquarters in Concho, Okla. The meeting will focus on the topic of climate science. With climate change becoming more and more prevalent throughout the United States and the world, focus on clean energy continues to grow.

Special guest speaker from the South Central Climate Science Center, Mike Durglo will present a preservation on climate change and its affects on land, water and air quality.

Durglo received his BS in Environmental Science from Salish Kootenai College in 2002. He is currently Tribal Environmental Preservation Department Head for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and has worked for the tribes for over 30 years in different capacities including Wildlife Conservation Officer, Tribal Councilman, Wetland Director, Tribal Walleye Fishery Director, Tribal Water, and Fish flyer Specialist and Environmental Protection Division Manager.

Durglo has been a leader in climate change adaptation work for nearly a decade. He facilitated the development of a Flathead Reservation Climate Change Strategic Plan for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. He has shared his experience and knowledge of climate adaptation planning with audiences throughout the United States and Canada. After completing the plan, he continued to build on his work by bringing into the perspectives of the elders and integrating traditional knowledge into the plan. Mike has also participated in other Tribal planning efforts offering encouragement and advice. In 2016 Mike received the White House Champion of Change award and in 2017 Mike received the Climate Leadership Award for Natural Resources.
A Viet Nam Veteran’s Tribute and goodbye letter to singer Aretha Franklin

Dear Ms. Franklin,

Please accept my apology for this letter being some 50 plus years over due. In 1967, I was a 22-year-old combat veteran of the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. We were dug-in in a river valley next to the Dak Prong Combat Base in Khammouane Province, Republic of South Vietnam. The unit was the 6,000 man 1st Battalion 501st Infantry Division (Airborne) of the 101st Airborne Division. It was about 200 miles by dirt road from the closest mountain village, about 20 miles by dirt road from the closest mountain village, and about 80 miles by dirt road from the closest American Embassy. We were closer to the Cambodian border than to Saigon. The Vietnamese name for the area was Dakto which was dustier hell-hole? We had no electricity, no running water, and no base of operations. You were home to us all. You made us feel at home. You made us feel safe.

One Saturday evening, as the moon rose over the dark mountain peaks of the Central Highlands of Vietnam. The valley was named Dakto which was a four month period we had hundreds of troopers killed and paratroopers and destroying critical supplies. Rain down mortars and rockets killing and wounding scores of us. The enemy was taking a break and, therefore, less likely to attack us. Even today, I smile when I hear your music. A warm feeling washes over me. It gives us comfort on a bad day. It gives us comfort on a bad day. With your music, we were able to get through the hard times and terrifying moments that lay ahead of us.

I have always loved your music, Ms. Franklin. I’m 74 years old now, and I don’t think I will ever get the chance to hug you and thank you for all that you did for me and the tens of thousands of other soldiers 50 plus years ago.

Please consider these words when you settle down to sleep and close your eyes. Please take your last thoughts for the night be about the tens of thousands of veterans who love you beyond words of expression and cherish those brief, precious moments when you single-handedly stopped the war and took us all home. God Bless you for that, and rest easy. Long live the Queen of Soul.

Sincerely and with much love,

Earle L. Jackson Sr.

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SAIGE Carol Jorgensen Scholarship for Environmental Stewardship

In 2018, SAIGE will award two $10,000 scholarships to full-time students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in an environmental stewardship discipline, including environmental studies, natural resource management, the natural sciences, public administration, public policy, and related disciplines.

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) established this endowment to honor the life and legacy of Carol Jorgensen whose service to her family, community, country, and Mother Earth was an inspiration for all. Carol was Tlingit from the Yandestake Village in southeast Alaska and was part of the Eagle/Killer Whale Finance House of Klukwan. She served many years in public service, and at the time of her passing, was Director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Region 10 Environmental Envi-

ronmental Office. She had a deep connection to our shared heritage and was a passionate advocate for protecting the environment and human health in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Eligible applicants must be affiliated with a federally recog-
nized tribe and be a full-time student pursuing an under-
graduate degree in an environmental stewardship discipline (e.g., environmental studies, natural resource management, the natural sciences, public policy or administration with environmental focus, and related disciplines). Tribal enrollment is not required, but tribal affiliation is strongly encouraged. Applicants must submit a letter of support from a current or former tribal government official or respected member of the tribal community.

Application Process: Include a copy of your most recent undergraduate transcript (enrolled freshmen may substitute a letter of support from a current or former tribal government official or respected member of their tribal community. This letter should attest to the applicant’s commit-
tment to community service, leadership, or record of par-
ticipation in the cultural and spiritual life of the community.

Personal Statement: The personal statement is the most important part of the application. It is your opportunity to tell us about yourself and your commitment to environmental stewardship. Your essay should be personal, clear, concise, and describe how your undergraduate studies sup-
port your commitment to environmental stewardship.

To be considered for the SAIGE Carol Jorgensen Scholarship for Environmental Stewardship, you must:

1. Be an American Indian or Alaska Native student
2. Be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in an environmental stewardship discipline
3. Be a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours)
4. Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe
5. Submit a letter of support from a current or former tribal official or respected member of the tribal community
6. Submit a personal statement about your commitment to community service, leadership, or participation in cultural and spiritual life of the community
7. Complete the application package

For more information about the SAIGE Carol Jorgensen Scholarship, and its mission, go to the website at https://www.saige.org

Elder Care Program 2018 Summer Cooling Assistance Application

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CDIB, Current Utility Bill, Proof of Income, and residency required. Must live in our 11 county service area. Not all who apply will qualify.

Utility Assistance

If you have already received LIHEAP Utility Assistance you may qualify for a supplemental assistance. Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Social Services Program is extending LIHEAP services to include assistance with HVAC repairs and/or replacement. This is a formerly dangerous contact Social Services LIHEAP caseworker for more information) Please apply as soon as possible.

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> * If you have a “30 Day” or “60 Day” balance, full payment will be made.
> * You must submit your complete current electric bill, if not in our name you must have a lease agreement or proof of ownership.
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> * All bills and applications MUST be submitted by the due date, NO EXCEPTIONS.
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Please note: Look for your Summer Cooling Assistance Application in your mail. Electric bills will begin being accepted August 4, 2018 through Oct. 12, 2018. For more information contact the Elder Care Program at 405-422-7677.
Cheyenne and Arapaho artists are leaving their mark on the world

By Kimberly Burk
C&A Tribal Tribune

When he studies the history of his Cheyenne and Arapaho ancestors, George Levi says, “it makes me want to paint.” From the earliest days of man, Levi said, art has been used to mark significant life events. And that’s especially true in the Native culture:

“They did pictographic art on tipsis, on robes, on care walls, on spears. They didn’t just do that to sell, but to mark significant things like battles, or the birth of a child.”

Levi said he and his fellow Cheyenne and Arapaho artists continue to do such visual storytelling.

“Every painting has a reason,” Levi said. “I do paintings about my children, my family history. I do paintings about my chiefs, and my ancestors.”

Ledger artist and photographer Gordon Yellowman said art has helped him become more appreciative of the beauty of his own people.

“Art is an expression of that beauty,” he said.

Brent Learned, who paints with acrylics on canvas, said he decided as a child to become a professional artist.

“I wanted to do something that would make me happy and that I knew I would be good at,” he said.

“Art has taken me around the world, and introduced me to people I never thought I would meet. When I go out, I feel like I’m an ambassador for my tribe.”

Multidisciplinary artist Harvey Pratt is feeling a similar sense of awe these days about where his career has taken him.

When he got the news, the Vietnam War veteran said, “My wife and I just stood there and looked at one another. My mouth dropped open.”

Tom Farris, manager of Exhibit C Native American Gallery and Gifts in Oklahoma City’s Bricktown, said C-A artists “have such a rich history of visual evidence” to draw from, including historic photographs, painted tipsis and war bonnets.

“You can tell it’s their work by the regalia, and the events depicted,” Farris said.

Yellowman said he likes to bring oral traditions to life through his ledger art by taking “an old story, an old piece of paper, and putting it all together in a contemporary piece of art.”

Carolyn McBride, publisher and editor of the Anadarko Daily News, said the tribe on anything that was submitted.

“I asked Gina do we want a circle or do you want it to kind of go over and she said, real matter of fact, ‘it’s a circle Harvey’,”

Harvey Pratt said looking over at his design team, Gina and Nathan.

How It Began

On June 25, the day before it was made permanent, Pratt learned his design had been chosen for the National Native American Veterans Memorial. His warriors circle of honor will sit on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

“My mouth dropped open.”

The first time I heard about the competition was from Russell Willey. He said they were going to have a veterans’ memorial and they are sending some people around to talk to the Indians about it and asked me to go with him and listen. So we went to the Oklahoma City meeting, listened to what they wanted and Russell kept saying you need to submit something on this …

“He kept saying you need to submit something on this ... well I get to thinking about it and thought, ‘well I guess I’ll send something in.’ I tell people I thought about it. I dreamed about it, you know slept on it and came up with an idea,” Pratt said.

A short time later Willey called him again asking if Pratt wanted to go to another meeting being held in Shawnee this time.

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University of Oklahoma welcomes its new President James L. Gallogly

(NORMAN, OK) On Thursday, Aug. 16, Governor Reggie Wassana attended the inauguration of James L. Gallogly as the University of Oklahoma’s 14th president. The OU community, various tribal leaders and the public attended this historic event.

All of the tribes invited, only the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Wassana, the Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians Chief Joe Bunch were in attendance for the inauguration ceremony. Other attendees sitting on the front row with Wassana were Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter, Oklahoma House Speaker Charles McCall and Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin.

Gallogly was pleased to have tribal representatives in attendance.

“I am honored to be invited to President James L. Gallogly’s inauguration,” said Gov. Wassana. “The University of Oklahoma has a long history of educating and supporting tribes and I look forward to more OU tribal member graduates.”

The event consisted of various performances and speakers ranging from the Kiowa Black Leggings Society presenting the colors, OU Wind Ensemble and singing of the OU chant. Wassana said he appreciated the invitation to be part of the ceremony and looks forward to having Gallogly visit the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

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 Below: Tribal leaders, Keetowah Band of Cherokee Chief Joe Bunch (l), Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana (c) and Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby attend the inauguration of new OU President James L. Gallogly. (Photos / Linda Morgan)

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Intimate partner violence, in all forms, is destructive at its heart. Most people can identify the more common forms of abuse, which include physical, emotional, sexual and other forms, but there are lesser known forms, cultural or spiritual abuse, is one of the most devastating, yet it is rarely spoken of.

For Native peoples, spirituality is often the core of who we are and our way of life. Our culture and spirituality are intertwined and provide the foundation of our lives – how we live, our family roles and how we interact with others, the meaning we find in our lives, and our sense of well-being. To have our spirituality attacked is an emotional and spiritual attack can get.

Spiritual abuse can be used to control how a person interacts with the world. Some of these types of abusive behaviors can include when your partner:

- Prevents you from participating in spiritual or cultural traditions
- Forces you to participate in practices that you do not feel comfortable with
- Misuses or misinterprets spiritual practices against you
- Practices bad medicine against you
- Forcibly places you in spiritual or cultural events

Practices bad medicine against you

Speaking about it is important and can be the first step towards healing. Help is available. You do not have to face this alone.

If you or someone you know is experiencing spiritual abuse, call the StrongHearts National Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE | 1-844-762-8483) or visit heartshelpline.org. Support is available 24/7 for Native peoples who are experiencing domestic violence, including spiritual or cultural abuse.

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Lori Jump is the Assistant Director for the StrongHearts Native Helpline, a confidential and anonymous helpline for Native Americans affected by domestic violence. If you or a loved one is in an abusive relationship, support is available at 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483), open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Advocates offer peer support and referrals to culturally-appropriate resources for domestic violence. After hours calls may choose to connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and all calls remain anonymous and confidential.
Tribal artists recognize and honor the journey, traditions and the deep roots and history of an art...
Comanche Nation Fair
Sept. 21-23, 2018 at the Comanche Nation Complex in Lawton, Okla. For more information visit www.comanchefa -
nationfair.com.
Memorial Dance for Rena Rose Bufalomeat Youngbear and Marguerite Sue Whitebear Spotted-corn
Sept. 22, 2018 at the Watonga Community Center in Watonga, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m., supper at 5-6 p.m., with -
dance to follow. Buckskin and cloth dance contests, winner take all, $1000 each.
MC Bud Bufalomeat and Eddie Mahsett, HS Kendall Kasley and Red Stone (Jim Apane), HM George Levi-Vilas -
Gwoompi, HL KayKay Franklin and Bobbie White Thunder, Host Red Moon Gourd Clan, AD Bowstring Clan and Hor-
moned Elder Margie Pewo.
Memorial Dance for Gerald (JC) Panana Jr.
Sept. 29, 2018 at the Clinton Community Center in Clin-
ton, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. Special in-
vitation to all chiefs and headmen.
JC is the son of Gerald Panana Sr., and the late Marcel-
la Howlingwolf Panana. His Cheyenne name is Ho’nek-
enotoomache, Wolf Robe. JC was a member of the Kit Fox -
and Dog Soldier societies.
MC Greg Hart, HS Jason Goodblanket, HMD Melvin -
Miles, HLD Sarah Fanman, HTBD Levi Baker, HTGD McK-
enna Lime, Host Hoffman Family, Co-Host Red Moon Gourd Clan and AD Bart Williams.

(Concho, Okla.) Some may not know as they drive -
down North Left Hand Blvd., in Concho, Okla. come Feb-
rueary 2019 there will sit a 9,100 square foot new state -
of the art Head Start school building for head start stu-
dents.
The building will be equipped with FEMA rated -
safe room, cafeteria, school bus loading and unloading -
area, completely energy effi-
cient and fully equipped with -
water saving equipment.
Redhawk Construction, Inc. estimates the building -
to be completed in February -
2019. Redhawk Construc-
tion, Inc., is a Native Amer-
ican and woman owned com-
panyicted for construction -
management. Also involved -
in the project is Westfield -
Construction, general con-
tractor and Hombrek-Blatt -
Architects. Anthony J. Blatt -
is the architect/engineer for -
the project.
The U.S. Housing and -
Urban Development Indi-
an Community Block Grant -
and the Cheyenne and Arap-
aho Tribes Tax Commission -
funded the head start project.
The Tribal Transportation -
Program will be overseeing -
the parking lot construction.
For more information con-
tact the Planning and Devel-
opment Program of the Chey-
enne and Arapaho Tribes by -
calling 405-422-7620.

Construction phase of the new Concho Head Start School -
building is in full swing. Stated for opening February, 2019.
Tasha Ann Kremei-

Our family would like to thank everyone for their support and comfort during this time. We are grateful for the care and comfort shown to our family at this time of sorrow. Thank you Burial Program for your hard work and help and Pierce Funeral Service in Canton for the care they provided.

Funeral services were held Aug. 24, 2018, in his home in El Reno, Okla., and Central State University in Edmond, Okla., for many years at the Concho Agency. She graduated from high school. She attended schools in 1968. He owned a home in El Reno, Okla., and Central State University in Edmond, Okla., for many years in federal government service. He was a resident at the care center for 5 months, andου μετέρρυπνε. She was a creative person. She built a computer for her mother, Tasha is survived by her mother, Juanita; her brother, Stan Caldwell of Novato, and two sisters, Polly of Pueblo, Colo.; Sisters Crystal Candy-Fire and Fern of Okarche, Okla.; and Cheyanna Caldwell of Concho. Tasha is survived by her husband Whitney of El Reno. Grandmother, Edla White Eagle-Amsden. Uncle Bob of Waas Ants. Assant Pat Santos and husband Santos of Okanche and Jen-

Happy Birthday! (You've) been in this world a blessing and making memories throughout your life. Happy Birthday Ryan Sioux! The time has come and it’s your birthday. Your little He has just turned eighty. But it will grow bigger along with you. And with all the amazing things you’ll do!

We love you and miss you very much, little family.

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Teacher Child Care Program
Concho
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:
- Bachelor’s degree in Education Native American Studies, or related field preferred.
- 10 years of experience in Cheyenne traditional activities.
- 5 years of working in situations requiring strong communication and writing skills.
- Must be familiar with the C&A former reservation and service area.
- Must be available to work nights and weekends as required by the schedule.

Salary: Negotiable

Arapaho Cultural Coordinator
C&A Language & Culture Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:
- Bachelor’s Degree in Native American Studies or related field.
- 10 years of experience in Arapaho traditional activities.
- Must be able to lift, at times, 75 pounds.
- Must have Good writing and communication skills.
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Salary: Negotiable

Housekeeper (On Call)
Employment and Training
Manager
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:
- High school diploma or GED certification required. Must provide preference given to post secondary training in the fields of child development, nutrition, culinary arts and psychology.
- Must be able and willing to work at least 50 hours per week. Must be able to lift, at times, 75 pounds.
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Salary: Negotiable

Recruitment Coordinator
Human Resources
Manager
Closing: Until Filled

Must pass pre-employment drug test. High energy, positive attitude, and the ability to multi-task are essential. Ability to control sensitive information, control organizational skills and ability to interact effectively with individuals at all levels of the organization. Experience working in situations requiring strong communication and writing skills.

Salary: Negotiable

Close-Up

At the conclusion of the Labor Day weekend, tribal officials observed Labor Day.

NOTICE OF HOLIDAY CLOSURE
Monday, Sept. 3, 2018 Tribal offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

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ATTENTION VETERANS
All veterans need to register or re-register for the Warbonnet program on Sept. 29-30 at the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Office, 1600 E 27th Street, Pauls Valley, OK 73075.

Karen Lee Yoder November 12, 1964
August 13, 2018

Wake services were held Aug. 16, 2018 at Cl tastes of Oklahoma Trace Complex in Red Rock, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 17 at Hammon Community Building. Interment followed at Hammon Indian Cemetery.

Paul David White November 12, 1964
August 1, 2018

An all-night wake service was held Aug. 3, 2018 at Osco-Missouria Tribal Complex in Red Rock, Okla. Founal service were held Aug. 4 at the same venue. Interment followed at Osco- Missouria Tribal Cemetery.

Fiona Davis White
September 26, 1921
August 18, 2018

An all-night wake service was held Aug. 11, 2018 at Osco-Missouri Tribal Complex. Funeral services were held Aug. 12 at Hammon Community Building. Services were held Aug. 13 at Hammon Community Building.

Thank you...
AISES National Conference takes place October 4-6

(Oklahoma City) The Annual AISES National Conference is coming to Oklahoma City, Oct. 4-6, 2018. The one of a kind, three-day event focuses on educational, professional and workforce development. Attendees include American Indian high school and college students, educators, professionals, tribal nations and tribal enterprises, universities, corporations, and government agencies. The AISES National Conference has become the premier event for American Indian Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) students and professionals attracting over 4,000 attendees from across the United States and Canada. “The AISES National Conference is the place to explore the various subjects, trends, and disciplines in STEM that are helpful to students and professionals. Our goal is that our attendees have many key takeaways for STEM practitioners from across the United States and Canada,” said AISES Chief Executive Officer, Jaylin Hamilton-Iron. The 17th Annual AISES National Conference offers over 90 unique sessions to discover what’s driving STEM education and emerging trends in the road ahead.

The conference activities begin on Wednesday, Oct. 3 that includes STEM Day for high school students, AISES Hackathon and the second annual Native Links Charity Golf Tournament. STEM Day, sponsored by The Boeing Company, is a fun, interactive day of activities that includes hands-on STEM activities with company representatives from The Boeing Company and NASA. STEM Day is free and open to local Oklahoma high school students upon registration. The Native Links Charity Golf Tournament will be on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the Firelake Golf Course in Shawnee, Okla. Registration for both STEM Day and Golf Tournament can be found on the AISES Conference website at conference.aises.org.

The National Conference will host over 80 individual sessions including conference tracks and topics for pre-college, college, professionals, and industry. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour government and university partners such as The Tinker Air Force Base and the University of Oklahoma.

On Friday, Oct. 5, the AISES College and Career Fair will take place at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City. The College and Career Fair day pass is $15 for Oklahoma residents, which includes student and professional poster presenters, speakers, and tracks. The College and Career Fair exhibitors include colleges and universities, governmental agencies, corporations, tribal entities and more. The pinnacle of the conference on Saturday, Oct. 6 is the closing banquet where the 2018-2019 AISES National Conference Turquoise Sponsors Awards will be given. Following a traditional social powwow that is open to the public. All dancers and royalty are invited.

The 2018 AISES National Conference is the premier event for American Indian Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) students and professionals attracting over 2,000 attendees from across the United States and Canada. Through scholarships and internships, workforce development and career resources, national and regional conferences, science fairs, leadership development and other STEM focused programming, AISES is the leader in STEM opportunities for indigenous people of North America.

Tounge sponsors for the 2018 AISES National Conference are The Boeing Company and Intel. For complete information on the 2018 AISES National Conference and to register visit www.conference.aises.org.

About the American Indian Science and Engineering Society

Founded in 1977, with a rapidly expanding membership of more than 4,000 individual members, AISES sustains 190 chartered college and university chapters, 15 professional chapters, and 158 affiliated K-12 schools supporting over 55,000 students. AISES has awarded over $1 million in academic scholarships to over 5,000 American Indian STEM students. Through scholarships and internships, workforce development and career resources, national and regional conferences, science fairs, leadership development and other STEM focused programming, AISES is the leader in STEM opportunities for indigenous people of North America.

Meet the 2018 Cheyenne & Arapaho Colony Day Powwow Royalty

Savannah Roque is 12 years old and attends seventh grade at Weatherford Middle School. Her activities are track and tumbling. She enjoys going to powwows and believes dances. Savannah is the great-granddaughter of late Tennyson Goodblanket and Ruth (Littlefeet) Goodblanket of Clinton, Okla. She is also the great-granddaughter of Charlie and Veronica Lamehorse of El Reno, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Edward Peña of Chisholm, Okla., and Pat Lamehorse of Weatherford, Okla. Savannah is the daughter of Jerimiah Roque and Maria Peña of Clinton, Okla. Savannah is the adopted daughter of Ron and Lisa (Peña) Derenzo of Weatherford. Okla. Savannah is proud and honored to serve as the 2018-2019 Arapaho Princess.

Christiana Derenzo is 13 years old and attends eighth grade at Weatherford Middle School. She is proud of her culture and enjoys playing basketball and cheer leading. She is the daughter of Jerimiah Roque and Maria Peña of Clinton, Okla. Savannah is the adopted daughter of Ron and Lisa (Peña) Derenzo of Weatherford. Okla. Savannah is proud and honored to serve as the 2018-2019 Arapaho Princess.
WASHINGTON – Deenise Becenti remembers watching this summer as a woman in the Navajo Nation who had been waiting more than 20 years to get electricity in her home flipped the switch to turn on the lights for the first time.

“She had a whole lot of happy tears,” said Becenti, the spokeswoman for the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority. “It was a very humbling day because you knew that she had been waiting for ‘the day’ for a very long time.”

“The day” was made possible by the Kayenta Solar Project, the first large-scale solar farm on the Navajo Nation and the largest tribally owned renewable power plant in the country. The 27.3-megawatt plant, which went on line last summer, now generates enough power for 18,000 homes on Navajo lands.

But many thought the day might never come.

For years, there had been talk about supplying renewable energy to homes on the Navajo Nation, but that’s all it had been – talk. When NTUA General Manager Walter Haase first proposed that the tribe build its own solar-generating plant, there were skeptics.

When Haase began his job at NTUA in 2008, there were about 18,000 homes without electricity. The utility was in the red. It had never owned its own generating facility. And Haase, who is not a member of the tribe, had to gain the trust of the Navajo people and their government.

“We were in the red, and we just had no direction,” before Haase took over, Becenti said. “The leadership was not there, so he was able to completely turn this enterprise around.”

The idea for Kayenta came together in 2014 and the NTUA was able to break ground two years later.

The project created as many as 284 construction jobs in an area with chronically high unemployment – and facing the possible loss of thousands of jobs with the looming closure of the coal-fired Navajo Generating Station and the nearby Kayenta Mine that keeps it stocked with coal. Haase said that 85 percent of the workforce on the solar project were of Navajo descent.

The Navajo plant went on line last year.

“We need folks like Walter who are going to be persistent and say that there is no opportunity that is too difficult to deploy this important technology and all the benefits that come with it,” said Tanuj Deora, chief strategy officer with the Smart Electric Power Alliance. Deora, whose organization recognized Haase as its Visionary of the Year this summer, said completion of the Kayenta project proves that the Navajo Nation is ready to take on other large-scale renewable energy development.

And Haase said the project has generated more than electricity for the Navajo – by owning and operating the plant, the tribe has gained a new source of revenue.

“It’s significant dollars back to the Navajo Nation government, which needs that to provide self-sustaining … services to their people,” Haase said.

He said the authority and its subsidiary, NTUA Generation Inc., already have plans to expand the Kayenta Solar facility. The authority is scheduled to break ground on Kayenta II on Aug. 23.

Becenti said that the first phase of the solar project has brought families back together on the reservation.

“They had moved off the nation to cities … because they (cities) had electricity,” Becenti said. “So now that the … area is connected, they said, ‘OK,’ and have moved back.”

Becenti nominated Haase for the SEPA award that honors someone who pursues projects “that promote collaborative, innovative and replicable models for change” and that “significantly advance knowledge of or access to distributed energy resources.”

“I already knew I would submit his name for consideration because he’s brought significant progress to the Navajo Nation,” Becenti said of the award, which was presented last month.

There are still challenges. The number of homes off the grid has improved since Haase started, but still stands at roughly 15,000, Becenti said. Although Kayenta could power up to 18,000 homes, getting them connected to the plant is still a challenge because of the vast distances on the remote reservation.

But Becenti looks to the positives.

“We’re meeting the needs of our people … and certainly meeting the definition for which we were created, which was to meet the growing utility demands of the Navajo Nation,” Becenti said.