
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes break ground for a new corporate office building for Lucky Star Casino admin- istrative personnel and the tribes’ Gaming Commission. For years the casino administrative offices and Gaming Commission have been housed in trailers that the tribes for these trailers has been $55k per month. The new permanent structure will not only be a permanent, more stable facility, but a more cost effective alternative, not to mention the overall cosmetic view of replacing the old trailers with a state of the art new corporate office building. The 18,700 square foot building will house the Gaming Commission, administrative personnel for Lucky Star Casino and some cultural artifacts. “The tribes are very excited about the project because we get to put all of our staff together into one building,” said Rosemary Stephens, chief of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Gaming Commission. The 18,700 square foot building will house nearly 200 employees. The building and construction company is set to finish in December of 2020. For more information contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Economic Development Department at 405-605-2300.

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On Tuesday, Oct. 8 Chey- enne and Arapaho Tribal citizens went to the polls to decide on three legislative seats for Cheyenne District 1, Cheyenne District 3 and Arapaho District 3. Also up for election was Arapaho District 4, however only one candidate filed, Robert Candy, filing for the open legislative seat. Candy was declared the winner by default.

According to the Tribal Election Law, Article V Section 313; “In the event that there is no more than one candidate registered for any one elective office, sole candi- date shall be declared default winner and a formal election shall be deemed unnecessary.”

In addition to the four legislative seats, four Election Commissioner seats in Arapaho District 1, Arapaho District 2, Cheyenne District 2 and Cheyenne District 4 were up for election this year. All of these four seats were filled by the sitting incumbents again due to only one candidate filing for both the open legislative seat and being declared winners by default.

All four election commission incumbents take the oath of office until January 2020. They are Arapaho District 1 Election Commissioner Ray Mosqueda, Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner Dale Hamilton, Cheyenne District 2 Election Commissioner Norma Ybarra and Cheyenne District 4 Election Commissioner Sarah Orange.

After the polls closed at 7 p.m., electronic ballot boxes were transported to the main Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ central office building in Concho, Okla. by tribal security. They were tallied along with the absentee ballots by Automated Elec- tion Services, overseen by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Election Commission and observers chosen by candidates.

A total of 211 absentee ballots were received by mail. A total of 42 ballots were disqualified leaving 169 ballots to be counted. Among the votes tallied were 14 write-in votes from the tribal members. A total of 23 write-in votes were printed, therefore her name still appeared on the bal- lots.) Emerging, as the top two candidates in a tie, were Ru- tland and Bruce Whitman Jr. Emerging as the top two can- didates were Whitman with 45 total votes and Rutland with 44 total votes.

In Cheyenne District 1 legislative incumbent Ronald ‘Sonny’ Redhat faced off against Darrell Flynn, Theo- dore Nobbs, Jerry Romero and Jerry Wassana. Emerging as the top two candidates were Ronald ‘Sonny’ Redhat with 96 total votes and Darrell Flynn with 93 total votes.

In Arapaho District 3 the legislative incumbent, Patrick Spottkelowof turned out leaving the field open to candi- dates Debra Gould, Rupert Nowlin, Chester Oldbear, Travis Ruiz and Anthony Spottkelowof. (Please note candidate Lin- da Rhoads passed prior to the election, but after the ballots were printed, therefore her name still appeared on the bal- lots.) Emerging, as the top two candidates in a tie, were Ru- pert Nowlin with 23 total votes and Travis Ruiz with 23 total votes.

All top two candidates will move forward to the General Election to be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019.

According to the 2006 Constitution, Sec. 3 Terms (pg. 9) it states, “District Legislators shall serve four year staggered terms of office. A Legislator shall be eligible to serve three consecutive terms under this Constitution. Upon the comple- tion of the third consecutive term, the Legislator shall not be eligible to serve on the Legislature until a period of two years has elapsed. A partial term shall be considered a term.”
The Cantonment Road Improvement Project’s goal was to ensure safety for our tribal members and be a stepping stone in a positive direction of relationships with other local agencies. I’m very proud of the fruition, efforts and work of everybody that’s involved, from planning the project out, identifying it as a priority to the tribes, down to the construction of the project and realizing the work and effort that was put into it. We’ve had this project since 2012, identified it as a priority to the tribes and before that, through our planning process and some of the county presented this as a project they were interested in, we jumped on board and were able to secure a little over $3 million in grant funds to improve this five-mile road project,” Blind said.

With the newly renovated road providing access to the tribal citizens from the Seiling community to the Canton community, Blind said tribal citizens will be able to make direct access to the reconstructed road.

“We really improved the condition of it, one of the things that we look at is safety for tribal members and we are doing the best we can to make roads safe for our tribal members and I think we did through this project and I’m very proud of it.”

In attendance at the ceremony was Blaine County Commissioner Brandon Schulz, former County Commissioner Jonathan Cross, District 59 State Rep. Angela Blind, DOT Executive Director, Brent Nagen, Rep. Latoya Lonelodge, Roads Construction Project analyst, Sulman Bhatti, Roads Construction maintenance director and Mike Sanders, House District 59 representative take part in the official opening of the newly constructed Indian Road. (Photo: Latoya Lonelodge)
Public Announcement

The purpose of this notice is to provide notice to interested tribal members and parties in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes who find it necessary to file a complaint against a member or staff of the Judicial Bureau as required by the 2018 Judicial Commission Act. This Judicial Commission process will serve as a framework basis and should there be any more specifically required, outside counsel will be sought to help compile the situation and help provide relief for interested parties.

To submit a formal complaint in regard to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Courts, please submit it to: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribes Judicial Commission, P.O. Box 9, Concho, Oklahoma 73022.

Time Limit for Filing a Complaint

The right to file a complaint with the Judicial Commission is two years after the date of the alleged conduct, but if the alleged conduct involves a pending legal proceeding, then the two-year period shall be extended as long as the proceeding is still pending. A complaint will be dismissed if it is not filed within six months of receipt.

Investigating a Complaint

Upon receipt of a complaint, the Judicial Commission shall conduct a preliminary investigation. All parties involved, including witnesses, shall be advised that a written complaint is filed against him or her, by telephone, advocate, court clerk, or court personnel. Where a complaint has been made and shall be provided with a copy of the complaint document.

Complaints Against a Judicial Commission member

A member of the Judicial Commission shall not participate in any action or debate involving a complaint against him or her. The Judicial Commission member shall be afforded the same due process rights in accordance with the Making a Complaint as outlined in note 1. The complaint shall be the remaining Judicial Commission member(s) to review, or in the absence of any, according to this Act.

Summery of the complaint

The Judicial Commission shall determine whether the complaint shall be dismissed if it is found that the complaint is trivial; the subject matter of the complaint is trivial. The subject matter of the complaint is trivial if:

- The complaint is frivolous, vexatious, or otherwise is too remote to justify further consideration;
- The complaint is a judicial decision, or other judicial function, such as is one's rights to a subject of appeal, or the subject matter of the complaint is trivial.

requests for full hearing

Where a complaint has not been dismissed following the preliminary examination by the Judicial Commission and has not been referred to the judicial board, it shall be set for a full hearing. The Judicial Commission may hold hearing in relation to a complaint and that hearing may be held in public or private, as the Judicial Commission deems appropriate.

Preparing a brief of evidence

Where the Judicial Commission has determined by a majority vote that the matter justifies the judicial committee to proceed with the complaint, the Judicial Commission may determine that the matter justifies the substitution of an attorney advocate, or other Court staff, then the Judicial Commission shall submit their recommendations to the Chief Justice in accordance with the Constitution.

Where the Judicial Commission has determined by a majority vote that the matter satisfies the definition of an Associate Judge, or Special Judge, then the Judicial Commission shall submit their recommendation to the Chief Justice in accordance with the Constitution.

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and personnel under one roof, that’s a stable structure and get out of the loss stable temporary trailers that we are all in now. Whenever we had the thought of removing the trailers and building a permanent structure, we all discussed it, about all the offices and personnel that would go in there and we tried to incorporate all the needs of that personnel so it better functions and better flows for the business,” Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe’s Gov. Reggie Wassana said.

In the governor’s welcome he stated anyway the tribes’ commencement with construction on new buildings it is a sign of progress. “These trailers have been an eyesore and we wanted a permanent structure, to be look more professional and to continue growing in our gaming. I appreciate all the hard work, all the support, people having patience. We have been here almost two years it seems we haven’t stopped. We appreciate everyone’s hard work. You are here now and we can’t forget about the people who got us here. And there will be people coming after us and I hope we leave something for them to build on,” Wassana said.

The building design came from New Fire Native Design architectural firm, a Native-owned business located in Oklahoma City. Thomp-son Construction, owned by Rob Thompson, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizen, will oversee the construction for the project. Lucky Star Casino Project Manager Joe Diaz anticipates a 2020 grand opening for the new building. During the groundbreaking ceremony, Cheyenne and Arapaho elder Ed Wilson was recognized as the former Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ chairman who was instrumental in the creation and opening of Lucky Star Casino during his term. “Thank you ladies and gentlemen. As I remember back, there are a few people who can tell you stories about this development, but it took us a year to get through the process, a whole year. It’s the people who work together that made this entire thing possible. We knew we would feared what money could do but if used in a good way it can be wonderful. Today is a good day for all of our people,” Wilson said.

Former Cheyenne and Arapaho Chairman Ed Wilson was honored for his role in starting the casino enterprise during his term as chairman during the groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 3. From l-r: Lucky Star Casino CEO Andy Rednose, Gov. Reggie Wassana, Ed Wilson, Lt. Gov. Gil Miles and Lucky Star Casino CEO Charlie Wellbourne.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Event**

Help us honor those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, offer hope to those still facing abuse, and support and celebrate ALL survivors.

**Empower the Scared, The Silent, The Abused, The Survivor**

**BRIEFS AT A GLANCE**

- **Amending and Updating Tribal Enrollment Requirements**
  Oct. 21-23, 2019 at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

- **Understanding Tribal Council and Their Decisions**
  Oct. 22-23, 2019 at the South Point Casino Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

- **Conducting Credible Tribal Elections**
  Oct. 24-25, 2019 at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

- **The second annual Tribal Security Symposium**
  Oct. 28-29, 2019 at the Sycuan Casino Resort in El Cajon, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

- **The Fundamentals of Grant Writing for Tribal Organizations**
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- **Tribal Grants Management Certification Program**
  Nov. 18-22, 2019 at the Fashion Island Hotel in Newport Beach, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

- **Indian Law and the Law**
  Nov. 5-6, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

- **Developing Tribal Travel Policies Using IRS and OMB Guidelines**
  Dec. 2-3, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

- **The 10th annual Native American Human Resource Conference**
  Jan. 20-21, 2020 at the Palm Casino Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.nativenevents.org.
Citizen Potawatomi Chairman Rocky Barrett (l) and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe Regina Wassana attended the 2019 Dream Big Oklahoma hosted by REI in Shawnee, Okla. REI promotes economic development in rural communities.

The upcoming Cancer Awareness Powwow and Health Fair event is held for those who have had cancer and for those currently battling the disease.

We plan to support those fighting cancer, we applaud the survivor and honor those who passed away from cancer.

The event offers support through education and social interactions.

The Health fair offers advice from health care workers and cancer survivors, lunch, tai chi, and a walking scavenger hunt. A burning avatar is being offered on Saturday, October 26 at the Blackbear residence north of Watonga. It is being hosted by Fred Blackbear. All are welcome to take part.

The powwow will offer a cake walk, costume contest, special contests, door prizes and more. For more information, please call the Health Education Office at 405-422-7676.

NOTICE FOR 2019 DECEMBER PER CAPITA MAILING LIST
Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members have until Friday, November 22, 2019 to turn in their Change of Address Form to the Dept. of Tribal Affairs in order to receive their 2019 December Minerals (Oil & Gas) Per Capita payment on time.

Please note only you have the authority to change address form if you or your child's mailing address information has been changed from the current mailing address information on thewithin the Dept. of En

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Dear Editor

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In Loving Memory of Harper Dianne Condule

October 15 is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. One in four pregnancies end in miscarriage or infant loss. National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month occurs every October 15. In October, we honor the memory of all those whose loved ones died before reaching their first birthday. We remember the parents who have lost a child during pregnancy or lost a child in infancy.

The death of a baby, either through miscarriage or during infancy, is extremely difficult. There are no instructions on how to grieve the loss of a child. A number of feelings will be experienced. It’s important to make sure you allow yourself as much time necessary to recover from the grieving process. Healing takes time; family members will vary, but eventually, you will find peace again.

When a child loses his parent, they are called an orphan. When a spouse loses her or his partner, they are called a widow or widow-cer.

You mean the world to me Na-Wah... to all of us. We still know you’re watching over us.”

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We the members of Post 401 are throughly throughout the tribal area, and at other locations outside of our tribal area. If you call and contact a post member to provide honors for a veteran, we recommend that a family member contact a post member as quickly as possible, this will be a notice that will start the necessary communications with our members and chain of command to provide services for the veteran and family. The names and numbers listed herein are the names and numbers of post members who live in the area or are in communication with color guard coordinators.

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To apply please submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of driver's license and a copy of CDIB (if applicable) to the Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or call 405-422-7498 or email atisdale@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov. Or download application by visiting http://cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov.

Qualifications:
- Bachelor's degree in education or related field preferred or an equivalent combination of education and experience, substituting one year of experience for each year of the required education. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Knowledge of current relevant learning styles, principles of teaching, Adult Education policies and regulations. General education curricula and testing procedures. Ability to deal effectively and courteously with participants and ability to exercise good judgment when counseling assessments and communicating results. Ability to prepare instructional plans, progress reports, files and other similar or related materials. Ability to maintain ongoing documentation regarding services provided (includes participant files and specialized class/ workshop/seminar files). Maintain professionalism and environment conducive to learning. Must possess basic computer knowledge. Proficiency in MS Word, MS Works, and Excel. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license. Includes having a clean driving record for insurance purposes. Ability to pass OSBI background check. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays not to exceed 29 hours/week. Must be willing and able to perform related travel normally associated with this position.

SALARY: Negotiable

Teacher

Qualifications:
- Teachers hired after July 1, 1985 are required to be at least 18 years of age. Poses a valid Oklahoma driver’s license, pass a physical exam, be able to lift 50lbs., and be physically fit to work daily with children. Must demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development, attend staff meetings as well as parent meetings when required, submit monthly reports, attend workshops. Must have adequate transportation. Must have skills to relate to the community in general and pass a criminal background check. Must pass mandatory drug and alcohol test. Willing to work flexible work schedule. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Compliance Director

Qualifications:
- High school diploma or equivalent required. Regulatory, law enforcement or equivalent experience is desirable, be a United States citizen. Be a minimum of 21 years of age. Possess and maintain a valid driver’s license. Complete a background investigation, which includes personal history, criminal history, driving record, credit rating, and employment references, and satisfy the suitability standards established by the Commission for key employees and primary management officials. Not use or possess illegal narcotics or controlled substances. Successfully complete the Commission’s training program. Adhere to the Commission policy prohibiting an employee from gambling or playing any licensed game or gaming device within the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes and available to work evening, weekends, and holidays. This position description is not a contract of employment. Even though an applicant might successfully pass the examination process and comply and complete the background investigation, there is no guarantee the applicant will be hired by the Commission.

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Ariana Borjas, Clinton High School

(CLINTON, OK) With spring jitters far ahead into the next year, many high school athletes are taking time in the winter to prepare for spring sports. For many other athletes in their last season, some are seeking in every bit of playing time before graduation.

Displaying a cheerful personality, Ariana Borjas, 17, has been playing soccer since she can remember. Having been born and raised in Clinton, Okla., Borjas has a lot to look forward to on the soccer field. Borjas was the top goal scorer last season as a senior. Borjas plays forward. She led the team in points for the varsity soccer team. With experience in winning state two times, freshman year and junior year, Borjas has made it her goal to make it back to the state championships one more time before leaving the field of play.

Borjas is the second leading scorer for the varsity soccer team’s last two seasons. Last season, Borjas accounted for 18 goals and was eventually lead to being the top 10 scorers in Clinton soccer girl’s history. In playing soccer throughout her high school career, Borjas said that she loves being a part of a team.

“After we won state it just made me want to play more because I wanted that feeling again, then we got state again, and so this year I want it again,” Borjas said.

Borjas credits her experience in playing with her traveling team in helping her to develop as a player. “We were on a traveling team and I started playing with the team in third or fourth grade and played all the way until sophomore year then I stopped playing with them, but I was still very good, ” Borjas said.

In being a forward for the varsity soccer team, Borjas said she had to work through other positions before finding her groove in scoring for the team. “I used to play right mid and then I started scoring a lot while I was on the right mid so my coach put me up top, I don’t know when I switched but I’m glad because I don’t like running and mid right you have to run all the time,” Borjas added.

And in her job as a forward, Borjas has a driven mindset to score each and every game. “If I don’t score I feel like I didn’t do my best, so before we are on the field I feel like I have to have the mindset of scoring,” Borjas said.

While working through personal challenges, Borjas admits there have been times that she wouldn’t play, but didn’t because of the impact of her traveling coach, Lucas Martinez, had on her. “I was really insecure about playing because I didn’t want to play anymore, but my coach got me into wanting to play, I hurt my knee my freshman year and I was just going to quit soccer but then I kept training with my coach and I feel like I’ve gotten better since then because of him,” Borjas said.

In playing for her last season as a senior, Borjas isомер timewas playing with the varsity soccer team, Borjas remembers the times she was a forward. “I remember I eventually got her noticed on the TV,” Borjas said.

“It was a game against Newkirk that was one of the best games we played, the coach wouldn’t let me play because I hurt my knee and he put me on JV and whenever I was playing with JV he took me off of it, he said, ‘you shouldn’t be playing with JV you’re too good,’ he literally said that and I said okay, so I want to play with varsity and he never played me, I was kind of upset, but then our starting forward wasn’t there. And that game because I went to a track meet and then he played me, I scored two goals and it was in the playoffs, it was in the quarterfinals and I feel like I really showed out that game because I scored two and I never really got to play on the varsity team, so I think it was exciting for me,” Borjas said.

In transitioning from junior varsity to varsity, Borjas said it changed how she felt about herself as a player. “I think it brought my confidence up because I was on JV and then we took me right off of it and now I play how I played. I think it made me feel better about myself,” Borjas said.

As a player on the field, Head Soccer Coach Eugene Jefferson said that Borjas is a scorer.

Ariana’s mother is Shena Trout, her grandparents are Thomas Trout and Jusia Trout and she has three siblings, Chris Borjas, Ivan Troutsh and Darmis Trout.

“Isheveryacure and is always in the right spot at the right time, as far as in the classroom she is a pretty good student and makes good grades. Ariana is a player that sometimes needs to be motivated. I feel some things come too easy for her so she needs that little push every now and then,” Jefferson said.

For the upcoming soccer season in the spring, Jefferson also has expectations for Borjas in her final season.

“Toward the end of the season I think it’s going to take a little more and I think she’s really going to take that to heart and let us see what she can do,” Jefferson said.

Borjas hopes to attend college and become a social worker.

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Throughout history, Native Americans have honorably served in the military and throughout Native American communities, many communities honor their own form of gratitude to their nation’s veterans.

To honor all Native American veterans for their dedication and commitment in serving in the Armed Forces, the second annual Warrior’s Celebration Powwow was held Sept. 28-29 in Can ton, Okla., a place known to many where veteran powwows previously took place.

With the evening skies clear and a cool breeze welcoming many veterans and attendees of the powwow on the first day, sounds of drums echoed into the distance away within the community.

“This powwow is to honor our veterans, those that have given many and a lot of veterans have been killed in action and missing in action and a lot of our soldiers that are still living, we want to honor all of them and we want to honor those that are here today,” Starr, Warrior’s Celebration committee member and veteran, said.

Many veterans in attendance traveled far from their home to witness the Warrior’s Celebrations in its second year. In their first year of planning for the powwow, Starr said it had been overwhelming but that this year’s powwow had been much easier and simpler.

“We kind of got our groove down, we’re trying to make sure that we stick to the same traditions and the things that we do here and make sure that we have enough support from our communities and our different other service groups. We even have some support from Indian Health Services, and through the mental health, MST, and the VA and OVA, we get a lot of people that are supporting this powwow and Jeff, Gov. Reggie Was sars, said Starr.

From across the arena, veterans from all military branches proudly participated in adding around the powwow as specials and giveaways were held. As the evening progressed, dancers of all ages gathered in categories for grand entry as the sun hit the horizon displaying an array of colors in the sky.
AARP Oklahoma honors 51 Native American elders at 11th annual Indian Elder Honor Awards

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(OKLAHOMA CITY) Entering the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum’s banquet room sounds of laughter greet guests as over 900 people gather to honor 51 distinguished Native American elders from 28 Tribal Nations.

“This event celebrates a lifetime of service from these distinguished elders who have positively impacted their community, family and Tribal Nations. For some, their service is well-known and well-documented, but others shy away from recognition as they quietly exhibit devotion to their communities,” Sean Sourjohn, AARP Oklahoma State Director said in his opening remarks. “This is a very special night for AARP Oklahoma, in no small part of fact we call this our most favorite day of the year. Tonight is about the celebration of these distinguished elders who have positively impacted their community, family and Tribal Nations across Oklahoma.”

Every year the Dr. John Edwards Memorial Award is presented to one outstanding Native American elder. Edwards was a member of the AARP Oklahoma Executive Council, a Peacemaker for the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court, an arbitrator for the U.S. Dept. of Interior and former governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

The award recognizes an individual’s leadership and positive impact. This year’s award was presented to Cherokee Nation citizen Winya Stushi.

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He is a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran and became heavily involved in Native American activism and politics upon his return back to the states.

In 2013 Stushi was inducted into the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum’s Hall of Great Western Performers and throughout his 30-year career he has won numerous awards including First Americans in the Arts awards and the 2009 Santa Fe Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Sourjohn, AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director presented honorees to the audience.

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