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Your Service, Our Mission: Bringing VA Benefits Home

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sis. In addition, widows who may be eligible for services can be assisted individually with answers to all their questions and assistance in applying for benefits.

“With the focus on veterans with presumptive disabilities and those who are pension eligible, VA is hopeful we can help Indian Country veterans access the full range of benefits they have courageously earned through their service,” Stephanie Birdwell, VA’s Office of Tribal Government Relations director said.

The concept is simple Mary Culley, VA Tribal Government Relations Specialist said.

“By bringing the services here to them they are more comfortable because it’s

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Office of Veteran Affairs in conjunction with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs are bringing your ‘benefits home’ hosting the Your Service, Our Mission – Bringing Benefits Home event on March 20 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

The Bringing Benefits Home is a nationwide campaign to roll out veteran disability enrollment claims events throughout Oklahoma in over 30 tribal communities.

The hope is to reach veterans in rural areas giving them the opportunity to be walked through the claims process on a one-on-one ba-



Photo / Rosemary Stephens

Cheyenne and Arapaho Executive Director of Health Nicholas Barton (center) discusses health disparities among Native American veterans with Stephen Dillard (right), US Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Center for Minority Veterans executive director and Mary Culley (left), VA Tribal Government Relations specialist.

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New associate judge swears in for Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Court



Clinton attorney Juan Garcia was sworn in as the new Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Associate Judge on March 18 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Justice Center in Concho, Okla.

Pictured l-r: Lt. Gov. Gib Miles, Supreme Court Justice Enid Boles, Supreme Court Justice John J. Kocher, new Associate Judge Juan Garcia, Chief Supreme Court Justice Lindsay Robertson and Gov. Reggie Wassana. (Photo / Christopher RomanNose)

Clinton attorney Juan Garcia will now preside over tribes’ criminal docket

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Juan Garcia had a dream in the third grade. He wanted to be president, but thought you had to first become a lawyer to be a politician.

Lucky for many he pursued his law degree even after finding out being a lawyer isn’t a prerequisite for the presidency.

On March 18 Garcia was sworn in as the new presiding associate judge for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Criminal Court and will wear a new hat (or black robe in this case) in his career as an attorney.

“My family was able to come and I was so proud my parents got to attend, and my brother is a PA in Oklahoma City, he came over and my niece and nephews and of course my daughters and my wife, which was super important,” Garcia said about the swearing in ceremony.

Garcia was born and raised in the Clinton, Okla. community and except for the years he attended law school at Okla-

homa City University (OCU) he has always made Clinton his home.

“I went to Oklahoma City University and graduated. We moved to Oklahoma City long enough for me to graduate law school then we moved right back home to Clinton,” Garcia said.

Garcia began working for the Clinton District Attorney’s office in 2005 and opened his own practice in September 2010. He credits his experience working for the DA’s office as the reason he was able to, “hit the ground running into courtroom litigation” once he opened his private practice.

“Out of five days a week I am probably in court four and a half days a week. I do not enjoy sitting at a desk working on motions, on papers ... I love being in the courtroom,” Garcia said laughing while acknowledging the level of stress involved in litigating, but loving it all the same.

Growing up on the north side of Clinton on Custer Avenue,

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Veteran Board call for letters of interest

Opening for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Veterans Board / Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Code §2.551 effective Feb. 18, 2019

(CONCHO, OK) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Veterans Board is accepting letters of interest for consideration of membership.

The Veterans Board members shall serve as an advisory body for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Veterans Affairs Office related to veteran rights and benefits.

The Veterans Board shall consist of five members nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

They will serve for a period of three years. Regular meetings of the Veterans Board shall be held every second Tuesday of each month beginning at 5 p.m.

Interested partners need to submit a letter of interest for consideration to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Executive Office addressed to Gov. Reggie Wassana at:

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Executive Office
RE: Veterans Board Consideration P.O. Box 167

Concho, OK 73022

Letter of Interest for Consideration should include the following:

Basic Information

- A. Name
- B. Address
- C. Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal CDIB
- D. Valid Driver’s License

E. Name Branch of Service

F. Service/Career History in chronological order

G. Discharge documentation

H. Statement of Interest: Paragraph stating why you want to serve as a member and contributions made to the Veterans Board.

Qualifications:
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A person who has been inducted into or voluntary entered, active duty in one of the service branches of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and who did not receive a discharge from active duty with that branch of the Armed Forces of the United States of America due to “less than honorable conditions.”

Active duty is having served 181 days or more of continuous active duty unless discharged early, with less than 181 days’ active duty, for a service-connected disability, or,

Served as a member of the Selective Reserve and who has completed at least six years in the Reserves or National Guard, or who was discharged early because of a service-connected disability.
2. Shall be a citizen in good standing in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Community.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Dept. of Labor expands services to satellite office in Watonga, Oklahoma

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

Obtaining a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification has now become more accessible through the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Labor.

On March 15 the Dept. of Labor held their grand opening of the Watonga Satellite Office in Watonga, Okla.

Dept. of Labor Executive Director Erwin Pahmahmie said programs offering their services at the new office location would be available on a set schedule.

“We’re very excited to have our Dept. of Labor Satellite office here, the programs that we have are Adult Education, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), our Office of Veterans Affairs and Vocational

Rehabilitation. We will be getting the schedules set up here soon, that way those programs will be here at certain dates with the schedule and we hope that by doing this, by expanding our services and making ourselves more available, we’ll help meet the needs of the community and also show them that we have an area that they can come to. There’s a lab here, there’s areas to speak in confidence and it’s just a force to be reckoned with in Watonga. We have this new office and it’s great,” Pahmahmie said.

With services extended to the Watonga area, more clientele can take advantage of the resources.

“Since we’re combined this is more or less pooling our resources together and ensuring that the clientele

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Photos / Latoya Lonelodge

Programs included within the Dept. of Labor (DOL) Watonga Satellite office are Office of Veterans Affairs, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Adult Education and Outreach and Vocational Rehabilitation.

Pictured l-r: Bryan Sykes, OVA director, Frank Medicinewater, TERO representative, Erwin Pahmahmie Jr, DOL executive director, Anne Pedro, DOL executive assistant, Lori Suiter-Lee, VRP counselor, Marissa Valencia, AED counselor, Dana Matanane, AED counselor, Kathleen Tall Bear AED director, Timothy Yeahquo, VRP director, Kimberly Davis, VRP counselor, Russell Willey, OVA representative and Joshua Osage, AED/GED graduate.

Left: Tribal Citizen Joshua Osage from Watonga, Okla., took the opportunity of extended services provided by the Dept. of Labor at the Watonga Satellite office to obtain his GED.



AICCO Southwest Chapter recognizes Gov. Reggie Wassana at monthly meeting

(LAWTON, OK) On March 19 Gov. Reggie Wassana delivered the keynote presentation at the American Indian Chamber of Commerce (AICCO) Southwest Chapter luncheon in Lawton, Okla.

According to the AICCO Website, the AICCO has been providing over 25 years of support to Native owned Oklahoma businesses. AICCO provides monthly luncheons/meetings where American Indian owned businesses, tribal leaders and other businesses net-

work together with innovative ideas that will promote and enhance the success of all American Indian people.

“The purpose of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma is to assist American Indian businesses to expand and grow. The Chamber actively supports and nurtures well-planned, long-term business opportunities for members by providing organized access to public sector agencies and private industry,” Bailly Walker, AICCO president.



American Indian Chamber of Commerce (AICCO) Southwest Chapter President Joy Colbert presents Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana with an honorary gift following his keynote presentation at the monthly meeting of the AICCO in Lawton, Okla.

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Election Commission holds public hearing on two legislative seats

Election Commission releases March 21 announcement of Special Election of Legislative Seats A3 and A4

Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

(CONCHO, OK) On March 20, in accordance with the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Article XII, Section 8, the Election Commission held a public hearing in Concho, Okla.

On March 21 the Election Commission released an announcement in the form of a press release (see below) for a 2019 Special Election of Legislative seats Arapaho District 3 (A3) and Arapaho District 4 (A4).

The meeting on March 20 was called to order at 1:23 p.m., with all eight election commissioners present during roll call A1 Ray Mosqueda, A2 Chairman Dale Hamilton, A3 Patricia Smothers, A4 Elizabeth Birdshead, C1 Sandra Hinshaw, C2 Norma Yarbrough, C3 Ramona Welch and C4 Sarah Orange.

Two items on the agenda were discussed and voted on:

1. The residential status of Arapaho District 4 (A4) Legislator Winslow Sankey.

2. The recall status of Arapaho District 3 (A3) Legislator Patrick Spottedwolf.

In the height of discussion for agenda item one, the residential status of A4 Legislator Winslow Sankey, a motion was made to declare the A4 legislative seat vacant and hold a special election for the A4 seat.

In the ongoing efforts to confirm the residential status of Sankey, the Election Commission held a previous hearing where a notice more than two weeks prior was given requesting Sankey's presence and Sankey did not

show.

"At that time we decided not to make any decision but to refer the matter temporarily to the Executive and Legislative branches, both the Executive and Legislative branches replied and said they were not going to take any action with respect to the A-4 legislator and so after that you (Election Commission) were free anytime after that to make your decision based on the hearing that you had at the Rollin Haag center. That's where we are today, we're just deciding whether to do anything based on that hearing," Klint Cowan, Election Commission attorney said.

The Election Commission chose to take a vote on the motion to declare A4 seat vacant. The motion passed with a vote of 6 yes, 1 no and 1 not voting.

Item two, the recall status of the A3 Legislator Patrick Spottedwolf, a motion was made to declare the A3 legislative seat vacant and hold a special election for the A3 seat.

Cowan said the election commission was provided with public records that had been filed in the district court pertaining to case number CIV-2018-146, *Pete Salinas, Enrolled Member Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes V. Patrick Spottedwolf, Enrolled Member Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes.*

"Mr. Salinas had attached several exhibits to the complaint showing that Mr. Spottedwolf was recalled in 2010 and the supreme court heard a challenge to that recall and the supreme court, at the time, said that the recall was valid which would've made him ineligible to run for another legislative seat for six years and the last time he

ran he would've been ineligible to run. Based on the materials that are in front of the Election Commission it appears that Mr. Spottedwolf was never eligible to serve as legislator at any point in the past eight years," Cowan explained.

The motion to recall status of A3 Legislator Patrick Spottedwolf, item two, passed with a vote of 5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstaining and 1 not voting.

Cowan referred to the Constitution, reading from Article XII, Section 8b, "If more than three months remain in the term then the election commission shall hold a special election to fill the vacancy, the special election shall be held within 45 days of the vacancy. Within 45 days from today, the person elected to fill the vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term."

On March 21 the Election Commission issued a press release announcing candidate registration for A3 and A4 legislative seats were open from March 21 – April 2, 2019.

The commission announced a Special Primary Election for May 7 and a General Election for June 4, 2019. Even though both A3 and A4 legislative seats are up for election later this year with the Primary in October.

For more information about the special election or candidate registration call the Election Commission office toll free at 800-247-4612 ext. 27619.

(NOTE: Requests for comments from sitting A3 Legislator Sankey, A4 Legislator Spottedwolf or Legislative Counsel Joseph Morsette were sent, however as of press time, no comments were submitted.)

Notice for 16th Regular Session of the Seventh Legislature

9 a.m. April 13, 2019 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Dept. of Administration building, in the large conference room in Concho, Okla.

The Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes requires the Legislature to convene in Concho for Regular Sessions. Article VI, Section 6, subsection (a) reads in part: "The Legislature shall convene in Concho for twelve Regular Sessions of up to two consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 9 am ..."

In addition, Article VI, Section 5, subsection (a) of the Tribe's Constitution reads, in part, "The Legislature shall have the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes."

The Legislative Process requires: "All Bills shall be published in a Legislative Calendar for at least thirty days prior to action on the Bill. All Bills shall be made the subject of a public Legislative Hearing prior to action on the Bill." Article VI, Section 7, sub-section (a) (ii).

The 16th Regular Session agenda items for April 13, 2019 are as follows:

Approval of the 14th Regular Session minutes – Feb. 9, 2019.

Approval of the 17th Special Session minutes – Feb. 28, 2019.

A 2019 Bill to amend Section 407 – Illegal Dumping of the 2014 Cheyenne &

Arapaho Tribes Criminal Offenses Law.

A Resolution to Appropriate tribal funds for Phase II of the Tribal Justice Center.

A Resolution to Adopt a Codification Act.

A Resolution Amending the Health Board Act.

A Resolution Approving the Establishment of a Department of Parks and Recreation.

A Resolution Approving the Partnership Act.

A Resolution Approving the Limited Liability Company (LLC) Act.

A Resolution Approving the Business Corporation Act.

A Resolution to Confirm Kateri Fletcher to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Social Services.

A Resolution to approve the Membership for the National Indian Gaming Association.

A Resolution to renew the Membership for the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association.

A Resolution to authorize additional gaming funds to the ETA program to hire at least two workers to clean the Colony Powwow Grounds.

*Any Branch- District/ Department/ Program submitting NEW BILLS/ RESOLUTIONS are requested by the Legislators to be PRESENT at the Working Session and Public Hearings.

The National Museum of American Indian puts 150-year-old Ft. Laramie Treaty on view in its Nation-to-Nation exhibition

The pages of American history are littered with broken treaties. Some of the earliest are still being contested today. The Ft. Laramie Treaty of 1868 remains at the center of a land dispute that brings into question the very meaning of international agreements and who has the right to adjudicate them when they break down.

In 1868, the United States entered into the treaty with a collective of Native American bands historically known as the Sioux (Dakota, Lakota and Nakota) and Arapaho. The treaty established the Great Sioux Reservation, a large swath of lands west of the Missouri River. It also designated the Black Hills as "unceded Indian Territory" for the exclusive use of native peoples. But when gold was found in the Black Hills, the United States reneged on the agreement, redrawing the boundaries of the treaty, and confining the Sioux people, traditionally nomadic hunters, to a farming lifestyle on the reservation. It was a bla-

tant abrogation that has been at the center of legal debate ever since.

In 1980, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. had illegally appropriated the Black Hills and awarded more than \$100 million in reparations. The Sioux Nation refused the money (which is now worth over a billion dollars), stating that the land was never for sale.

"We'd like to see that land back," says Chief John Spotted Tail, who works for the president of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. He was speaking at the unveiling of the Ft. Laramie Treaty of 1868, parts of which were on display at the National Museum of the American Indian. On loan from the National Archives, the treaty is one of a series that are being rotated into the exhibition "Nation-to-Nation: Treaties between the United States and American Indian Nations" on view through 2021. Most of the 16 pages of the Ft. Laramie Treaty on display are signa-

ture pages. They feature the names of U.S. Government representatives and roughly 130 tribal leaders.

Delegates from the Sioux and Northern Arapaho Nations came to the museum to participate in the unveiling. During a small, private event in the exhibition hall, tribal delegates performed a Chanunpa or sacred pipe ceremony thanking and honoring the treaty's signers and praying for the peace and welfare of their people and the United States. Among the delegates, roughly two dozen guests were direct descendants of the original signers, including Spotted Tail whose great-great-grandfather was a signatory. "It is an honor to see what he did, and it is my wish that the United States government would honor this treaty," Spotted Tail says. To him and the other delegates who spoke, the treaty represents a hard-won victory meant to ensure the survival of their

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ELECTION COMMISSION
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**ELECTION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES
CANDIDATE REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR
2019 SPECIAL ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE SEATS A3 AND A4**

Concho, Oklahoma (March 21, 2019) – The Cheyenne & Arapaho Election Commission began candidate registration for A3 and A4 Legislative Seats March 21, 2019. Registration will close on April 2, 2019.

The primary election will be May 7, 2019. The general election will be June 4, 2019.

This Special Election is to fill the vacancy of these two seats whose terms end on December 31, 2019. The seats are open for the 2019 Election and candidate registration opens for that election May 1, 2019. Terms of office for the 2019 Election are for four years and begin January 1, 2020.

Candidate registration packets are available and may be picked up at the Election Commission Offices located in the Education Building, Concho, Oklahoma. The candidate registration filing fee of \$200.00 must be paid before the registration packet is picked up. Verification, along with the packet, must be turned in to the Election Commission no later than April 2, 2019 5:00pm.

The minimum qualifications for District Legislative Candidates are as follows:

- 1) A candidate for District Legislator shall be an enrolled member of the Tribes, age 25 or older, and shall possess a high school degree or its equivalent;
- 2) No person convicted of a felony within the last ten years shall be eligible to serve as a District Legislator unless pardoned;
- 3) At time of filing a nomination petition, a candidate for District Legislator shall physically reside and be registered to vote in such district for which he or she seeks elective office. If elected, each District Legislator shall reside in such district for the duration of their term;
- 4) A candidate for the Office of District Legislator cannot owe any money or owe any debts to the Tribes.

For more information, call the Election Commission Offices at 1-800-247-4612, ext. 27619

The Election Commission shall conduct all elections in a fair and impartial manner in accordance with the laws of the tribes.

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Garcia, along with his two brothers and one sister, lived with the fear of their parents being deported as illegal immigrants. Garcia's father immigrated to the United States in 1976 and his mother followed in 1977. All four children were first generation American citizens, but the fear of deportation permeated their lives up until 1986.

Garcia readily admits he nor his siblings would have had the opportunities they have been given, if their parents had not immigrated to the United States.

"My older brother was the first to graduate from college, I am the second one and my little brother is the third. My sister is a beautician but she has an instructor's license and has her own place. My older brother graduated from Phillips University in Enid, I graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State College and so did my little brother, who is now a PA, physician's assistant and that's one of the deals we always talk about ... taking the opportunity we were given. My father went to the first grade, my mother went to the third grade and they were illegal in this country until the Alien Reformation Act of 1986 (the act that was a pathway to citizenship for 2.7 million undocumented people)," Garcia said.

He remembers having to load up and leave because immigration was in town or how they couldn't go downtown because their mother would tell them immigration was there and they had to stay inside all weekend.

"Being American citizens as kids, we still felt the fear of, 'hey what if mom and dad get picked up and sent back?' There used to be more raids in Clinton, there used to be a plant called Collins & Aikman where my dad worked at night and then he would work at another place during the day, but one time they raided Collins & Aikman and everybody ran except for my dad so they gave him a departure notice and right before he was supposed to depart the Alien Reformation Act of 1986 passed so he ended up not leaving and went through the whole immigration system and ended up becoming residents. I was actually there when my parents were sworn in as citizens and I went with them the first time they voted. It's something I've always kept in the back of my mind that not everyone is given those opportunities," Garcia said.

After graduating from Clinton High School, Garcia attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University, where he decid-

ed he would obtain his teaching degree in case he flunked out of law school.

"Me being the pessimist I got my history teaching certificate to have something to fall back on, but it worked out. I had never even been in a courtroom, in an attorney's office and I knew absolutely nothing about being a lawyer other than I thought you had to be a lawyer to be a politician," Garcia said referring back to his original dream of becoming president. Something he said, as crazy as it sounded was still a dream.

And Garcia may not have started out knowing anything about being a lawyer ... it is clear 14 years later he has become one of the most respected attorneys in the Clinton area. In 2016 he received the Outstanding Service to the Public Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association in recognition of his significant service to the community. In a 2016 article it stated, "In spite of his deep commitment to the Clinton community, it is Garcia's commitment to Clinton's children that sets him apart from others. Along with a small handful of other private attorneys in the area, he elected to add his name to a list that means he's called upon to represent the children who end up in foster care."

"If I could make a living and provide for my family by 100 percent representing children I would do it. I absolutely love it. The teenage kids are very near and dear to my heart," Garcia said, and it is a passion not only of his, but also his wife September.

"My wife is a CASA worker and she is also on P.A.R.B., and her and another friend of ours have started a non-profit



Supreme Court Chief Justice Lindsay Robertson (left) welcomes Juan Garcia, new associate judge, after swearing him in on March 18 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Justice Center in Concho, Okla. (Photo / Christopher RomanNose)

called Kids & Care Resources which assist foster families. Unfortunately when kids are taken and put into the system, they bring them to you with only the clothes on their back and maybe a little bag, and what the nonprofit does is help provide whatever is needed, 'hey I need a bed or a I need a car seat, diapers, I need clothes.' That's what they do," Garcia said.

(NOTE: the Post Adjudication Review Board is a program developed as the result of federal and state legislation during the 1980s. The program was created out of concern for the welfare of each child's right to grow up in a family that cares for his or her needs.)

For the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Court however, Garcia will focus on the criminal docket, bringing with him his experience working with the Washita County Drug Program and his deep commitment to being fair, just and giving

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people, but it hasn't worked out as intended.

In the five generations since the treaty was signed and broken, the Sioux Nations have steadily lost reservation lands to white development. They now live in small reservations scattered throughout the region. "From the time we signed it, we were put into poverty and to this day our people are still in poverty," Spotted Tail says. "We're a third world country out there. The United States does not honor this treaty and continues to break it, but as Lakota people we honor it every day."

Victory Over the United States

The Ft. Laramie Treaty of 1868 was forged to put an end to a two-year campaign of raids and ambushes along the Bozeman trail, a shortcut that thousands of white migrants were using to reach the gold mines in Montana Territory. Opened in 1862, the trail cut through Sioux and Arapahoe hunting territory (as established by the first Fort Laramie Treaty in 1851). Red Cloud, a leader of the Oglala Lakota people viewed the wagon trains, and the forts that were built to protect them, as an invasive force. He and his allies, the Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho people, fought hard to shut down the trail. And they won.

"This treaty is significant because it really marks the high watermark for Sioux tribal power in the Great Plains," says Mark Hirsch, a historian at the museum. "The Native Americans were wielding a kind of military power and presence in the plains that forced President Grant to realize a military solution to the conflict wasn't working."

The terms of the treaty not only closed the Bozeman trail and promised the demolition of the forts along it, but guaranteed exclusive tribal occupation of extensive reservation lands, including the Black Hills. White settlers were barred from tribal hunting rights on adjoining "unceded" territories. Remarkably, the treaty stated that the future ceding of lands was prohibited unless approval was met from 75 percent of the male adult tribal members. It was a resounding victory for the tribes.

Although some of the tribal leaders signed it in April 1868, Red Cloud refused to sign on promises alone. He waited until

the forts had been burned to the ground. Seven months after the treaty was drawn, Red Cloud's war finally ended when he placed his mark next to his name, on Nov. 6, 1868.

Promises at Odds

Speaking at the ceremony, Devin Oldman, delegate from the Northern Arapaho Tribe says "This treaty is a promise of a way of life. It represents freedom, and that's what I came to see." For Oldman, freedom means sovereignty and the right to their traditional beliefs and structures of governance.

"The Sioux nation was sovereign before white men came," says Hirsch, "and these treaties recognize and acknowledge that." But in reading the 36-page document, it is clear the United States had an agenda that wasn't fully consistent with the concept of self-determination for the Native American people.

Nine of the treaty's 17 articles focus on integration of native peoples into the white man's way of life. They commit the U.S. to building schools, blacksmith shops and mills. They include provisions of seeds and farm implements for tribal members who settle on the reservation including, "a good suit of substantial woolen clothing" for men over 14, and flannel shirts, fabric and woolen stockings for women.

"This treaty is chockfull of incentives to encourage the Indians to adopt what was considered a proper Jeffersonian American way of life," says Hirsch. Given the disparity between cultural norms of white men and native people, and the use of many interpreters, it seems unlikely that expectations were uniformly understood by all parties.

The Sioux tribal members who agreed to settle on reservations resisted pressure to adopt farming and came to resent the lousy U.S. Government food rations. Many did not participate in assimilation programs and left the reservations to hunt buffalo on lands west of the Black Hills, as they had done for generations. The treaty allowed for that, but the specter of "wild" Indians living off-reservation deeply unsettled U.S. policy makers and army officers.

And then came the gold. In June 1874 General George Custer led an expedition to search for gold in the Black Hills. By 1875,

some 800 miners and fortune-seekers had flooded into the Hills to pan for gold on land that had been reserved by the treaty exclusively for the Indians.

Lakota and Cheyenne warriors responded by attacking the prospectors, which led the U.S. to pass a decree confining all Lakotas, Cheyennes and Arapahos to the reservation under threat of military action. That decree not only violated the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868, but it flew in the face of tribal ideas of freedom and threatened to destroy the way of life for the Northern Plains Indians.

The conflict set the stage for the famous "Battle of the Little Bighorn" in 1876 where Custer made his last stand and the Sioux Nations were victorious, their last military victory. The following year, Congress passed an act that redrew the lines of the Ft. Laramie Treaty, seizing the Black Hills, forcing the Indians onto permanent reservations and allowing the U.S. to build roads through reservation lands. In the years that followed, the Great Sioux Reservation continued to lose territory as white settlers encroached on their land and the expansion of the United States marched steadily on.

"This is a classic broken treaty," says Hirsch. "It is such a naked example of a treaty abrogated by the United States in which the U.S. shows profound lack of honor and truthfulness."

With no official means to seek redress, the Sioux had to petition the courts for the right to argue their case. They won that right in 1920 but the legal battle continued until the 1980 Supreme Court ruling, which stated that the land had been acquired by false means and the Sioux were due just compensation. In refusing the payment, the Sioux maintain that the land is theirs by sovereign right, and they aren't interested in selling it.

One Nation to Another

The financial award could help lift the Sioux Nation tribes from poverty and provide services to address the problems of domestic violence and substance abuse, problems that have followed the breakdown of their traditional societal structure at the hands of the United States. But money alone won't give the people of the Sioux Nation what they are looking for. As important as

the sacred land itself, it is the sovereign right they seek—acknowledgement that just five generations ago, representatives of the U.S. Government met representatives of the tribal nations on a level playing field in the Northern Plains, where one nation made a promise to another.

It would be easy to think of this 150-year-old document as an artifact of America's uncomfortable past, says Darrell Drapeau, a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribal council who teaches American Indian studies at the Ihanktowan Community College. But it is important to remember, he says, that the U.S. Constitution, a document that governs daily life in America, was signed almost four generations earlier, 231 years ago.

"We have a viewpoint of this treaty as a living treaty being the supreme law of the land and protecting our rights in our own homelands," says Mark Von Norman, attorney for the Cheyenne River and Great Plains Tribal Chairman Association. "We don't always think that the courts are the right forum for us, because it's really nation to nation, and it shouldn't be a United States court telling our Sioux Nation tribes what the treaty means. It's based on the principal of mutual consent."

A 2012 UN report on the condition of indigenous people in America seems to support that stance in spirit. It noted that U.S. courts approach the inherent sovereignty of tribes as an implicitly diminished form of sovereignty, and that monetary compensation can reflect an outdated "assimilationist frame of thinking." The report specifically cited initiatives to transfer management of national parklands in the Black Hills to the Oglala Sioux Tribe as examples of a more equitable and modern approach to justice.

"One thing I know about Indians, they don't give up, and I suspect that this issue will continue into the future," says museum director Kevin Gover, who is a member of the Pawnee tribe. "And I really do believe that one day something at least resembling justice will be done with regard to the Sioux nation's right to the Black Hills."

The entire 36-page agreement can be read at www.americanindian.si.edu

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

The 37th annual Native American Finance Officers Association

April 14-16, 2019 at the Waterfront Hotel in Portland, Ore. For more information or to register contact Missy Hurley at missy@nafoa.org.

The seventh annual Higher Ed Summit

April 16-18, 2019 at the Hilton Bayfront in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.salesforce.org.

The 12th annual Tribal Casino & Hotel Development Conference

April 29-30, 2019 at the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino in Maricopa, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The First Native American & Rural Emergency Medicine Conference

May 2-4, 2019 at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff,

Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-annual-native-american-and-rural-emergency-medicine-conference-tickets.

Native Business Summit

May 13-15, 2019 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tulsa, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.nativebusinessmag.com.

National Tribal Public

Health Summit and AI/AN National Behavioral Health Conference

May 15-17, 2019 at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information visit www.rmtic.org.

The 13th annual Native American Economic Development Conference

June 10-11, 2019 at the Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula, Calif. For more information or to register visit

www.nativenationevents.org.

The 8th annual Native American Housing Conference

June 10-11, 2019 at the Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 10th annual Native American Healthcare Conference

June 10-11, 2019 at the Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 2019 Conference Diabetes In Indian Country

Aug. 6-9, 2019 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.diabetesindiancountry.com.

Studying the Oklahoma bobcat species in native territory



A photo of a bobcat was captured in western Oklahoma by photographer Larry Smith last summer.

Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

Lurking through the woods and hidden behind the dark crevices in nature are the mysterious species of the bobcat. While bobcats are most commonly known for their brief and uncommon appearances to the public eye, there is more to bobcats than meets the eye.

On March 12 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) held a meeting with guest speaker Cory Sage, with OSU Wildlife Ecology and Management, at the Native American Church (NAC) in Concho, Okla.

Sage, a Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen, discussed the ongoing reports and study of the bobcat species in Oklahoma. Sage is

involved with a study called the Bobcat Hair Snare, where he collects samples of hair from bobcats and sends in for analysis.

Sage followed up on reports of sightings in and around the homage area of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Concho, Okla.

"What I wanted to do was come out and get permission, I wanted people to know that I was going to be out here, hopefully I wouldn't get misunderstood by putting these quote-on-quote traps, but they're not really traps they're non-invasive, we're not approaching the wildlife in any way we're waiting for the wildlife to come to us when we use attractants that's specific for species. It was the winter of 2016 when I first started around Decem-

ber. I've been involved, if I'm not out on the field then I'm doing analysis of the hairs themselves," Sage said.

In collecting hair samples from wildlife for educational purposes, Sage admitted he did not collect any samples from bobcats in the Concho area, however he did collect samples from other wildlife.

"Well so far what I've benefitted from is the knowledge that we have wildlife on our lands even though I didn't collect the bobcat hairs, I collected other samples which would help us identify the ecological aspect of bobcats. I did see a sign out here in Concho, a scat and scrapes and other things that they do in the woods around here in Concho so it's not like I didn't get anything but we did get an idea of what we have here," Sage said.

While bobcats are solitary and territorial animals, ranging in size from 1.5 to 2 feet and weighing between nine and 33 lbs, they are plentiful in Oklahoma, however they are not seen very often.

"That's part of the study we're trying to figure out, the population dynamics, the presence and absence is just a foot hole but getting pictures and DNA samples will further us in knowing the species of bobcats in Oklahoma and that's in time. Right now we're just three years in the making and moving along," Sage said.

While openly admitting a strong interest in his field of study as a major in Wildlife Ecology and Management, Sage has a deep admiration for the wildlife.

"This study is close to me, I started out as volunteer for years and now I just started getting paid for doing the work, which is fine, I love being a part of wildlife and being outside, I worked in a laboratory setting for 10 years and there's no windows ... I'm taking the wildlife approach and I hope it works out for me," Sage admitted.

While bobcats are secretive in nature, they have been around for many years and are even speculated to have been used as currency and trading among Native Americans in earlier years.

"They were used as a currency in the 1800s, early 1900s, fur trapping was kind of introduced by the French, they came here to America and started using pelts as currency even though it wasn't European, it wasn't French, it wasn't American currency, it was kind of a universal currency and with Native Americans I think they got involved with using it first off with the regalia and maybe even some articles of clothing at some point in time ... for either



Photo / Latoya Lonelodge

Major Wildlife Ecology Management major and undergrad with Oklahoma State University, Cory Sage has a strong admiration for wildlife as he presents information pertaining to the bobcat species.

currency or clothing," Sage said.

While studying bobcats is an ongoing and timely project, Sage hopes to research more about bobcats in the western part of Oklahoma where tribal lands are located.

"I would probably have to talk with some of the tribal members, maybe start a petition and see if I can go on those private lands and do my non-evasive approach. I might just start with my own land, I have land in Custer County so I might go check it out and see if I can do that first off and if I get results then I'll try to petition with our tribal members, if they want to move ahead with me to see," Sage said.

Growing economically for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Dept. of Business, in conjunction with the Planning & Development Program, held a community outreach March 19 at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym in Concho, Okla. to present information pertaining to the Farm & Ranch Buffalo Program.

Dept. of Business Executive Director Nathan Hart hopes to generate support for a \$300K grant to be used for restoring lands by removing invasive species from pastures, analyze soil, purchase and plant native grass seed, purchase some equipment to harvest grass and to manufacture grass into forage cubes and equipment for buffalo meat processing.

The areas of land to be cultivated include 1,208 acres in Hammon, 2,235 acres in Canton, 2,193 acres in Concho and 2,445 acres in Colony, Okla.

"We've set out a lot of plans, but we would like support from the community because we want to go after grants to help us out. It's a \$300K grant, a three year grant with \$100K a year and it will help us get some equipment but primarily it will help us improve these pastures, put seed into the ground and get these grasslands ready," Hart said.

Under the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Comprehensive Plan, Hart stated it is written agriculture is an economic activity that should be

capitalized on, and the base studies talked about agricultural activities for major land use for all of the tribes' reserves with the Farm & Ranch Program serving as a steward caring for all tribal lands.

In the past year Economic Development made some capitol investments that would prepare the way for them taking care of the tribes' land, as well as looking forward to the future with other economic driven projects.

"In the future we do want to start our own construction company, and right now due to the investments we've made the past two years, we are now working on a \$2.2M road project here at Concho. This is primarily our own tribal members who are doing this. This is work, that in the past, has gone out to other companies but because we've made the investments over the past few years and developed our own capability, we're starting to do that kind of work ourselves now," Hart told community members at the meeting.

Another area of growth for Economic Development is the Wildland/Fire Management Program, "You know two years ago we had no wildland firefighters and we've been focusing on building that program up and right now we have 17 individuals qualified and are starting to go out and fight fires. Since we got these guys trained they can help us to do prescribed burns on our lands and will use prescribed

burns to go in and take care of brush management. But today we're going to really be talking about agriculture, which is bison, cattle, hay, soil health and specifically in the future a feed company, a meat processing plant, agri-tourism and maybe vegetable production."

With close to 9800 acres classified for agricultural purposes, Hart said the focus is on the health of the soil, planting seed, crop rotation and pastureland for the 400 head of bison the tribes' currently own.

"The tribes now own all the equipment we need to cut, bale, rake our own hay. We have a drill to plant our own seeds and we can also spray whenever we need to. We no longer have to contract out to do these things; we have our own tribal members and equipment to do what needs to be done in our fields," Hart said.

Hart expanded on long term goals for what the land acreage will be in three to four years from now, with Concho having over 2,000 acres for bison and alfalfa hay fields, "We think when we get everything done we will be able to sustain about 800 head of bison in Concho."

In Colony, he said the goal is about 1700 acres for bison pasture, and Colony is a good area for cattle pastures as well.

"In Hammon, right now 488 acres are still leased out and will be for the next three years, but we will have about 788 acres for the bison pas-



Photo / Rosemary Stephens

Cheyenne and Arapaho Dept. of Business Executive Director Nathan Hart guests through a PowerPoint presentation depicting agricultural goals for tribal lands during a March 19 community outreach meeting in Concho, Okla.

ture. This is the most challenging ground out in Hammon. The gentlemen who has the lease in Hammon has had it for a number of years, and he has about three years left, but all the other land we are taking over the leases on those lands. The land in Clinton, there isn't a whole lot of land for agricultural purposes there, but we may put some bison out there for the elders," Hart said.

Hart mentioned the almost 90 acres owned behind Denny's Restaurant, off of Hwy. I-40 in El Reno, Okla.

has been used for a hay field and some cattle grazing, but once that land is put into trust it will turn to some other use, but until that happens they will continue to use the land for growing and producing hay for the bison, and in Watonga, the land available there is where the new hotel and casino will be built.

"This grant will enable us to grow a lot of our own hay and we can take that and feed it to our bison and increase our stocking numbers. North of Concho, up Hwy 81 at 150th street is where our

meat processing facility is going to be built. Marathon oil is drilling a well and they are building a road up there, bringing in electricity so the oil company will pay for that cost. When you hear us talk about feed processing and meat processing, that's the location they will be located and will employ more of our tribal members," Hart said.

Grant Research Specialist Sidney Jackson, Planning & Development Program is currently gathering information for submission for the grant, due by April 15, 2019.

Crowning royalty for Miss Indian Oklahoma City

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Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter



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Candidates for the Miss, Junior Miss and Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City.
Pictured l-r: Isabell Gomez, Kiowa, Taylor Fields, Seminole Nation, Brooklyn Kodaseet, Kiowa, Aleiyah Gaddis, Osage, Storm Rose Ray, Comanche Nation, Micheala Kihegas, Otoe-Missouri of Okla., Vcenc Marks, Muskogee Creek, Kambri Tsoitigh, Kiowa, Aleacia Frazier-Walker, Kickapoo, and Aubrey Berry, Kiowa and Chickasaw.

Native beauty is taken to another level as each Native girl walks across the stage, clothed in individual breathtaking regalia showcasing her culture and heritage.

Standing with poise and confident in demeanor, the young girls, ranging in ages 6-21, displayed an array of cultural talents and language, showing the public who they are as young Native girls and women.

On March 22 the Changing Winds Cultural Society presented the Miss, Junior Miss and Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City pageant competition at the Destiny Christian Center in Oklahoma City.

With approximately 10 contestants, three categories and three titles, each contestant had their eye on the crown as they presented themselves fully dressed in regalia, spoke in their Native language and displayed their cultural talent.

Contestants were not just competing for a crown, but were given an opportunity to showcase their cultures and knowledgeable history of their respective tribes.

Past title holders for the 2018-2019 year commemorated on the time spent together as Miss Indian Oklahoma City.

Having first started out as a tribal princess for her respective Apache Tribe, Miss Indian Oklahoma City Jarissa Redbone said the past year was a learning experience.

"I always traveled to various powwows and I got to meet different types of other tribal princesses or organization princesses and I would always question them and say 'hey, what does your tribe do and what is your culture,' just to make myself be more involved with them, for my knowledge, because it's always a good thing to learn about other people's tribes. It was a really great year, I enjoyed myself a lot, I grew more as a Native person," Redbone said.

Redbone admitted that she had previously ran before winning the title for Miss Indian Oklahoma City, but did not win. However, that didn't stop her from trying again the next year.

"The first time I tried it I did not get the title but that didn't discourage me to try it again for the next year, I tried for it

again last year and I got it, it really is a great learning experience," Redbone said.

And from that learning experience, Redbone also noticed she had followers watching her every step.

"What I got most out of this title was that there is a lot of young girls that look up to you and they watch your every move. I remember many times when I would be at powwows and I would get up to go shake hands, I seen so many small princesses come behind me and it felt good to be that role model to them, that's really what I wanted to encourage younger girls to not be scared, to not feel discouraged, to be proud of where you come from and just learn," Redbone said.

Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma City Perla Gunville, 13, was no stranger to pageanties as she has held a previous title from the Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City competition for 2015-2016 and was Junior Miss Seminole Nation for 2016-2017.

Perla said she has been in pageanties since she was 8 years old and throughout her reign as Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma City, she has become more outgoing.

"I liked being with the girls and meeting new people and tribes. I used to be really

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TERO Representative Frank Medicinewater (right) assists a tribal citizen at the new Watonga Satellite office.

have various avenues they can take off with, like the gentlemen that obtained his GED, ETA will be there to help out as well, and if he receives any of the services from Veterans Affairs or Voc Rehab, those are also options for them, by making the satellite office here we feel that we are joining the communities, that we are invested with them, we value them, we're trying to be here for them to ensure that they know," Pahmahmie said.

Pahmahmie said that transportation was among one of the major barriers for clients in western Oklahoma.

"We try to make things more accessible for them by having the lab here, the computer lab, there's Wi-Fi in this building that they can utilize as well so we're trying to leverage technology as much as we can, as well as just being available. I'm very excited about the satellite office and I hope that people will start utilizing it,"

Pahmahmie said. One tribal citizen in the Watonga area took full advantage of Adult Education services in attaining his GED.

"I seen an opportunity to get it and the tribes have been nothing but very helpful in getting it and I'm very thankful," Joshua Osage, tribal citizen said.

Osage said if it weren't for the availability of the program's services within the area, he wouldn't have pursued his GED.

"I would've just let it pass on just like I've been doing ... I'm very thankful for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma," Osage said.

The Department of Labor Watonga Satellite Office is located at 209 W. Main St., Suite C in Watonga, Okla.

For more information about the Department of Labor Watonga Satellite Office contact 580-623-7325.

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their home setting, their atmosphere," Culley said.

And in that home setting, individuals were given one on one assistance being personally walked through the, sometimes complicated and intimidating, process of applying for benefits.

"We will make sure they understand the questions that are being asked and if we need to we will prompt the conversation so that we can get the information. We know what they are looking for, so if we can prompt the conversation with, 'what exactly did you do in the military,' then the wheels start turning as to what questions need to be asked in order to get the claim started and in the process," Culley said.

In 2018 the Bringing VA Benefits Home events saw over 200 veterans and widows who attended, and Culley said what they learned from last year's events was, "77 claims for disability compensation was submitted and out of those 77 claims, 45 were approved, many of whom received at least five years of back pay. So we saw a 70 percent approval rate on the claims we were able to process all within a 59-day window."

According to data from the Center for Minority Veterans, Native Americans are the least population to access VA Health Benefits, even though they served the country at a higher per capita rate. Because of that data, Stephen Dillard, Center for Minority Veterans, executive director traveled to Oklahoma from Washington, D.C. to observe first hand the event and to show his support.

As executive director Dillard served as the principal advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the adoption and implementation of



Photo / Rosemary Stephens

George Bryan Sykes, Office of Veteran Affairs director orchestrated and collaborated with the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs to host the first 2019 Bringing Benefits Home event in Concho Okla.

policies and programs affecting veterans who are minorities.

"I am impressed and I think it's amazing to see the collaboration because at the Dept. of Veteran Affairs we can't do it all by ourselves so we want to be able to reach out to our partners and stakeholders in the community because this is where all the work is done at the grass root level. I've heard about the different events and I had the opportunity to fly out here and support it and to see it firsthand. My team is here from the Center for Minority Veterans, and we have Juanita Mullen, retired U.S. Air Force who is our American Indian/Alaska Native Liaison. This population we want to make sure we reach ... the bottom line is we love our veterans," Dillard said.

Bryan Sykes, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Office of Veteran Affairs director said if only one veteran received benefits where there were none, than he considered the event to be a success.

"We want to get the word out to all the veterans we're here to help," Sykes said.

Although hard data won't be available for a few months on just how many veterans were helped during these Bringing VA Benefits Home events, there was one who left feeling he had succeeded in reapplying for benefits.

"That gentleman filed new claims for me because I am reapplying, and he was so helpful, walked me through everything and it was way quicker today than when I first applied. At the VA they are so busy but here I got right in and they did all the work for me, this is really great having this here for us," Anthony Caldwell, U.S. Navy veteran said.

Cherokee Nation will be hosting two events in June and August, Seminole Nation will host an event also in August and Osage Nation will be hosting an event to be announced.

For more information contact Culley at 405-626-3426 or by email mary.culley@va.gov. For more information about the Office of Veteran Affairs contact Sykes at 405-422-7789 or by email at gsykes@c-a-tribes.org.



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EATING healthy for DIABETES

Just like any investment, teaching your child healthy habits now will pay off in the long run.

Kids who nibble on nutrient-rich foods from a young age are more likely to maintain those good habits later in life. Although it can be easy for families to slip into unhealthy food habits, with some practice, you can steer your child toward healthier choices.

Beyond Restriction
When you're trying to break an unhealthy food habit, forbidding certain foods that are already in the home may lead to behavioral problems such as tantrums and sneaking food. The more you restrict a certain food, the more tempting it will be for children. That is why food

should not be labeled "good" or "bad", nor should it be restricted. Instead, keep less nutritious foods at home so kids know it's available and they don't have to sneak it. Ask them how eating "fun" or 'play' foods such as deserts makes them feel physically and emotionally. Talk to them about how it feels to eat too much and how they can eat a satisfying amount without feeling uncomfortable.

Focus on Nutritious Foods

Be sure to have plenty of healthful alternatives available to fill the spot of any foods you may have removed from the home. Wash and cut fresh fruits and vegetables into pieces ahead of time, then, place them with-

Breaking Your Gradschooler's Unhealthy Food Habit

Tara Conway, MS, RD, LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

in easy reach in the refrigerator. Gradschoolers feel more independent when they have options, so try keeping a snack drawer of healthier items and let them choose a food from it every day. If you want your kids to eat more fruit, offer it pre-sliced or cut in fun shapes.

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A carrot may not be as exciting as a cookie- at first. But take heart, stick with the plan and celebrate small victories as you make gradual changes.

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force it, but try again.

As you make a commitment to healthier eating, you'll reap from some great benefits- both now and in the future. Setting up children for a lifelong habit of a healthy relationship with food will help them live a more productive and enjoyable life.

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Source: <https://www.eatright.org/foode/nutrition/healthy-eating/breaking-your-gradschoolers-unhealthy-habits>.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Domestic Violence Programs April Sexual Assault Awareness Month meetings

8:30-10 a.m. April 1, 2019 in the main lobby of the Dept. of Administration building in Concho, Okla.

10:30-11:30 a.m. April 11, 2019 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla.

6-8 p.m. April 24, 2019 at the Whirlwind Mission in Watonga, Okla.

6-11 p.m. April 27, 2019 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

April Book Club Meeting

12-1 p.m. Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Library located in the Dept. of Education building in Concho, Okla. This month's reading will be, *Where The Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens.

Light Lunch will be served. The Book Club meets on the first Thursday of every month. For more information call 405-422-7638.

Benefit Dance for Sebastian Whiteshirt

April 6, 2019 at the Watonga Community Center in Watonga, Okla.

Gourd dance at 4 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., with dance to follow.

Sebastian is a 17 year old junior at Watonga High School who has accepted, and will be attending the Down Under Track & Field 2019 events in Australia.

MC Willie Bullcoming, HS Jason Goodblanket, HM Byron Byrd, HL Edwina Whiteman, HLB Cade Pyle, HLG Rae'kel Love, Co-Host Buffalomeat Descendants, Honored Elder Ruth Brooks, Honored Guest Ariana Borjas, and AD Amick Birdshead.

For more information contact Leatrice Gonzalez at 580-91-2736 or Theda Orange at 580-715-0281.

Graduation Dance for Dyson Plumley

Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Dinner at 6 p.m. with dance to follow.

Dyson is the son of Earl Plumley and Katherine Johnson and the grandson of Murray MedicineBird, the late Karen Coker MedicineBird and Cozetta Johnson. Dyson is a 2019 graduate of El Reno High School.

MC Asa Littlebird, HS Budda Birdshead, HMD Hershel Gorham, HLD Jamie Yellowfish, HLBD Trevor Harrison, HLGD Kierah Thunderbull, Honored Elder Dara Franklin, Honored Veteran Alvin Sage and AD Delbert Hail.

Honor/Birthday Dance for Ervin Bull and Jaryn Charles Moss (2 years old)

Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 5:30 p.m. with dance to follow.

Inviting everyone to come and enjoy the evening with Ervin and our grandson Jaryn. Special invitation to all Kit Fox Clan and other Societies.

MC Wilbur Bullcoming, HM Gary Lime, HS Max 'Hoolie' Watan, HL Bobbie Ann Hamilton, AD Rafael Cassio, Honored Veteran Trever Aquilar, U.S. Army, and special Honored Guests Gov. Reggie Wassana and Lt. Gov. Gib Miles.

For more information call 580-348-0125.

American Legion Post 401 Presents Bingo

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. April 7, 2019 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Noon meal 12 p.m. Single play or packets. Everyone invited to attend. All proceeds go towards funding for the American Legion Post 401.

C2/A2 Districts Easter Event

1-4 p.m. Saturday April 13, 2019 at the Geary City Park in Geary, Okla. and 1-4 p.m. Saturday April 19 at the Kingfisher City Park in Kingfisher, Okla. Catered lunch with Easter egg hunt. For more information call C2 office at 405-422-7480 or A2 office at 405-422-7440.

75th Birthday and Honor Dance for Merle Big Medicine Lopez

April 13, 2019 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. In honor of Merle Big Medicine the family will sponsor a Men Straight dance, Women's Old Style Buckskin dance and Cloth dance for 18 years and older. Also a Tiny Tot contest and Pretty Shawl contest. Cash prizes.

MC Wilbur Bullcoming, HS Kendall Kaulay, HMD Moose Mia Sylmar, HLD Eloise Rice Meeker, HBD Moosie Mia Sylmar, HGD Payton Saige Hawk (4), AD Garrell 'Vilas' Gwoomp and Honored Guest San Carlos Grandson Jacom Wilson.

For more information contact Larry Brown at 928-961-6354 or Wilma Big Medicine at 405-412-9774.

Graduation Dance for Jaxson Aaron Panana

April 20, 2019 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Dinner at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. Jaxson is the son of the late Gerald Panana Jr. Paternal grandparents are Gerald Panana Sr., and the late Marcella Howlingwolf Panana. Jaxson is the son of Kayty Curtis and his maternal grandparents are the late Amiel George Curtis and Rosalyn Curtis of Navajo, N.M.

He is a 2019 graduate of Clinton High School.

MC Burl Buffalomeat, HS Roger Davis, HMD Melvin Miles, HLD Edwina Whiteman, HLBD Cerone Irvin James Goodblanket, HLGD Adele Greeley, Honored Veteran David 'Beano' Fanman III, Host is Red Moon Gourd Clan and AD is Bart Williamson.

Graduation Honor Dance for Darrin 'Looking Buffalo' Willis Orange

Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. Darrin is a 2019 graduate of Hammon High School.

MC Wilbur Bullcoming, HS Cheevers Toppah, HMD Henry Hunter, HLD Edwina Whiteman, HTBD Winslow Big Medicine, HTGD Savanna Pena, Honored Veteran Gerald



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In March El Reno Indian Education and Cheyenne and Arapaho TEDNA NYCP chaperoned a group of eighth grade Native Youth from Etta Dale Junior High to the University of Central Oklahoma (UC).

The group was invited to attend the third annual Native American preview day held at the UCO. They took a college tour, met with

university representatives and received materials specific to programs at UCO.

A major focal point was the Mass Communications building where students learned about podcasts and media coverage.

The programs would like to thank UCO for helping to strengthen the educational opportunities for our native youth.



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opportunities for individuals to change.

"I hope to bring a fair and impartial system that gives individuals a chance to work on themselves, if they are willing to accept the help, and hold people accountable. I credit the judges I have practiced under in western Oklahoma for what I am kind of going to model myself after. Someone said the other day I was a lot more formal than they were used to, which I think by doing that if you can hold someone accountable for their actions and make them respect the process they are more likely to go through the steps to say, 'hey I'm going to get better or I know what's waiting for me on the other side as my punishment,'" Garcia

said.

Through federal law tribal courts either fall under CFR courts or they have the authority to create their own court inside their own Sovereign Nation, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes created a court and adopted their own criminal code. It is through that criminal code the tribes have the right to enforce the law on any trust land.

"If you look at the boundaries of the tribes that will include all the way out in Hammon or Woodward, Elk City, any crimes committed on those lands will come to Concho," Garcia said. "I think the court system at Concho is held to a standard by federal law and I feel it is my duty as a judge to uphold

that standard, to hold proper procedure and make sure if someone is appearing before me they are aware of their rights and they are knowingly making the decisions they are making, whether it is to plea guilty or requesting a trial or accepting a sentence, whatever it is and in order to bring the respect it deserves, specifically the criminal docket, I have to hold myself to a standard of formality, a standard of procedure and a standard of respecting a person's rights all while preserving the dignity of the accused."

Though even after holding his first docket as the presiding judge, Garcia said it still feels surreal for him. His first thoughts after hearing the words, 'hey you're

going to be a judge,' were, 'Do I really deserve this? Do I deserve to wear a robe and be a judge?'

"And I think those are important thoughts for me to remember and continue to work to deserve it. I think that will keep my feet grounded. As practicing attorneys we have a joke we call black robe fever where we say well they've forgotten what it's like to be a practicing attorney, and it's mainly just us griping as trial attorneys but I want to keep my feet grounded, be just, be strict but be fair and respectful and just remember where I come from."

Garcia has been married for 16 years to September Garcia and has three daughters, Carys 12, Maya 9 and Danica 5.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Panana, Honored Families are the children of the late Maxine Candy and the Cynthia Osage Family, Honored Elder Sandra Racelis and ADs Ethan 'Sonny' Byrd and Derek Whiteskunk. For more information call 405-637-6036.

Northern Arapaho Sundance Sponsor Dance for Grant Fletcher

May 11, 2019 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow.

MC Alan Fletcher, HS Frank Mosqueda, HMD John Cannon, HLD Debbie AllRunner, HLBD Punkin Blackowl, HLGD Arlyen Muskett, Honored Family Dara Franklin's Family, Honored Elder Reda Pawnee and AD Earl Plumley.

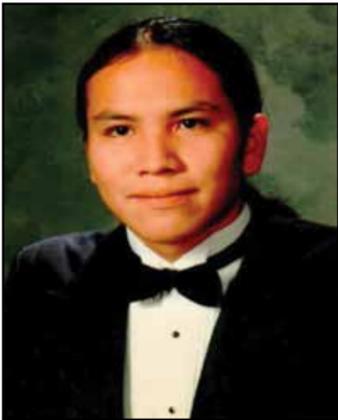
Comanche Ponies 51st annual Powwow

May 11, 2019 at the Comanche County Fairgrounds, Expo Building, 920 S. Sheridan in Lawton, Okla. The powwow is free and open to the public. A special invitation to all mothers.

Gourd dance at 12 p.m. supper break at 5 p.m., Grand Entry at 6 p.m. Contests in all categories. All arts & crafts vendors welcomed, \$40 set up fee. For more information, contact Lowell Nibbs at 580-583-5279 or via email at lowellnibbs@yahoo.com.

OBITUARIES

Henry Martin Blackbear



2003. He was active academically as well as in track, basketball and baseball. He was a member of the scholastic team and was a member of the Boy Scouts of American and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as the R.O.T.C. He went on to continue his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla.

Henry was employed with Lucky Star Casino as a security guard as well as holding other positions. He is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and also of Navajo descent. He belonged to the Native American Church and was ordained by his grandfather Eugene Blackbear Sr., as a Roadman and has received Chief Joe Antelope's chief peyote and a member of the Bow String Society.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Eugene Blackbear Sr., and his paternal grandmother

Stella Bessie Blackbear, maternal grandfather Albert Slivers Jr., and maternal grandmother Mary Lou Tso, paternal aunts Imogene Blackbear and Frances Doctor and paternal uncle Anthony Taua Roman Nose and maternal uncles Fred Slivers and Alvin Slivers.

He is survived by his parents Ralph and Senoria Blackbear of Watonga, Okla., two sisters Frances Blackbear of Ft. Defiance, Ariz., and Amanda Blackbear of Watonga, Okla., brother John Paul Blackbear of Watonga, Okla., and by numerous uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, other family and numerous friends including his namesake Douglas Martin Jordan Blackbear.

A traditional wake service was held March 10 at the Watonga Community Center in Watonga, Okla. Funeral services were held March 11 at the same venue, officiated by Eugene Blackbear Jr, and others, followed by a burial at the Blackbear Family Cemetery north of Watonga, Okla.

Lorne Dean Fixico



March 17, 2019 in Pawnee, Okla. He was born July 31, 1966 to parents Rev. Thomas Fixico and Katie (Haag) Fixico.

Lorne graduated from Strother High School in 1984. He was a member of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

Lorne worked as a brick mason for Free Bird Masonry located in Shawnee, Okla.

Survivors include one son Darren Fixico and his wife Jessimia of Shawnee, Okla., two daughters Angel Fixico of

Seminole, Okla. and Tabitha Fixico of Shawnee, Okla., five brothers T.J. Fixico of Shawnee, Jerrald Fixico of Shawnee, Edmond Fixico of North Dakota, Marlon Fixico of Idaho and Milo Harjo of Ada, Okla., two sisters Maurine Fixico of Oklahoma City, Beverly Mason of North Dakota, five grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Wake services were held March 20 at the Snake Creek Baptist Church in Little, Okla. Funeral services were held March 21 at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Snake Creek Church Cemetery.

Roberta Ann Wermey



ton High School in 1951. She was married to Glenn Wermey on Aug. 16, 1958 in Clinton and they made Clinton their home. She was employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Services in Medical Records Administration, retiring after 45 years. She was a faithful and active member of the First Christian Church; she loved to read, she was active in the Red Hatters Club and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and three brothers Edmond Burns, Cedric All-Runner and William "Billy" Burns. She is survived by two daughters, Agnes Wermey, Oklahoma City and Birdie George and husband, Ger-

ald, Mansfield, Texas, two sons Edward Wermey and wife, Lee Ann, Tualatin, Ore. and Kris Wermey and wife Morgan, Lake Oswego, Ore. She is survived by six grandchildren, Kias Roberts, Birdie Wermey, Gayley Morrison, Lee Wermey, Garrett George and Logan George, 11 great-grandchildren, Leila Ann Wermey, Skyler Morrison, Kaiya Morrison, April Wermey, Eddie Wermey, Kias Wermey, Kasen Wermey, Kache Wermey, Jackson George, Oliver George, and Aydrian.

Wake services were held March 19 at the Kiesau Lee Funeral Chapel in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held March 20 at the First Christian Church, followed by an interment at the Clinton City Cemetery.

Robert Lewis Spottedcorn



Robert Lewis Spottedcorn was born on Jan. 10, 1960 in Clinton, Okla. to Marcus Harrison Sr. and Gloria Jean Spottedcorn. He passed away on March 15, 2019 in Oklahoma City at the age of 59.

Bobby was raised in Geary and attended Geary Schools. He was a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe, and a member of the Geary Indian Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marcus Harrison and Gloria Spottedcorn, his wife Janice Spottedcorn, two sons Johnny Allen Loneman and Aaron Spottedcorn, his daughter Gloria Spottedcorn his grandparents Theodore and Angeline Pratt and Frederick and Inze Harrison.

Survivors include his children Curtis Spottedcorn of Oklahoma City, Trevor Armijo of Jemez Pueblo,

N.M., and Julianna Spottedcorn of Taos, N.M., his grandchildren Jarvis Spottedcorn of Oklahoma City, Antonio Spottedcorn of Geary, Okla., Janice Spottedcorn of Seiling, Okla., Moses Spottedcorn of Hawaii, and Aleluia Spottedcorn of Hawaii, his brothers Michael Dean Spottedcorn of Geary, Okla. and Kyle Harrison of El Reno, Okla., his sister, Mollie Harrison of El Reno, Okla., as well as many other relatives and friends.

A traditional all night wake service was held March 21 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla.

Funeral services were held March 22 at the First Baptist Church in Geary, Okla., followed by an interment at the Pedro Cemetery in Geary.

Delfred White Crow



Delfred White Crow was born Nov. 22, 1944 to Susie (White Turtle) and Alfred White Crow in Abilene, Texas and passed away March 17, 2019 in Burns Flat, Okla. White Crow attended his schooling in Clinton. When he was a young man he worked for Sequoyah Mills Furniture Factory in Elk City and the Eismen Mud Company in Clinton. Delfred accepted the Lord in 1969 and that has been his focus for the past 50 years. He has pastored churches and impacted many lives on

several reservations in the United States and Canada. He has pastored churches in Kewadin, Mich., Elk City, Okla., and Clinton, Okla. Delfred met a young man by the name of Kenny Wiley in 1988 while at the Feast of Tabernacles in Sedro Woolley, Wash. Delfred was stricken with renal failure and Kenney was an exact match and donated him one of his kidneys in 2007. He was a member of the Indian Baptist Church in Elk City; he enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, going to the lake and watching Championship Wrestling. He is preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Tommy Stoneroad and Peyton Big Horse and a daughter Marla Jean Big Horse, three brothers Woodrow White Crow, Mark Bearbow, and

Saulivan White Crow, three sisters, Glorietta Whiteman, Margaret Starr and Willie Jean Kauley. He was also preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Dog Woman, Harold White Turtle and paternal grandfather Teddy Red Cherries. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Eleanor (Stoneroad) White Crow of the home, six children Delfred "Bunny" White Crow Jr. and wife, Erma, Deanna Wiley and husband Kenny, Chloe Henriquez and husband Angelo Barbara White Crow, all of Elk City, Eugene Big Horse, Tacoma, Wash. and Ruby Big Horse, Elko, Nev., and brother Robert White Crow, Clinton, Okla.

Wake services were held March 21 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held March 22 at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Clinton City Cemetery.

Sherie Orange Yellowman



Sherie Orange Yellowman was born Feb. 19, 1959 in Clinton, Okla., and passed from this earth on March 12, 2019.

Sherie worked at Lucky Star Casino.

Sherie is survived by her husband Anthony Ray Akeen of the home in Oklahoma City, sons Nelson Yellowman of Pawnee and Lee Yellowman of El Reno, daughter Mary Yellowman of Oklahoma City, brother Nelson Orange Jr. of El Reno, sister Janelle

Coyote of Concho and grandchildren, Cierra Carney, Crista Carney, James Levi, Anthony Pedro, Casey Levi, Lillie Levi and Aziah Pedro.

Preceding her in death are her parents Nelson Sr., and Ruth Sittingbull Orange, sister Mildred Perry and brother Michael Orange.

An all night traditional wake service was held March 14 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held March 15 at the same venue with Rev. George Akeen officiating, followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery.

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Shout out to Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Emet Moshe Longhon for his achievement as the State Basketball Academic Champion in the 6A Boys Basketball State Tournament. Emet is junior at Stillwater High School.



The Cheyenne and Arapaho American Legion Post 401 represented the The Cheyenne and Arapaho people honorably this past weekend. The American Legion Post 401 supports all our people who support us with our fundraisers. Without this we would not be able to do events such as this as well as funerals for tribal members, dances and other events as we are self sufficient without tribal help. We are members who served during wartime and took an oath to protect and serve. This oath does not expire and as aging veterans we also need members to help us represent, serve and protect. Many of you out there know us and when we do an event as Denver March we serve and are always invited back because we want to represent proudly as men and women warriors. We take pride in who we are and let people know the Cheyenne and Arapaho people are alive and well in Indian country and the United States of America.



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shy and now I talk to a lot of people," Perla admitted. In her final moments as Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma City, Perla openly shared advice of her own for the upcoming titleholders.

"Always have your crown cleaned and have extra safety pins," Perla said.

Alongside her sister, Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City Anjelica Gunville, 11, also held the previous title of Little Miss Seminole Nation and was familiar to the world of pageantry.

"It's been really exciting and I liked it because it's really fun, there's really no words to express it," Anjelica said.

One by one, each contestant went on stage to introduce themselves in their Native language, described the uniqueness of their regalia and the Junior Miss and Miss Indian Oklahoma City candidates also shared their cultural related talents for judges.

In promoting leadership and creating opportunities to encourage future leaders among American Indians through the Miss Indian Oklahoma competition, Changing Winds Cultural Society Chairman Patricia Nimsey said it's not just a princess title.

"It's a good opportunity, especially for the young ones, they learn poise, they learn how to speak, they learn how they should act in public and at events and by the time they're done, they're well knowledgeable," Nimsey said.

Changing Winds Cultural Society was founded in 1992 with the first Miss Indian Oklahoma City titleholder and extended other titles in the following years. In 1994 the first Junior Miss titleholder was added and by 1995 the Little Miss titleholder was added.

Having been involved with the organization for over 20 years, Nimsey said she had been under the leadership of former Director Shirley Wapskineh.

"We're just trying to carry on her journey ... our membership is open and we're a very small organization and we encourage others to join and help us get better. We're still



The 2018-2019 Miss, Junior Miss and Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City wave their final goodbyes to the audience.

carrying on after all these years," Nimsey said. The winning candidates for the competition were Micheala Kihega, Otoe-Missouri Tribe of Oklahoma, who was crowned Miss Indian Oklahoma City, Aubrey Berry, Kiowa and Chickasaw, who was crowned Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma City and Isabell Gomez, Kiowa, who was crowned Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City.

LEGALS: NOTICE BY PUBLICATION cont'd. pg. 10

Legal notice document for a name change petition filed by Tracy F. Stevens in the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma Trial Court. Includes case details and a signature.

Legal notice document for a guardianship petition filed by Ramona Landry in the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma Trial Court. Includes case details and a signature.

Legal notice document for a guardianship petition filed by Sarah Charley in the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma Trial Court. Includes case details and a signature.

Advertisement for the Summer Youth Program, including application deadline (May 10, 2019), session dates (June 3-28 and July 8-August 2, 2019), and a list of required supporting documents.

April 2019 Language Calendar listing events by date, location, and time, including social media handles for #SPEAKYOURLANGUAGE.

Advertisement for the Native Outreach Spring Revival, inviting people to a 7 pm nightly event from April 2-4, 2019, at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Oklahoma.

CLASSIFIEDS

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

To apply please submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of driver's license and a copy of CDIB (if applicable) to the Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or call 405-422-7498 or email atisdale@c-a-tribes.org.

**Administrative Assistance
Fleet Management Program
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Completion from an accredited secretarial school and/or clerical course/program with a minimum of two years experience in clerical, secretary or receptionist work or equivalent. Minimum education requirement is high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Must be willing and able to attend various training and/or certification programs as directly related to job duties and responsibilities. Applicant must provide a Motor Vehicle Report (MVR) from the Oklahoma Dept. of Public Safety. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug and alcohol screening.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Asset Manager
Fleet Management Program
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**Compliance Director
Gaming Commission
Closing: Until filled**

Qualifications:

High school diploma or equivalent required. Post high school courses/degrees at community/junior college level in administration/law desired. Regulatory, law enforcement or equivalent experience is desirable. Must be a U.S. citizen and a minimum of 21 years of age. Possess and maintain a valid driver's license. Complete background investigation. Successfully complete the commission's training program and adhere to commission policy prohibiting an employee from gambling or playing any licensed game or gaming device within the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal lands. Strong work ethic, available to work evenings and weekends.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Compliance Officer
Gaming Commission
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**Education Manager
Head Start
Closing: Until filled**

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in early childhood education or advanced degree preferred, or equivalent coursework in early childhood education with early education teaching experience. A minimum of three years teaching experience in early childhood program. Computer experience a must. Knowledge of Head Start Performance Standards. Ability to clearly articulate the program's goals and philosophy and the role of the early childhood development. Leadership ability in the area of planning, organizing, monitoring and implementing program design. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and random drug testing.

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**Executive Director
Dept. of Social Services
Closing: Until filled**

Qualifications:

Completion of master's degree in social work and demonstrated basic professional competence in techniques, methods, theory and practice of social work. Must possess knowledge and understanding gained through graduate and study and supervised work of case work, group work and/or community organization practice and the skill to apply these factors to department clientele. Understanding of different laws related to the administration of the department programs including, but not limited to, the Indian Child Welfare Act and HIPAA. Possess communication skills, written and oral. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters. OSBI and criminal background check required. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Foreman/Field Supervisor
Road Maintenance Program
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in asset management, grant management, professional or civil engineering or heavy equipment operator's certification preferred. However associates degree with minimum two year's experience as a road maintenance field supervisor and/or road construction foreman acceptable. High school diploma or G.E.D. certification required. Must have an acceptable driving record and provide a current Motor Vehicle Report from the Oklahoma State Dept. of Public Safety and possess a current Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass a pre-hire drug and alcohol screen/test to adhere to the established Drug-Free Workplace Act. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Concho Child Development Center Closure Notification

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Child Development Program, Concho, is pleased to announce a complete interior remodel as a result of additional 2018 Federal funding the center was approved for. The center will be required to be closed March 22, 2019 to April 5, 2019 for the first phase of the remodel project. The program staff will be available via email/cell and will be onsite for the majority of the closure.

For more information or questions contact Megan Hart by email, mhart@c-a-tribes.org or by calling 405-409-0436 or Jennifer Riggles by email, jriggles@c-a-tribes.org or by calling 405-227-9786.

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LANCE GREELEY)
vs.) Case No: CIV-2018-137
ALISHA BULLCOMING)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ALISHA BULLCOMING

You are hereby notified that LANCE GREELEY has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody, that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Court room of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 24th day of APRIL, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said should remain in effect.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2019.

Desirae Barnes
Desirae Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Lance Greeley

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ERICA COFFEY)
vs.) Case No: PG-2018-70
CARL PEDRO)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: CARL PEDRO

You are hereby notified that ERICA COFFEY has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody, that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Court room of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 24th day of APRIL, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said should remain in effect.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2019.

Desirae Barnes
Desirae Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Erica Coffey

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In The Matter Of The Dissolution Of Marriage Of:
LISA M. TENEQUER)
Petitioner,)
and) Case No: JFD-2019-02
RON A. TENEQUER)
Respondent,)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: RON A. TENEQUER
(Address Unknown)

You are hereby notified that LISA M. TENEQUER has filed a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage on 9th day of JANUARY, 2019, that said case is hereby set for Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 100 West Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 2nd day of APRIL, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.

Dated this 20th day of MARCH, 2019.

Desirae Barnes
Desirae Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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KRISTI WOODALL)
vs.) Case No: JFD-2016-147
NICHOLAS WOODALL)
Respondent,)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: NICHOLAS WOODALL
(Address Unknown)

You are hereby notified that Kristi Woodall has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage on the 9th day of December, 2016. That said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 100 West Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 2nd day of APRIL, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said should not remain in Effect.

Dated this 6th day of MARCH, 2019.

Desirae Barnes
Desirae Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Kristi Woodall

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
B.B.)
DOB: 11/19/04)
Y.M.) Case No. PG-2018-0611
DOB: 12/23/05)
L.M.)
DOB: 05/22/07)
C.M.)
DOB: 12/99/09)

Minor Children Under The Age Of 18 Years

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: BONITA BUFFALOHEAD
CHRISTOPHER MCKANE

You are hereby notified that ANISHA YORK has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship of the persons and estates of B.B, DOB: 11/19/04, Y.M, DOB: 12/23/05, L.M, DOB: 05/22/07 and C.M., DOB: 12/09/09 minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 2nd day of APRIL, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 15th day of MARCH, 2019.

Edwina Whitmore
Edwina Whitmore, Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
ANISHA YORK

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

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CONNIE TURLEY)
Petitioner)
vs.) Case No: CIV-2019-11
FRANCES BATES)
Respondent)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: FRANCES BATES

You are hereby notified that CONNIE TURLEY has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody, that CONNIE TURLEY has been appointed Temporary Emergency Custodian of the child, S.D.B, dob: 11/03/03, said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 17th day of APRIL, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said should remain in effect.

Dated this 17th day of MARCH, 2019.

Rebekah Trojan
Rebekah Trojan, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
E.L.S)
DOB: 04/24/07) Case No. PG-2019-0021
Minor Child)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: LYNSSIE CLARK
(father unknown)

You are hereby notified that DESIRAE HORSE has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of the Minor child, E.L.S, DOB: 04/24/2017 and that said petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Court room of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 100 West Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 27th day of MARCH, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear.

Dated this 8th day of MARCH, 2019.

Fran Wilson
Fran Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

ATHLETE'S SPOTLIGHT

TIM RICHARD, Watonga High School

Interview by Latoya Lonelodge



Portraying confidence and a buoyant personality, Tim Richard, 18, felt bittersweet in his final moments on the basketball court as a senior.

Born in El Reno, Okla., and raised in Watonga, Okla., Richard progressed as a player and as a student from the day he first found interest in basketball. Standing 6'1, Richard played post for the Watonga Eagles basketball team.

When did you first begin playing and how?

I played in Yukon for a little bit then I stopped but my older cousin Dante he got me to start playing basketball more and then started



playing here, I was 13 or 14.

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

It's more like an art, you could say.

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

I'm almost able to dunk.

What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?

Making good grades.

What is your GPA?

3.0

What goals have you set for yourself in sports, school?

Just to be a better me or better player all around and graduate.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

I usually go to this church and play basketball a lot or I go to the tennis courts and hoop.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?

Probably Yukon, it was pretty fun, it was a tournament and we were losing by two points and my friend Trey, he hit a game winning three pointer, it was crazy.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that ad-

vice?

My uncle Steve gives me a lot of advice but he's mostly like don't let nobody knock you down, just keep your head up.

Do you have a saying or motto that you live your life by?

Don't give up.

Who or what inspires you the most?

My uncle Steve, he used to be bad back then and then he made changes around his life and now he's living good and I want to live like that someday.

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

Every morning before I come to school I do 50 push-ups and then after school and before I go to bed. My uncle gets me up everyday.

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

I would say getting strong, so people don't bully you around.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game?

Probably just a sandwich from Sonic.

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

My uncle Steve.

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?

Well I play basketball outside of school, I hangout with my little cousins and I play video games.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

I prefer old school, like 70's, 60's over new school.

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?

I don't know, everybody knows stuff about me.

Were you ever bullied in school? What steps do you feel should be taken to protect those being bullied in schools today?

One, go talk to a counselor or someone, get advice from them first, talk to your parents and if you're ready then whoever your bully is go up and confront them.

How do you combat drug & alcohol use by peer pressure?

I really wouldn't do anything like that, some people do that but that's not for me.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

The president.
What would be a dream come true for you in your life?

Probably become a professional basketball player.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

Kyrie Irving.

Which team is your favorite team?

Boston Celtics.

What are your immediate plans after graduating high school?

I'll probably go to college at OCU.

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

Don't let anybody tell you you can't be something, you can be anything you want don't let anybody tell you different.

Tim's parents are Timothy Richard Sr., and Mandy Garcia. His grandparents are Josephine Goodbear and Henry Richard Sr. Tim's siblings are Kaeli Swallow, AJ Swallow, Leo Loneman, Alex Loneman, Trachele Richard, Tyson Farrow and Erica Whiteshield.

Higher Education hosts junior/senior spring conference

Prepping Native Youth for College



Senior Madison Slinkey (right) talks with Wanda Whiteman, Higher Education coordinator during the Junior/Senior Spring Conference in Clinton, Okla.

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

With more and more American Indian students gaining interest in college furthering their education, more opportunities arise to prepare students for the next chapter after graduating high school.

On March 16 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Higher Education program hosted their annual junior and senior spring conference at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

Attracting bright-eyed and mindful students on an early Saturday morning from various locations throughout the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe's communities, the conference aimed to highlight college preparation, educational resources and scholarship information.

Programs focused on helping with the needs of tribal students in attendance offering their services and educating students on available resources.

"I always mention every now and then that when I was a senior graduating from high school nobody ever had a meeting with us and talked to us about college preparations, what we had to do to get admitted, about dead-

lines, FAFSA, Pell or applying for scholarships, nothing, we were just on our own ... this is really something that we have to offer the students now to help them in planning and on the importance of applying early, meeting deadlines, asking questions and getting their parents involvement to let them know what their seniors need to help them better prepare themselves. There's so many things that we can help with," Wanda Whiteman, Higher Education coordinator said.

One of the resources for students is the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program, "For JOM it's very important, especially this year, JOM has come into law now and so there's going to be some changes with the JOM program in the near future and it's very important that our students know about JOM and what we can provide in services, but also how important it is to get them enrolled with our program because in the near future, student enrollment is going to effect our funding so it's very important now that we try to get the information out to our students so they can tell their parents how important it is to get involved with JOM," Francine Williams, JOM coordinator said.

In helping to assist American Indian and Alaska Native students in public schools, Williams said that JOM provides educational support assistance.

"It could be class fees, senior class fees, ACT fees, it could also be athletic shoes for those who are in sports or students that are needing P.E. shoes, we help with that, we also help with school uniform fees, so if there's a school that requires uniforms we can help pay for those fees, band instrument rental fees, anything that's school related," Williams said.

Williams said that JOM also assists with student activity fees and even fees that aren't school related, such as eyeglass assistance.

"We felt like eye glass assistance is a need in the school because some students can't see and they need their eyes checked, they need to get glasses, we help with contact lens, we help with up to \$200 towards that expense. We also provide driver's ed fees but we only do that now through the months of April and July and we only help with half the total cost this go-around," Williams explained.

In presenting available resources and information with students at the conference, Williams said she hopes that more students and parents will become involved.

"I'm hoping that they'll come and see us, ask questions and try to get the services they need and also to inform their parents there is assistance out there for them and hopefully their parents will take advantage of that service," Williams said.

Covering ACT fees is one service provided by both the JOM Program and the Higher Education Program.

"We talk to juniors about improving their ACT test score throughout their junior

year and senior year to the test score that they're comfortable with and they get a free waiver from the school. We pay for one, JOM pays for one, resources are available, especially through our tribes who want to help, we want students to be successful, we want them to go to college to get their degree, we want them to come back and work for the tribes. We need educated tribal members so we do all we can to encourage them, push them and let them be successful in life and be happy with their career and be knowledgeable about something they have an interest in, whatever it may be," Whiteman said.

In preparing for future educational endeavors, representatives were present from military personnel and colleges such as Southwestern Oklahoma Southern University (SWOSU) and Redlands Community College (RCC) to showcase information and some students took full advantage of the conference and the resources that were presented to them.

Ariana Borjas, 17, from Clinton, Okla., said that education is important for Native youth.

"I think it's important because not a lot of Natives go to college and a lot of people want to go to college but the cost is a lot," Borjas said.

Calli Thompson, 17, also from Clinton enjoyed the speakers and the information that was shared on college preparations at the conference. "What I liked so far about the conference is that they gave us an opportunity to talk about what we wanted to do and the military representative, Sergeant O, he talked to us and asked us questions and made us ask questions, he was trying to ask us what we wanted to do and he talked about his life and how to work. I also



Photos / Latoya Lonelodge

Ariana Borjas, 17, and Calli Thompson, 17, students from Clinton, Okla., attended the Jr-Sr Spring Conference at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.



Different programs within the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes were present to share information and services for students. College representatives from Southwestern Oklahoma State College and Redlands Community College were also present.

Pictured l-r: Chris Sindone, Jessie Botone, Raven Morgan, Greg Spottedbird, Wanda Whiteman, Kristen Korstjens, Silvia Gaines, Francine Williams, Rachel Mowatt and Emily Chavez.

liked how they talked about FAFSA because honestly I don't even know how to do that," Thompson said. "I just want to see the best opportunities for me, the best school and not only for my education but also for what majors they offer and what sports

because I do want to play soccer, the costs and how far it is from home ... I'm really grateful for them doing this and offering it and I'm really blessed to honestly have this opportunity to help us for the future."

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